

FISA FAMILY

The power politics of Rowing

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Christopher Dodd, River & Rowing
Museum

Olympic champions 1908-1948 - Men

USA versus GBR versus GER

Golds: USA 16, Britain 14, Germany 8

USA won all 8+ except 2

Germany won 5 of 7 golds in 1936

Other Olympic champions:

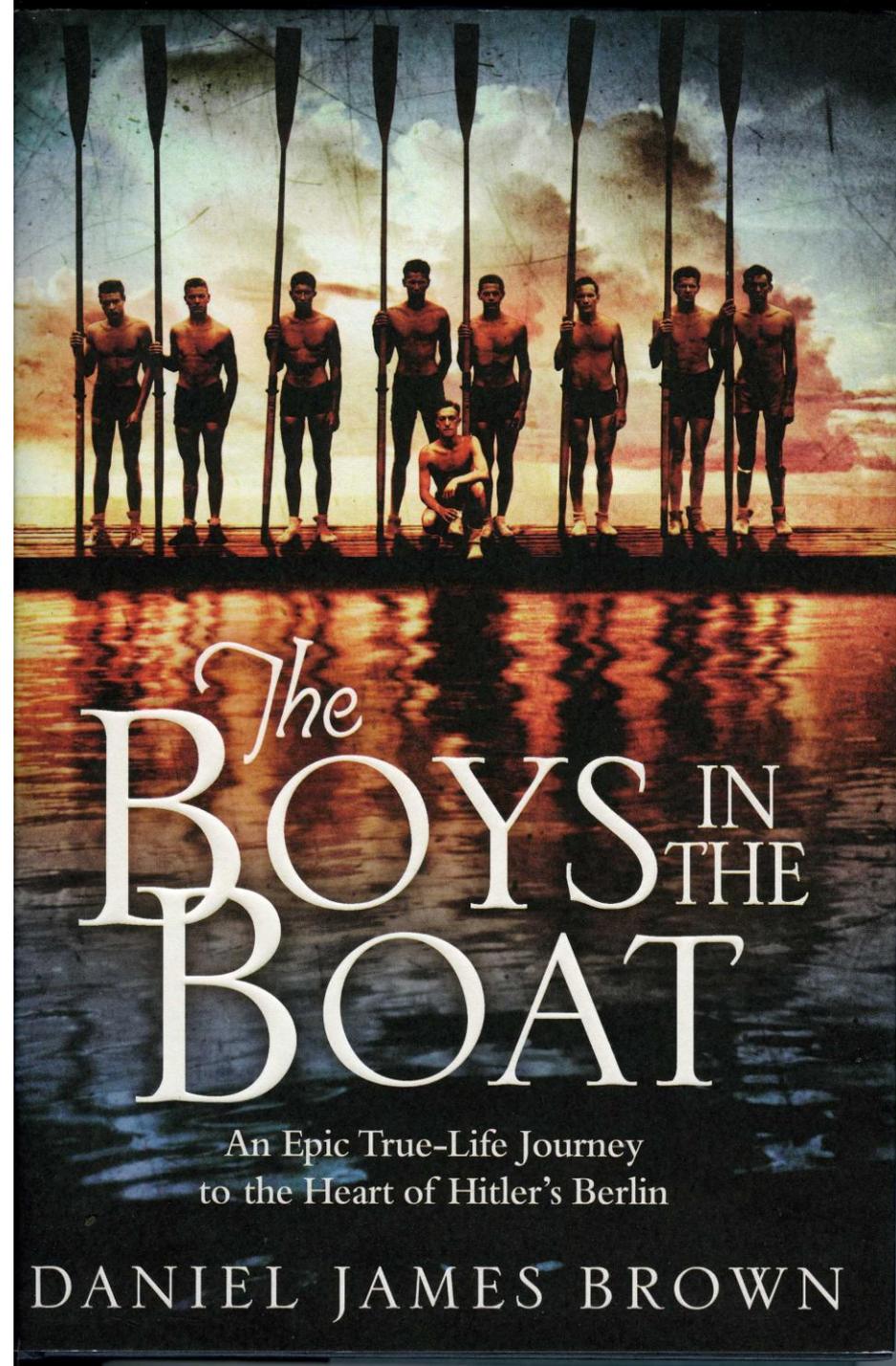
Australia, Denmark, Italy, Netherlands, Russia,
Switzerland



Lord Desborough, organiser of the 1908 Olympics (left)
Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the Olympics, on
Lake Geneva (right)

Washington goes to Berlin

Daniel James Brown's story of the boys from the West Coast who won gold in 1936



Olympic champions 1952-1992 – Men

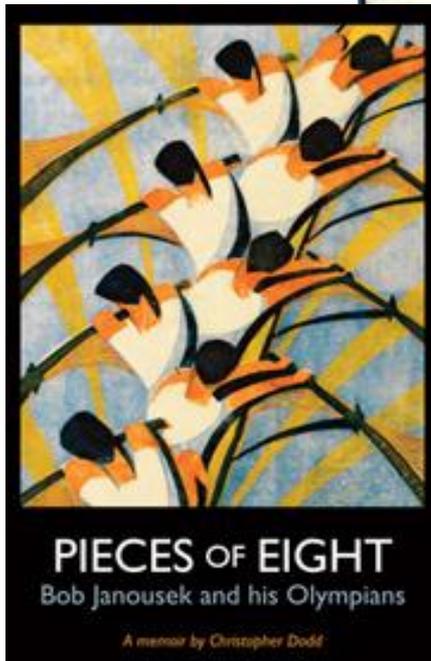
East versus West

USSR versus USA

USSR versus East Germany

EASTERN BLOC: East Germany 20, USSR 11, Czechoslovakia 2, Romania 2, Yugoslavia 1 (total 36)

WESTERN BLOC: USA 9, Britain 4, Germany 4, West Germany 5 (total 22)



Bob Janousek coaching in London in 1973. The Czech was the first foreign coach hired by an Olympic sport in Britain



Thomi Keller, FISA President 1958 to 1989

Olympic champions 1996-2012 – Open Men

Rise of the English-speaking world

Golds: Britain 6, Australia 4, New Zealand 4, Germany 3,
France 2, Italy 2, Norway 2

1 gold: Canada, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovenia,
Switzerland, USA



The rowing knights – Redgrave and Pinsent at the RRM

Olympic champions from 1996, Lightweight Men

Denmark 4, Poland 2, Britain, Switzerland, France and South Africa

Olympic champions 1976-2012 – Open Women

Romania 13, East Germany 12, Germany 5

Bulgaria 3, Canada 3, USA 3

Belarus 2, Britain 2, New Zealand 2

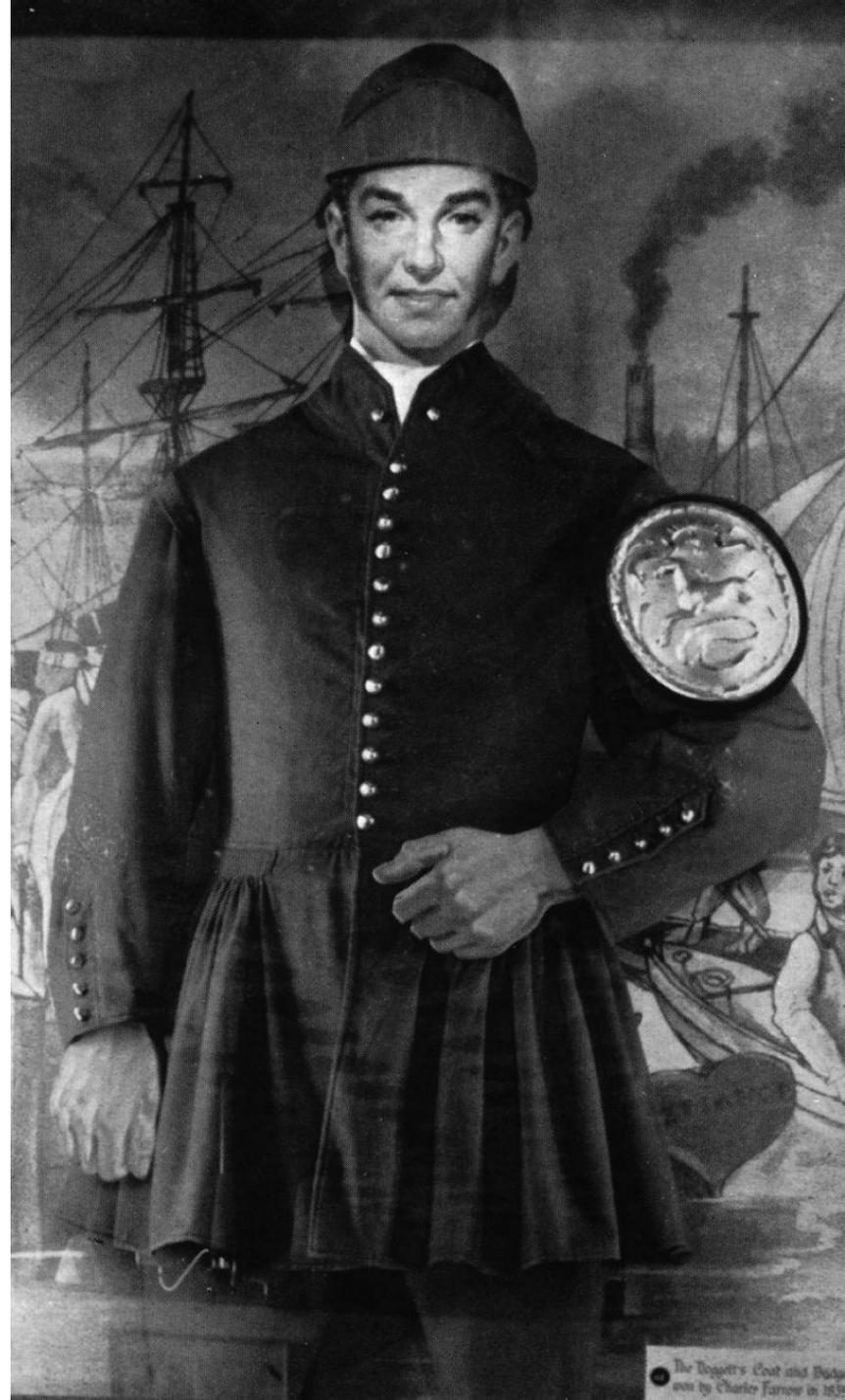
1 gold: Australia, China, Czech, Ukraine, USSR



The 2012 Olympic regatta at Eton Dorney

Doggett's Coat and
Badge wager,
London Bridge to
Chelsea, from 1715

Charles Farrow, winner 1859



River&Rowing Museum Henley-on-Thames



Rowing history inquiries

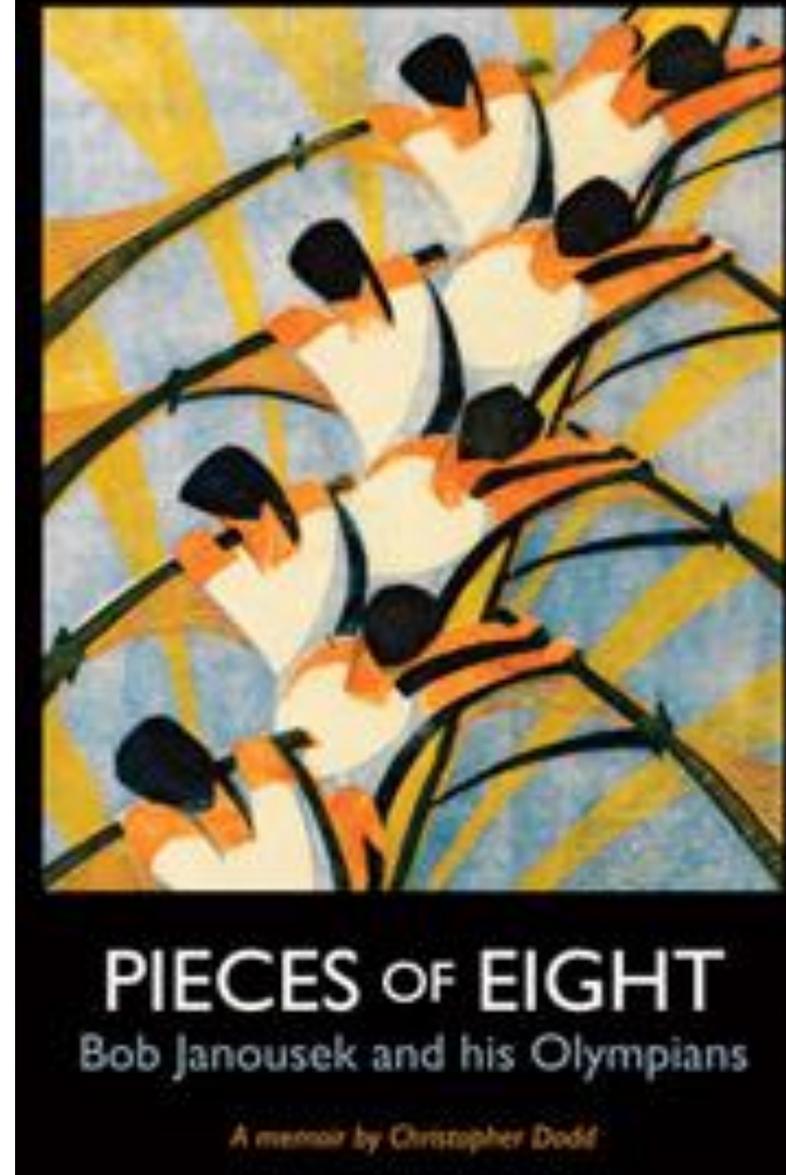
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