

Mississauga Canoe Club easily wins regatta

Oldershaw leader; West Rouge tops in bantam paddling

Last year the West Rouge Canoe Club didn't have enough bantam paddlers to fill a war canoe, but an all-out effort to increase membership has been successful.

The club has doubled its membership in the past year, and Saturday at the annual Mississauga Canoe Club regatta on the Credit River it entered two bantam war canoes with 15 paddlers in each.

One of the West Rouge canoes won the bantam race and the West Rouge four-man team was also victorious.

The Mississauga club won the regatta as usual, with 212 points. Balmy Beach was second with 77, the West Rouge Club was third with 52 and the Mohawk club of Burlington had 31 points.

Marjorie Homer-Dixon, who hopes to gain a spot on the Olympic paddling team, won two races Saturday. She won the singles kayak and teamed with Joanne Nischen to capture the doubles kayak.

Dean Oldershaw of the Mississauga club was one of the

outstanding senior competitors at the regatta. He won the senior singles race and combined with Terry Leswick, Frank Heese and Mac Hickox to win the four-man canoe race. He also teamed with Jim Reardon to win the doubles title.

Hickox was a double winner, paddling on the winning four-man team and capturing the junior singles.

Mark Butler and Hans Nischen gave the host club another victory when they captured the doubles kayak.

Reardon, who paddled to victory with Oldershaw in the men's doubles race, was the coach of the winning Mississauga crew in the women's war canoe race. Mississauga's other entry in that race finished fourth.

In the open war canoe race the Mississauga crew, coached by Larry Collins, was the winner. West Rouge was second, Mohawk third and the Balmy Beach crew, coached by Jim Mossman, Canada's Olympic paddling coach, was fourth.