



*Brookes, Peters, Krefit and Johnson.*



*Lucy Guest.*

The ladies saw seniors Melissa Johnson and Brynde Krefit in a lead group with under 23s Freya Peters and Katie Brookes, still together at the fourth portage, after which Johnson took the lead but Brookes pushed her to the line. Half a minute later Krefit had Peters five seconds behind her, nobody else in sight.

The under 18 men produced one of the best races. At the line three seconds separated Joseph Enoch, William Short, Alexander Worgan and Flynn Holt, in that order.

Considering there were only five finishers, the under 18 ladies did

equally well, only two seconds separating Kamila Sklenarova, Sophie Dunlop and Mollie Ball.

On the Sunday over 44s Allan/Cowper capsized and swam a boat length short of the finish line. There were also problems at the top portage where horses in the field proved troublesome.

There were just three C2s, spaced out behind Poole/Jones.

A lead group of seven men's K2s had slimmed down to the Johnson brothers, Dowden/How, Russell/Enoch, Benstead/Morley and Cadell/St Stanley before the final portage.



*Men's over 34 K2 start.*



*Starts tended to be separate groups on each side of the river.*



*Ladies' over 34 winners Wilson/Knee.*



*Men's over 44 K2 winners Baker/Irvine.*



*Ladies under 18 leaders.*



*Allan/Cowper, so near and yet so far.*



*C2 winners Poole/Jones.*



*Russell/Stacey, taking a full part in the race.*



*Dowden/How leading the men's K2s.*



*Holt/Green and Landsborough/Maloney.*