

Joo's Five-Year String Of Kayak Victories Ended by Mark Butler

Two firsis—one positive and the other negative—marked the opening of the paddling season at West Rouge Canoe Club's annual regatta on the Rouge River.

Mississauga Canoe Club, formed in 1959 by veteran members of the disbanded Island Canoe Club, started its third season of competition with the club's first burgee. The Port Credit club's blademen edged last year's champions, Balm Beach, 92-89, winning eight races, to seven by the eastenders. Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club, host this Saturday at its Sunnyside layout, won the other two races and earned 68 points. The entertaining WRCC gained 25 points and Burlington Mohawk CC had 18.

A five-year string of victories in kayak singles by Gabor Joo of TS&CC was brought to an end when Mark Butler of Mississauga beat him in that event. Joo had won more than 40 races in a row, including Canadian and North American championships, since coming to Canada from Hungary late in 1956. A Canadian citizen this year, Joo will team with Butler for the world championships in Ger-

trials at Long Pond, July 1.

The junior war canoe race, two thirds of the way through the program, had a decisive hearing on the burgee win. Beaches' crew was disqualified for bumping Mississauga. With six points going to the second-place Mississauga boat, Beach needed only to hang on for the four points for fourth place, but, instead, went pointless in the race.

New names have begun to show up in the winners' lists, mainly as a result of development programs by the city clubs, Torontos and Beaches, and the entry into new territory of Mohawks, West Rouge and Mississauga. The winners' Al Zob won the junior kayak singles and teamed with Gord Beckett to take the pairs. The same club's Dale Sharpe and Frank Garner won the junior canoe pairs then shipped on Tom Jamieson and Dave Haney for a win in the fours. Dale's brother Deane was first in the juvenile canoe singles.

More familiar names, such as Mark Butler and Bill Collins, showed up as winners in the senior kayak pairs. Along with Mississauga commodore Bert Oldershaw, these two, Ron Bishop and Dick Oldershaw are charter members of the club that has established on the Credit River, in a shared clubhouse with Don's Rowing Club, under the partial sponsorship of Port Credit Lions.

One of local paddling's younger veterans, Phil Redwood of Beaches, moved up to junior this season and Saturday won the canoe singles. Another familiar name, but belonging to a newcomer, appeared in the juvenile canoe fours. Toronto's third-place boat in that event, held Sid Rice, nephew of Olympic paddler Lloyd Rice.

JUVENILE

Canoe singles—1, Dean Sharpe, Mississauga CC; 2, Al Cooper, Balm Beach CC; 3, Gero Hajek, Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club.

Canoe pairs—1, Hajek and John Holloway, TS&CC; 2, Dean Oldershaw and Max Hickox, Miss.; 3, Al Cooper and George McConnachie, BBCC.

Canoe fours—1, BBCC (Reg Dyson, McConnachie, Gary Deveau, Al Cooper); 2, Miss. (Oldershaw, Hickox, Sharpe, Brian, Keroway); 3, TS&CC (Tom Stone, Sid Rice, Gerry Fogg, Craig Cooper).

Quarter-mile war canoe—1, BBCC (Tom Redwood's crew); 2, TS CC (Vic Sluce's crew); 3, Miss. (Mark Butler's crew).

JUNIOR

Canoe singles—1, Phil Redwood, BBCC; 2, Bill Pitt, Mohawk; 3, Dale Sharpe, Miss.

Canoe pairs—1, Sharpe and Frank Garner, Miss.; 2, Art Fogg and Dave Milligan, TS&CC; 3, Harry Wilson and Al Whitehead, BBCC.

Canoe fours—1, Miss. (Tom Jamieson, Dave Haney, Dale Sharpe, Garner); 2, BBCC (Dave Deveau, Redwood, Ray Page, Fred Murphy); 3, TS&CC (Art Fogg, Milligan, Jack Pulkinghorn, Bill Hill).

War canoe—1, TS&CC (Don May's crew); 2, Miss. (Bill Collins' crew); 3, Mohawk (Bill Dinsmore's crew).

Kayak singles—1, Al Zob, Miss.; 2, John McCormick, West Rouge CC; 3, Tracey Warne, Mohawk.

Kayak pairs—1, Zob and Gord Beckett, Miss.; 2, Milligan and Art Fogg, TS&CC; 3, McCormick and Robert Cook, WRCC.

SENIOR

Canoe singles—1, Russ, Dunn, BBCC; 2, Bill Collins, Miss.; 3, Bill Hill, TS&CC.

Canoe pairs—1, Bill Collins and Jim Renton, Miss.; 2, Art Fogg and Larry Collins, TS&CC; 3, Ray McKesock and Fred Murphy, BBCC.

Canoe fours—1, BBCC (Bob Bailey, Al Whitehead, Fred Booth, Joe Green); 2, TS&CC (Art Fogg, Milligan, Larry Collins, Hajek); 3, Miss. (Rod Haney, Dale Sharpe, Garner, Dave Haney).

Millie war canoe—1, BBCC (Jim Mossman's crew); 2, TS&CC (Don May's crew).

Kayak singles—1, Mark Butler, Miss.; 2, Gabor Joo, TS&CC; 3, Joe Green, BBCC.

Kayak pairs—1, Bill Collins and Butler, Miss.; 2, Jon Morgan and Green, BBCC; 3, McCormick and Cook, WRCC.

Kayak fours—1, BBCC (John Ball, Morgan, Green, Ron Kruck); 2, WRCC (Cook, McCormick, Gary Bold, Gary Dixon).