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BERNIE WALKER AWARD 2016

MATHEW MESMAN (ROWING)

Mathew is an 18 year old with a promising rowing career ahead. He has already taken initial steps along Rowing NZ's high performance pathway and his performances to date indicate his resolve to develop and achieve at both National and International level.

Mathew raced in 2015 as a member of the high performance squad RPC South and was placed 3rd at the Under 20 single sculls at the New Zealand Under 20 Championships and continues as a member of the squad in 2016.

In 2015 he was selected in the New Zealand Junior Men's quadruple sculls team that placed 4th out of 20 countries at the World Junior Championships in Rio de Janeiro.

Rowing Canterbury considers that he has the potential to be a part of the next Olympic cycle in 2020, if his development continues.

Mathew has the physical attributes to make a very good rower. He is naturally strong. With his dedication, commitment and work ethic, he has the potential to perform well at the highest level. He is a deserving recipient of this award which will assist with training costs and team contributions. We congratulate him on his achievements to date and wish him well for the future.

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