

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:LINDSAY BECKS,JIM WRIGHT,JEFF WILKINSON  
AND RON SNOW.

A victorious Mount Isa team returned from Maroochydore.

Except for a few flat tyres, everyone had a successful and safe trip. At least a full days rest is needed to recover from a long and tiring trip. This was noticeable by latecomers on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning, who still felt the after effects during Saturdays race, most paddlers felt better on Sunday.

Quite a few paddlers tipped out of their boat due not only to windy conditions, but mainly due to powerboat-waves.

It is hard to understand that powerboating could not be stopped for a few hours during this national sporting-event in which 200 canoeists competed and who made up about 1000 people with relatives and friends included who spent money during their average of about 1 week's stay.

About half of the Queensland paddlers came from Mount Isa.

Two outstanding paddlers in the other half are no doubt Brian Voller(2gold) and Judy Mongan(gold and silver) Judy has also been selected for the Australian team to tour overseas.

Among the many lessons learned:

A waterpump is essential for all important races and should really be part of everybody's boat.

Double check your kayak, gear etc.

N.W.C.C. results on Saturday:

Men's open K1, 29 entries. 1.M.Coulter N.S.W.3.35.13.

9.David Jaques 3.57.39. 16.Robert Edgar 4.09.00. 20.Denis Shaw 4.13.01.

David got out of the main stream when he lost time to start his stopwatch.

Robert cramped up during the race and had to slow down.

Denis tipped out and lost his \$45.new spray-vest.

Junior K1.9 entries. 1.P.Gardner Qld 2.41.41. 3.John van Ryt 2.42.23.

The Juniors were some of the paddlers who got entangled with fishing-lines around rudders and ankles before and after the portage.

Why was no official placed near the flags on the island?

2nd placegetter R.Burvill from N.S.W.was stopped dead short in his tracks when his rudder got entangled in a crab-pot,he lost a crucial 100M and the race.Paul Gardner had the least amount of fishing-line and came in first.

Junior TK1.6 entries.1.R.Pankhurst NSW 3.13.11. 5.Paul van Ryt 3.19.53 Paul had to stop to tip water out of his kayak.

Ladies TK1 1st and 2nd out of 8 entries.



1.Vicky Pickering 4.44.25. 2.Regina Rogers 4.45.49.

Such a result was better than we ever could hope for,considering that Vicky had been working 14 hour days running a business due to Gary's illness.Vicky led right from the start,Regina lost contact with the main group in the beginning,but had a great comeback to finish 2nd.

Open TK1.12 entries.1.C.Turnbridge NSW 4.11.19. 2.Jim Wright 4.11.36. 5.Steve McLay 4.23.34. 9.Matt Sherlock 4.46.58. 10.Peter Martin 4.54.31. Jim Wright led during the whole race,but 19 year old Turnbridge got away from him in the rough close to the last portage,Jim could not quite peg him back in the last straight.

Veteran TK1 35-45.7 entries. 1.K.Phillips Vic.4.19.26. 3.Ron Snow 4.23.47. 4. Kevin Woodhouse 4.32.40.2nd placegetter overtook Ron during the last portage.

Veteran TK1 45. 7 entries. 1. T.Foster NSW 2.53.31. 2.Gunther Stein 3.04.55 4.John Marchant 3.11.42. 5. Jan van Ryt 3.22.07. Foster got away at the start and had his own race.Gunther,John,myself and K.Chandler bunched together to the Railway-bridge.Chandler tried everything in the book to shake off Gunther who was on the side of him like aiming straight for a fishing-boat and leaving no room,steering us into the shallows,paddling right alongside the mangroves. Chandler succeeded at last to leave Gunther stranded at the concrete pillar of the Railway-bridge,where he lost a minute.John Marchant rocketed forward and took Chandler with him.It is to Gunther's credit not only that he managed to close the gap,but to take the lead and to get away in the rough before the portage close to the finish.John Marchant fell victim here to the powerboat-waves,which came from all directions and got 4th place, while I cramped up and finished 5th.

N.W.C.C.results on Sunday.

Men's open K2. 1. Sloan/Douglas Vic.3.15.49. 3. Edgar/Hogg QV 3.21.35. Robert and Peter ran into steering-trouble right after the start,the cable came off,due to a loose nut,they pulled into the bank and lost a lot of valuable minutes,but they had a remarkable recovery to finish 3d out of 10 They were both selected for the Australian team touring overseas this August.Robert's stamina shown with his 3d placing in the gruelling 400m Murray River Marathon.

Men's open TK2.13 entries. 1. Johnson/Gray 3.54.09.  
2. David Jaques and Denis Shaw 3.55.03. 7. Peter Martin and Matt Sherlock  
4.16.36. A great show of David and Denis, considering that it was their  
first paddle together.  
Kevin Woodhouse and Steve McLay had to pull out when they broke a footrest.

Men's open TC2.7 entries. This was a Mount Isa affair.  
1. Jim Wright and Ron Snow 4.24.13. 2. Jeff Wilkinson and Lindsay Becks  
4.24.47. 5. Alan McConnon and Ross Stewart 4.49.02.  
This was a close battle between the 2 top Mt Isa teams: Jeff and Lindsay  
led most of the way, Jim and Ron saved themselves for the last portage where  
they got away faster to take the lead to the finish.

Ladies K2. 6 entries. 1. Hunter/Mongan VQ 3.50.00  
5. Vicky Pickering and Regina Rogers 4.38.17. Vicky and Regina had changed  
their entry from a TK2 in which they had trained into a K2 as there was  
no class for a TK2.  
Vicky and Regina did quite well in the beginning when they were in the  
first 3, but they lost a lot of time when they had to return to the bank  
after they bent their rudder when they dropped the K2 during a portage.

Junior K2. 5 entries 1. Burvill/Voller 2.24.57.  
2. John van Ryt and Adam Davies-Purkis 2.25.58. A remarkable feat for this  
competitive class, considering that John and Adam had neither paddled to-  
gether since last November, nor done much regular training, being away from  
home. Thanks Adam, for saving yourself for this race and passing by a medal  
in the Junior TK1.

TK2 Veteran 45 Entries 4. 1. Salter/Walsh 2.44.34.  
John Marchant and Gunther Stein did not check their programme properly as  
they started an hour too early together with the men's open and Veteran 35  
TK2. They identified themselves to the starter, who said they were okay,  
but did not check their number on the sheet.  
John and Gunther were in about the middle of the field of the men's open  
and Veteran 35 and must have got a shock when they turned back around the  
Railway-bridge and no one went with them. They finished with a time of appr.  
2.45.0 and were disqualified, a waste of 2 medals.

TK2 Veteran 35 3 entries. 1. Voller/Burvill QN 3.53.52. This was half a  
minute faster than the men's open. No Mt Isa entry, could have been a medal  
for Woodhouse and someone else (3d:4.19.33)