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Jamaica's Myrna Brown takes ball from Lorraine Saunders Quebec. Others are Myrtle Robertson, Jackie Jackson.

Mississauga club tops in West Rouge regatta

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Mississauga won the championship at the West Rouge Club paddling regatta Saturday but the host club marked the occasion by taking three war canoe races and finishing second in the point totals.

In remaining undefeated in final standing this season, Mississauga paddlers scored 233½ points. West Rouge had 117, Mohawks 98½, Balmy Beach 54 and Sudbury 17.

Most impressive West Rouge victory of the Southern Ontario division of the Canadian Canoe Association came in the open war canoe.

The West Rouge crew with Dave Watson steering a masterful course surged past Mississauga midway through the 1,500 metre grind and never faltered as it drove across the finish line a deck ahead of its Port Credit rival.

The Rouge success in the women's war canoe cost Bob Cureton, a club executive \$15 in prizes.

"Two weeks ago, I joshed the girls, telling them they'd never beat Mississauga," Cureton said after the race. "They replied, 'Put up or shut up' so I told them I'd buy each a can of suntan lotion if they won. Never thought I'd see the day I'd hear myself cheering for a Mississauga crew but our girls were full value for the win. I'll never hear the end of it at home. My daughter Lynn is in the crew."

Mississauga's domineering role came on the strength of 12 first place finishes. In the senior K2 coach Bill Collins took the place of Les Reithauer in the double blade event and he and his partner Dean Oldershaw won handily. Collins wasn't even wheezing at the finish as his daily workouts stood him in good stead.

Larry Patey, son of the Mississauga commodore, further established himself as a leader in the juvenile division. After missing a win at the Dominion Day regatta when a gust of wind capsized him near the finish line, he was

steady as a rock in taking the K singles Saturday. He was also in the winning K4 craft and joined Bob Carey for a first in the K2.

To enjoy the best water possible, the regatta was scheduled an hour earlier than usual. Mississauga paddlers were travelling to the regatta in two buses and when one broke down with an over-

heated engine. Club officials had to unscramble the loads, seating those who were to race early on the card in the surviving bus. This caused an hour's delay in the start of the first race but whipper-in Doug McClelland, a key official who operates in almost total obscurity, kept the card moving and the final event was raced on schedule.