

Mississauga paddlers successfully sweep division regattas

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Mississauga Canoe Club completed the most one sided parade through the western division when the Port Credit paddlers won the Balmy Beach regatta Saturday.

The victors used the same crushing pile of points that carried them unbeaten through the season. Mississauga finished with 235, with Balmy Beach and West Rouge tied for second with 55 each. Mohawk trailed the division with 18.

Mississauga will take the impetus of their sectional sweep into the Canadian Canoe Association championships at Expo next weekend where they will try to defend the crown they wrenched from Cartierville last year.

While Mississauga has swept through their section, help by its coaching staff was reflected Saturday in Brian Hobbs' first-place finish in the Canadian junior singles race. Hobbs is a West Rouge Club paddler.

Brian caught the eye of Mississauga coach Bert Oldershaw in earlier regattas and Bert never would let a paddler with something on the blade flounder in the wake if he can help it.

"The boy has many things going for him," said Oldershaw of Hobbs. "He is strong, long and adaptable and will listen to what you tell him."

While Mississauga had to make its own competition through most of the Beach card, the club could not match the driving finish the Beaches staged in taking the Canadian juvenile four. Brothers Tom and Mike Simich

joined Mike Thompson and Peter MacRae and brought the home fans to their feet with a foot edge over Mississauga.

On water that was mirror flat throughout the day, John James and Hobbs gave West Rouge a deck-length win in the Canadian junior tandem event.

West Rouge girls won their section with 31 points followed by Mississauga 15, Mohawk 14 and Balmy Beach.