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A Silver medal at the Rowing Victoria State Championships for St Anne's high school student Tom Nalder.

Shepparton Rowing Club travelled to Ballarat for the second day of racing on Lake Wendouree. The wind was horrendous on the lake making it tough to race, with some of the early morning and the late afternoon events cancelled due to the conditions.

Nalder had a bumpy start of the U15 single scull event. At the halfway mark of the 1000m course he found his rhythm and moved into second position despite having a strong finish, he was unable to catch the rower from Corio Bay but it was enough to take the silver.

Nalder explained 'I was nervous before the race; it was so rough, and I felt like I was going to tip out while rowing out to the start line. I kept focus on my balance and smooth strokes, remembering the techniques I have learned over the last two years.'



Teammate Patrick Sharp had great morning winning his heat of the C grade single and just missing out on a medal coming fourth in the final.

Coach John Darbyshire expressed his disappointment that the junior rowers didn't get a chance to race the double scull with the event and many others being cancelled.



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Club member and local Hamish Kerr had a successful day racing for Melbourne Grammar school on the Saturday collecting both a gold and silver medal. His crew won the school Eight Open Division 2 and came second in the U19 Eight event.

The club will be back to training over the next few weeks while preparing for our next events in Footscray and Essendon at the end of March.

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