

St Peters boys hold on for shield

ST Peters College narrowly defeated long-time rivals Prince Alfred College for the Cornell Shield at the Port Adelaide Annual Rowing Regatta at Snowden's Beach yesterday.

The prestige event for schoolboy first eights saw St Peters take command of the 2000m race in the first half but then had to withstand a power challenge from a fast-finishing Prince Alfred crew which closed to within half a boat-length at the finish with Pulteney

Grammar school showing promising form coming in third place.

Five of the top first schools eights started in the event.

Prince Alfred had its revenge, finishing first and second in the race for the schoolboy first fours for the Lance Begg Cup Trophy.

The schoolboy first four had so many entries that three heat races were required with the first two from each heat contesting the final.

Open only to schoolboys not racing in the first eights, the race was dominated by Prince Alfred which attacked from the start. The winners' schoolmates just held off Pulteney Grammar for second with St Peters fourth.

Popular Masters single sculler and Port Pirie lawyer Bill Othams took his long-awaited first victory, taking the handicap scull from former world Masters champion Bob Bradley, of Riverside.

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