

GAMES IND ROW 09

Former world champion Phillipa Baker-Hogan proved she is still a class oarswoman with two fastest times and two gold medals in the NZ Masters Games indoor rowing.

The 41-year-old mother of two clocked 1m 43.4 and 7:58.3 over 500 and 2000 metres on the ergometer for doubles success in her age bracket in a sport that had 130 rowers.

Baker-Hogan, twice NZ Sportsperson of the Year, was just under 3sec faster than Celine Filbee (Hawera), aged 34, over the shorter distance and 3.2 quicker than fellow Wanganui rower Christine Wigglesworth, also 41, over 2000m.

Warren Mant (Blenheim), 35, was the fastest rower of the day with times of 1:19.6 and a NZ record 5:48.6 over 2000m, ex-international lightweight Des Healy (Wanganui) recording second fastest time of 6:33.2.

Mant, Filbee and Shirley Godkin (Timaru) each claimed three titles.

Nigel Ward, Peter Irvine (with two NZ records) and Baker-Hogan (Wanganui), Richard Prince (Auckland), Bob Meredith (Hamilton), Jenny Lancaster (Taumarunui), Robyn Caughey and 70-year-old Margaret Saul (Blenheim), Colleen Sloane (PN) and Bob Walls (Tauranga), 76, each claimed two titles.