

MARTIN KENNARD

Martin has enjoyed a stellar career as both a rower and a coach.

It all started when he was studying at Radley College in the UK. In 1962, he was part of the team that won the Princess Elizabeth Cup in the Henley Royal Regatta in record time.

While studying at Oxford University, Martin was part of the 1965 winning team in the inaugural Isis/ Goldie race over the Putney / Mortlake boat race course. Martin rowed for Oxford University for several years, and was part of the team that twice won the esteemed Oxford / Cambridge boat race.

Martin enjoyed success again at the Henley Royal Regatta in 1965 when his team won the Thames cup in record time. He also competed in the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in both 1967 and 1968.

After completing his studies, Martin was appointed as Master in Charge of Rowing at Bedford School where he successfully trained the scholars for a number of years.

In 1972 Martin moved to South Africa and joined the Viking Rowing Club.

In 1984 he coached the Trident/South African crew which was victorious in the Thames Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta.

Martin joined the staff of St Andrew's College in 1987 as Master in Charge of the Rowing Club and the 1st VIII coach. During his tenure at College, he enjoyed the role as the Merriman Housemaster for a five-year period.

His influence in the Rowing Club was instrumental in establishing St Andrew's as a major force in the sport in South Africa. Thanks to Martin's encouragement and leadership, several College boys were selected to row for South Africa and the Club enjoyed many successes at national regattas.

Martin's stature as an oarsman was further demonstrated when he was appointed Springbok coach in 1990 and prepared the national team for competition in West Germany, and the national VIII which rowed for South Africa in the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992.

After leaving College in 1994, Martin has had a successful career as the Export Sales Director for Hillaldam Sliding Door systems, doing business in over 40 countries worldwide.

His involvement at St Andrew's College continues as a member of the editorial team of the *'History of St Andrews Rowing Club'* book which is nearing completion.

