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Rowing: World Cup boost for Dick

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Lindsay Dick, of the Glasgow Rowing Club, has been selected for the Great Britain team to contest the first World Cup meeting of the season in Munich next weekend.

The squad also features Katherine Grainger, Scotland's double world champion and Olympic medallist.

Dick's selection is a breakthrough for the sport in Scotland as she is the first home-based athlete to gain selection in recent years. Grainger is based in England, along with the rest of the British squad.

Already a Scottish internationalist, Dick is a former British

single-sculling champion. This season she has moved down to lightweight from open categories and that, as well as fine performances at the recent GB team trials, boosted her claim for selection.

Further good news for Dick is that, along with English crew-mate Antonia van Deventer, she has moved directly into the Olympic category of lightweight double sculls.

Not all lightweight classes enjoy Olympic status and those that do are keenly contested, so next weekend's racing will give Dick an indicator of the progress she has made, and of that needed to

confirm a position in the British team. There are 23 other crews racing in Dick's event.

By contrast, Grainger, who returns to her world-champion position of stroke in the women's quadruple sculls crew, will be involved in a straight final against crews from Australia, China, Romania and Russia. Altogether 750 athletes from 46 nations will be racing in Munich.

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