

7-10-84.

by Mike Poppell

Well, if your goodtimes consist of long, rainy, cold paddling without any drinks or food provided at the end of the race, then this is the race for you.

The first day was a very long, hard plod for Bruce Humes and myself but we were lucky that we could take it a bit easy because second place-getter in the TK2 didn't push us. The second day Bruce forced me into stopping and helping two girls who had lodged their canoe and themselves into some logs. Then Bruce tried to stop later on to talk to some topless birds, but I was able to keep him paddling with a few threats.

A few familiar faces showed up. Dennis Shaw from Townsville who had a very good paddle in the K1 class, coming second to an international paddler from England. Dave 'Pelican' Jacques also had a strong paddle to get a second place in the TK1 class, being beaten by Bart Van der Meer from Rockhampton.

Mel Anderson and Alan Doyle swapped the lead a few times with the eventual winners of the TC2 canoes. As this was their first big race and they had a few problems I'm sure that they will win if they have another go next year.

Keith Billeau and Lorry Fray would have had an easy paddle due to the fact that their's was the only C2 in the race. They did a fast time to come in sixth overall.

A few big thanks go to the Billeau family for chauffeuring us around. Thanks to Mrs Edgar for making coffee Saturday night and Sunday morning for the whole Fibre Fab Team. Also to Dave Jaques' brother for going into Ipswich for a few beers to quench our thirst.

#### BRISBANE VALLEY 100 RESULTS

Winner of the Men's Open TK2 M. Poppell and B. Hume (N.W.C.C.) in a time of 9:14:29.

British wild water champion David Taylor won the men's Open K1 from Wivenhoe Dam to the bridge in 8:23:52.

Ross Burvill and Glen Clark won the TK1 teams in 8:53:36.

Men's Open TK1 B. Van der Meer (Fitzroy) 9:14:28. Second I. Muir (G.I.C.C.) 9:27:17. Third D. Jaques (N.W.C.C.) 9:29:31

In the C2's L. Fray and K. Billeau (N.W.C.C.) 9:47:37