

## **Men's eight (M8+)**

*Match-up: The 2004 USA men's eight vs. The 2016 British men's eight*

The eights are the pinnacle of every rowing regatta. As there are nine athletes that can change one year to the next, it can be difficult to compare crews over time, so the match-up here are two specific crews. The first is the 2004 Olympic Champion boat from the United States. With names like Jason Read, Bryan Volpenhein and coxswain Pete Cipollone in the boat, this crew has a myriad of medals to their names. In the late 1990s they scored a multiple World Championship medals.

The United States will go up against another generation, the British men's eight from 12 years later, the 2016 Olympic Champion crew. The flagship British boat had a number of crew changes during the 2016 Olympic cycle. Coach Juergen Grobler switched focus between the four and the eight several times. When it came to the Olympic race, Grobler had designed the perfect mix of youth and experience. They won.

*In the race through history, who would cross the line first?*