

Complete the course and you've won

White water race is tough

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Mike Marks doesn't count his eggs until they are hatched.

Marks isn't in the chicken business. Actually he's in the business of proving he isn't a chicken.

Marks competed in his first whitewater race last weekend — the 21st annual Credit River Race. After he had battled the fast water, wind, rapids and rocks over a four mile stretch of the Credit river, the 18-year-old Woodlands student wasn't too concerned about where he finished.

He was just happy to finish.

"It was exhausting work but it was definitely worth the satisfaction and accomplishment of finishing."

Marks says he was apprehensive about tipping and losing his canoe in the fast waters of the Credit.

"It is not necessarily the strong ones who win," he said. "It is the best navigator who wins."

"I thought there wasn't much chance of winning but I decided I might as well start sometime," he said.



Jeff McColl paddles in the Credit River in last Sunday's slalom race

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CREDIT RIVER RACE RESULTS

Downriver

K-1 long: 1. Jeff McColl Mississauga 18.15; 2. Rudy Koehler Toronto, 18.20; 3. Doug Bushnell Buffalo, 19.07.

C-1: 1. Jim McColl Mississauga, 22.30; 2. Bill Blight, 23.20

C-1 open: 1. Jeff Coir Mississauga, 2. Jasper Magalash Georgetown, 3. Dale Powell Georgetown.

Slalom

K-1 A&B: 1. Gary Dorton Oak, 204.17; 2. Larry Williams Tor, 2: 20.50; 3. Jeff McColl Miss, 220.2

K-1 (under): 1. Dean Brinklow, Peterborough, 272.09; 2. Mike Ehrich Guelph, 274.09

272.9; 3. Dave Stanford, Peterborough, 291.00

K-1 W: 1. Mady McVair, Wisconsin, 228.81; 2. Teresa McCall, Mississauga, 227.94

C-1: 1. Jeff McColl, Mississauga, 276.32; 2. Bill Blight Mississauga, 288.81; 3. Mike Heard, Oakville, 311.59

C-2 mixed: 1. Laura Brooks & Mark Heard Hamilton, 408.91; 2. Bob Higgins Wisconsin & Mady McVair 512.55

C-1 open: 1. Jim McColl Mississauga 501.17; 2. Jasper Magalash Toronto 630.08; 3. Dale Powell Georgetown 740.09

Wendy competes with broken hand

Wendy Boufford qualified for the Ontario gymnastics Championships the hard way.

The eight-year-old Argo B competitor participated in the Argo A and B meet in Oakville last weekend with a broken hand. She

had to compete to earn a spot in the Ontario Gymnastic Championships at the Etobicoke Olympium, May 12.

Wendy injured her hand while practising on the balance beam 10 days ago. The break won't allow her

to wear a cast so she has been forced to endure the pain.

"She is quite a competitor," said Wendy's mother Judy Boufford. "When she left the house for the meet on Saturday she was determined to

win." Wendy finished fourth overall with 30.10 points. She was sixth in the vault with a score of 8.0 and seventh in the floor exercises with 8.3. She received marks of 6.85 in the bars and 6.95 on the beam.

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