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#### **NEWS**

# Georgetown s Nurse finishes fifth with team in rowing

For the first 1,500 metres, Cristy Nurse and her Canadian women's eight rowing teammates looked to be in position for a trip to the Summer Olympics podium in Brazil Saturday.

Unfortunately, the rest of the field was closing fast over the A-final's remaining 500 metres and Canada, winner of the silver medal at the London 2012 Games, had to stomach a fifth-place finish in the six-boat race, nearly five seconds behind gold-medalist U.S., which hasn t lost a race in 10 years.

Led by coxswain Lesley Thompson-Willie, who has represented her country at eight Olympics, the Canadian game plan was to set the pace and it held a half-second lead by the 1,000-metre mark at Lagoa Stadium.

At that point the Americans made their expected push and boats from Great Britain, Romania and New Zealand also passed the Canadians, whose team members were left distraught after the race.

Canada's women's eight also placed a disappointing fifth in Monday's qualifier, but appeared to be back on track after winning Thursday's repechage (second-chance race) comfortably.



Cristy Nurse and her Canadian womens eight rowing team finished fifth during the Olympics in Brazil. File photo

The 29-year-old Nurse, who sits in the bow position, has been with the Rowing Canada program for eight years, having to serve as an alternate in London due to a back injury.

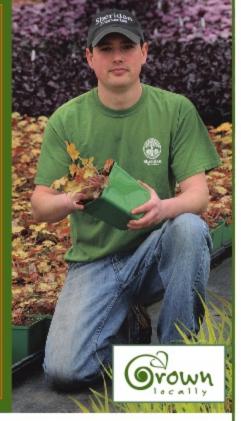
A University of Ottawa law school graduate, Nurse has put her professional career on hold in order to train with the national team full time.

Canada, considered a world power in the sport in previous years, won just one medal at the Rio Olympic regatta.

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