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Oakland Strokes Sibling Alumni Strike Gold at 2017 IRA Championships

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Erik Johnson, Lafayette, bow seat in Cornell's Lightweight Mens 8+, second from right Photo Cornell Crew

Final. This was the second gold in as many years for Marie, as she and her boatmates won the Lightweight Womens 8-plus Grand Final at the 2016 IRAs.

For Erik as a graduating senior, it was a great way to finish off his collegiate rowing career. For sophomore Marie it was a sweet way to cap off a challenging season with a win. This was her first race in a 2X, and she had talked her coach into entering her into the race only three weeks prior to the 2017 IRAs.

Prior to enrolling at Cornell, Erik rowed both Open and Lightweight events for Oakland Strokes. Before enrolling at Stanford, Marie also rowed both Open and Lightweight events for Strokes. Both Erik and Marie graduated from Miramonte High School in Orinda. Go Strokes alumni!



Marie Johnson of Lafayette, bow seat in Stanford's Lightweight Women's 2X, (far right). Photo Stanford Lights

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