Great Lakes College Canoe Team

The sixteen members strong Great Lakes College Canoe Team returned home triumphantly with the State CHS Canoeing trophy. The College was runners up in the All Schools championship. Lydia Toms was announced Champion Girl in both the State CHS and All Schools competitions. This is the third year in a row she has been Champion girl. Lydia entered 12 events and gained 12 gold medals. An amazing result!

The first event of the shortened carnival was the whitewater sprints. First placing went to Lydia Toms in Open Ladies K1 and C1, Kyle Williams in Open Men’s SK1, and Zack Duggan in 16 yrs Men’s SK1. Our up and coming paddlers Nathan Hallett and Alexander Fiebig representing Forster public School gained first and second place respectively in the under 12 age division. In Men’s C1 James Mannow took out the 16 yrs. In the Men’s C2 Kyle Williams and Andrew Moulder in the Opens and Kasper and Kristian Fiebig in the 16 yrs. Alicia Ieroianni and Haley Stewart won gold in the Open Women’s.

The second event was the slalom which was held on B start with a challenging 18 gate course. First placings were achieved by Lydia Toms in Ladies K1, C1 and in Mixed C2 with Kasper Fiebig. Kasper then teamed up with his brother Kristian to take out the 16 yrs Men’s C2 while Kristian took gold in the 14 yrs Men’s. James Mannow won the 16 yrs Men’s K1 and Nathan Hallett in the Under 12’s.

The exciting Slalom teams were the next event where three paddlers have to negotiate the course together in the shortest possible time while incurring the least penalties. Gold was won by Kasper and Kristian Fiebig and James Mannow in the 16 yrs Men’s K1; L Toms Kyle Williams and A Moulder in Open Mixed K1; Kristian Fiebig J Mannow and A Moulder in Open Men’s C1; L Toms, Kasper Fiebig and K Williams in Open Mixed C1 and in the spectacular C2 teams event gold was won by L Toms, A Ieroianni, K. Fiebig, K. Fiebig, A Moulder and K Williams.

The final event was the Wildwater. First placings were achieved by Kyle Williams in Open Men’s K1, Lydia Toms Open Women’s K1, Kasper Fiebig in the 16 years K1, Nick Jackson in the 16 years Men’s SK1, Alexander Fiebig in the 12 years SK1, and Alicia Ieroianni Open women’s SK1. In the C2 downriver Jordan Hallett and James Mannow won the 16 years Men’s while Kasper Fiebig and Lydia Toms took out the senior mixed C2. The wildwater team’s event was won by L Toms, Kasper Fiebig and K Williams.

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