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# Charles University rowers came in second place

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Charles University rowers came in second place in the inaugural University boat race on the river Vltava. On the kilometre long track four Prague universities were competing and the gold medal was won by the eight with cox from Czech technical University in Prague. In third position came the crew of The University of economics, while the crew of Czech University of Life Sciences had to give up the race, because their steering wire pulled apart.

The rector of the Charles University prof. Vaclav Hampl was cheering during the final duel between his university eight and the Technical University. The CU boat tried to catch up a few seconds time, caused by the crash with the uncontrollable boat. The small incident made them loose.

The CU boat was led to the finish by cox, Sára Víchová. The silver eight's tempo was set by the light weight world champion Michal Vabroušek and the boat-crew was; Marek Doseděl, Václav Zitta, Matěj Chytil, Josef Lukš, Miroslav Holeček, Karel Mocek and Martin Hladík.

„This year's university boat race was a nice diversification of the traditional Prague rowing competition. When I got the list of team members, I thought it will be great, when we would defeat any boat,“ said Marek Doseděl and mentioned, that the rivalry is very strong. His suggestion is supported by the results of every years best sportsmen awards of the Technical University, where names of rowers regularly appear.

The crew of the Technical University expressed after the race, the wish of all top sportsmen from the Czech universities: „It would be nice, if the sports achievements could be recognised by the universities – i.e. we could get a credit in sports“ Dozens of students came to the river to cheer up their colleagues and to listen to the concert of Goodfellas and Sunflower Caravan.

**Marek Doseděl** studies the 3. year of Faculty of Law. He played thirteen years hockey. Rowing was originally just a part of his summer training, but when he was eighteen he changed the hockey for an academic sport – rowing. "It is so nice on the river and during the training you can just forget about everything," said the member of the golden from the Academic championship 2011. The crew four without cox J. Trhlík, J. Popovský, M. Doseděl a M. Chytil were trained by the legendary Oldřich Václavík. They got the gold medal, although they all began to row first when they started to study at the university.



Marek Doseděl



Eight with cox