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Arthur Cozry manipulates his Balmy Beach **Canoe** although he needs artificial limb. He was born without arm.

Mississauga paddlers complete group sweep in Balmy Beach tests

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Mississauga forged the last link in their chain of Western Division supremacy when the racing canoeists from Port Credit swept to victory in the Balmy Beach **regatta** Saturday. This latest triumph gave Old Miss complete mastery in all the division club events.

At the Beach, Mississauga finished with 206 points, trailed by Balmy Beach 96, Mohawk 46 and West Rouge 35.

Heading into next week's trials for Canadian **Canoe Association** championship places at Long Pond at Centre Island, Mississauga head coach Gabor Joo was prompted to say, "I believe we'll qualify in every race and twice in some."

The best kayak paddler to have raced for Canada, Joo became a first-year head coach this season, and has done a masterly job in bringing along small boat winners.

"I can see us winning seven and possibly eight CCA small boat races," Joo forecast. "On top of this, our war **canoes** are still top-rated."

The score card backed his observations. On calm Lake Ontario water off the Beach club, Mississauga won 13 small-boat events and took the junior and senior war **canoe** races in handy style. Dean Oldershaw, a backbone in individual point winners for Mississauga, had three firsts. All down the line the Credit crews are sharp, their efforts honed by an effective training program outlined in the spring by Joo.

Gabor, who was forced out of his boat last winter by a back injury, has recovered enough to be stroke in Mississauga's open four kayak where Bert Oldershaw and his three sons Dean, Reid and Scott provided a well-beaten opposition.

The rapidly expanding West Rouge forces made threatening noises at the bottom of the standing where their rebuilding bantam program won its division with 31 points. The Rouge girls were best of the female paddlers with 32 points.

George Stewart led the Beach prospects with a first in the junior C 1 and a winning paddle in the junior C 4, where he was joined by George McConnachie, Reg Dyson and Mike Thompson. McConnachie was also in the coxswain's seat in the Beach juvenile war **canoe**, which shows to better advantage every time out.