

1 J Hawkie, Exeter, 4:11.6. 2 C Spencer, Hereford, 4:11.8. 3 H Mason, Nottingham, 4:14.4.
K1WC: 1 F Lamph, Wey, 4:30.3. 2 R Bates, Elmbridge, 4:32.9. 3 M Dilai, Pennine, 4:43.4.
K1WB: 1 L Suttle, Chelmsford, 4:55.3. 2 S Rippington, Wokingham, 5:03.9. 3 E Franklin, Anker Valley, 5:10.5. **K1BU10:** 1 D Houston, Richmond, 6:32.8. 2 F Jarrett, Wokingham, 6:36.7.
 3 H Lay, Leighton Buzzard, 6:40.4. **K1BU12:** 1 J Stannard, Royal Leamington Spa, 5:51.6. 2 R Hunt, Royal Leamington Spa, 6:03.3. 3 T Escott, Bradford-on-Avon, 6:11.2. **K1BU14:** 1 J Tye, Worcester, 4:20.1. 2 M Fitzsimons, Celbridge, 4:23.8. 3 M Clive, Gailey, 4:27.9. **K1BU16:** 1 D Terry, Wey, 3:52.6. 2 T Simmons, Bradford-on-Avon, 3:56.2. 3 T Mainprize, Reading, 3:58.9.
K1BU18: 1 E Rutherford, Elmbridge, 3:43.7. 2 B Parfitt, Elmbridge, 3:47.1. 3 R Beer, Elmbridge, 3:50.2. **K1MA:** 1 T Brabants, Nottingham, 3:27.3. 2 P Wycherley, Wey, 3:31.9.
 3 J Schofield, Soar Valley, 3:35.2. **K1MB:** 1 M Lorenzi, Elmbridge, 3:50.1. 2 A Maycock, Exeter, 3:52.6. 3 M Hide, Addlestone, 3:53.1. **K1MC:** 1 C Fleeson, Anker Valley, 4:11.7. 2 M Walsh, Wey, 4:12.5. 3 S White, Leighton Buzzard, 4:18.1. **K1MD:** 1 J Freemantle, Basingstoke Canal, 4:25.7. 2 L Rosewell, CBK, 4:28.5. 3 C Luck, Wey, 4:40.3. **K1P:** 1 J Oldham, Pennine, 5:21.9. 2 B Richardson, Newark, 5:40.0. 3 M Baines, Newark, 5:53.1. **K1MasA:** 1 R Fieldus, Wey, 3:57.1. 2 A Dawson, Chester, 4:02.0. 3 D Pendle, Norwich, 4:04.4. **K1MasB:** 1 B Greenham, Reading, 4:23.7. 2 C Gavin, Richmond, 4:27.8. 3 M Hawthorn, Worcester, 4:29.1. **K1MasC:** 1 M Escott, Bradford-on-Avon, 4:39.0. 2 A Hicks, Norwich, 4:43.6. 3 J Escott, Bradford-on-Avon, 4:46.7. **C1J:** 1 I Weir, Banbury, 4:46.6. 2 M Duck, Richmond, 4:48.3. 3 M Train, Fladbury, 4:50.0. **C1B:** 1 M Weckowski, Greyfriars, 4:36.5. 2 L Watson, Royal Leamington Spa, 4:37.0. 3 G Hunt, Fladbury, 4:40.7. **K2GU12:** 1 Hicks/Ricketts, Norwich/Anker valley, 5:37.7. 2 Wignall/Brookes, Runcorn, 5:39.0. 3 Rance/Kent, Southampton, 5:48.2. **K2GU14:** 1 Illinesi/Trotter, Elmbridge, 4:17.6. 2 Childerstone/Croucher, Wey, 4:18.2. 3 De Ferrer/Hanlon, Elmbridge, 4:22.9. **K2GU16:** 1 Ferguson/Holmes, Banbury/Worcester, 4:06.8. 2 Collins/Churnside, Reading, 4:07.3. Ayres/Beer, Wey/Royal, 4:14.7. **K2GU18:** 1 Edmonds/Hilderley, Wey, 4:13.0. 2 Oxtoby/Parker, Leighton Buzzard/Chelmsford, 4:29.4. 3 Creamer/Wood, Leighton Buzzard/Banbury, 4:42.7. **K2WA/B:** 1 Walker/Nutt, World Class Start, 3:45.4. 2 Nutt/Hawkie, Olympic, 3:49.7. 3 Savers/Cawthorn, Olympic, 3:53.7. **K2WC/D:** 1 Dilai/Lamph, Pennine/Wey, 4:29.2. 2 Franklin/Hicks, Anker Valley/Norwich, 4:58.0. 3 Rippington/, Wokingham, 5:13.1. **K2BU10:** 1 Martin/Killip, Richmond, 5:36.8. 2 Robinson/De Ferrer, Leighton Buzzard/Elmbridge, 5:40.1. 3 Murphy/Westwood, Leighton Buzzard, 5:42.3. **K2BU12:** 1 Stannard/Hunt, Royal Leamington Spa, 5:55.4. 2 Plummer/Foley, Leighton Buzzard, 6:05.4. 3 Escott/Key, Bradford-on-Avon/Richmond, 6:07.8. **K2BU14:** 1 Tye/Deacon, Worcester/Addlestone, 4:08.2. 2 Webster/Colyer, Bradford-on-Avon/Reading, 4:09.2. 3 Mitchell/Fitzsimons, Celbridge, 4:19.6. **K2BU16:** 1 Childerstone/Terry, Wey, 3:33.4. 2 Welch/Mainprize, Wey/Reading, 3:39.2. 3 Colyer/Connelly, Reading/Leicester, 3:40.8. **K2BU18:** 1 Ede/Haynes, World Class Start, 3:25.8. 2 Sharpe/Freeman, Exeter, 3:36.6. 3 Simmons/Gibson, Bradford-on-Avon/Royal, 3:38.8. **K2MA:** 1 Wycherley/Farrell, Olympic, 3:16.9. 2 Brown/Schofield, Olympic, 3:18.1. 3 Daniels/Daniels, Olympic, 3:19.1. **K2MB:** 1 Maycock/Wright, Exeter, 3:36.7. 2 Herbent/Forbes, Royal Leamington Spa, 3:37.0. 3 Seaford/Lang, Reading, 3:39.0. **K2P:** 1 Richardson/Oldham, Newark/SGB, 5:06.2. 2 Gardner/Wood, Pennine/SGB, 5:21.8. 3 Baines/Cotton, Newark, 5:31.0. **K2MasA/B:** 1 Garner/Eyquen, Richmond, 3:51.9. 2 Philips/Bird, Worcester, 3:52.3. 3 Grimwood/Brookes, Lincoln/Runcorn, 3:53.5. **K2MasC/D:** 1 Hewett/, Wokingham, 4:20.3. 2 Escott/Escott, Bradford-on-Avon, 4:25.6. **C2J:** 1 Smythe/Duck, Richmond, 4:38.9. 2 Shaw/Seaman, Fladbury/Wey, 4:50.3. 3 Calvert/Worthington, Fladbury, 5:14.1. **K4GU14:** 1 Elmbridge/Wey, 3:59.0. 2 Basingstoke Canal, 4:01.6. 3 Elmbridge, 4:12.9. **K4GU18:** 1 Wey, 3:50.0. 2 3:53.1. 3 Elmbridge/Reading, 3:54.3. **K4WA/B:** 1 Olympic, 3:29.8. [2 3:53.9. 3 Polska, 4:00.2.] **K4Lg:** 1 Royal Leamington Spa/Norwich, 4:48.1. 2 Runcorn, 4:48.4. 3 Chelmsford, 4:54.6. **K4BU14:** 1 3:47.6. 2 4:06.4. 3 Richmond, 4:20.7. **K4BU18:** 1 World Class Start, 3:17.4. 2 World Class Start, 3:18.7. 3 Leighton Buzzard, 3:33.4. **K4MA/B:** 1 Olympic, 2:58.9. 2 Olympic, 3:01.4. 3 World Class Start, 3:02.2. **K4Mas:** 1 Worcester, 2 Runcorn, 3:30.0. 3 Southampton, 3:31.2. **C4J:** 1 Fladbury/Richmond, 4:26.4. 2 Fladbury, 4:31.5. 3 Fladbury, 4:37.8.

Schofield beats sprinters at their own game National Water Sports Centre Regatta

Johnny Schofield continued to raise his profile in the K2 by winning the 500m event at the regatta held in Nottingham on 2nd/3rd June alongside Ben Brown, junior European finalist in 2004. The results from the selection event determined the team selection for the senior European championships being held in June this year.

Johnny Schofield, a 21 year old from Lancashire, who won gold at the European wild water championships, has successfully switched from wild water racing to the Olympic discipline of flat water racing. His amazing talent was proved in a tight race with Ed McKeever and Ed Cox, Ben Farrell and Paul Wycherley all contending for honours in perfect racing conditions. Brown and Schofield took the initiative from the start of the race while Ed Cox and McKeever did not have the best of starts. Ben Farrell and Paul Wycherley came through later in the race but Brown and Schofield proved they had the strength as they saluted the winner's flag in a time of 1:33.9!

Paul Wycherley, a European U23 medallist in 2005, and Ben Farrell were another pair that performed excellently at the weekend's event by winning the K2 1,000m on Saturday, narrowly beating Schofield and Brown. In April, Farrell and Wycherley won the race yet lost to the Brown and Schofield pair at World Cup 1 where Brown and Schofield took the B final. This time the race was just as tight. There was nothing

between the two boats at 500m then Brown and Schofield took a small lead over the next 100m. With 250m to go Farrell and Wycherley switched the setting to more speed. They upped the pace and rate to take a half boat length lead to the line.

Shaun Caven, head coach of the men's squad comments, 'It's great to have 2 quality boats contending selection. Farrell and Wycherley raced well, followed a good plan and delivered the result. Brown and Schofield are also a great future prospect'.

The men's K1 200m was a great race, too, with 0.1 of a second splitting the winner, Ed McKeever, from Johnny Schofield.

Congratulations to 26 year old Abi Coulson who recently won a silver medal in World Cup 1 in the women's K2 event. She continued to show her outstanding paddling technique to win the women's K1 race in a time of 1:56.0, closely followed over the line by Anna Hemmings in 1:56.2.

Chloe Nelson-Lawrie

'No plans' for narrowboats on national regatta course

The divergence between what the operators of rowing and canoeing regatta courses need to charge and what these sports can afford to pay could be leading to the risk of no suitable British facilities for these Olympic sports. Nottingham County Council are to renew the management contract for the National Water Sports Centre in March 2009 and are having ongoing discussions with interested parties towards a new business plan. A project manager is being appointed. Rumours circulating include the possibility that some or all of the regatta course could be converted to a narrowboat marina for the Trent and even the near by Grantham Canal. Sports Service Manager Adrian Bradley told *Canoeist* there are 'no plans in that direction at present.' The intention is to reserve it as a sports complex with increased usage but 'less cost to the taxpayer.' A public announcement should be made in spring 2008.

Further south, Eton's Dorney Lake course will be used for the 2012 Olympics and hosted the world rowing championships in 2006 yet lacks permanent facilities that might have been expected to be in place now and tested at a major event, such as public address system, timing, scoreboard, starting gates, finish line seating for spectators and female toilets. Buoyage is only possible for 8 rowing lanes, not 9 canoeing lanes. Prices charged are twice those at Nottingham. Canoeists held their first major regatta on the course in 2007 but will return to Nottingham for all national regattas in 2008 instead of getting competitors and officials familiar with the Olympic site.

A new course at Reading obtained planning permission as a rowing and canoeing course but it is only being allowed for training by elite rowers.

Prospects for our medal contenders are less than ideal, worrying when half Britain's 2004 Olympic medals came from watersports.

Can Glasgow learn from Edinburgh?

Glasgow has been awarded the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Perhaps they can learn from the mistakes of the 13th games in Edinburgh in 1986. On that occasion the sprint regatta was run as a demonstration event only and the English team did not even bother to attend. After all, half a century on from its introduction to the Olympic Games, why did it need demonstrating? Watch out for Commonwealth championships in other canoeing disciplines around the same time.

Baggaley on drugs charges

In 2005 Nathan Baggaley, Australian former world sprint champion, Olympic silver medallist and surf lifesaver, received a 15 month ban after testing positive for banned steroids. He did not get the full two years because he claimed the drugs were in orange juice in a jug in the fridge, mixed by someone with an injury. A year later the 31 year old paddler was in a car driven by 19 year old surf ski paddler Kane Battese, which was stopped for speeding on Australia's Gold Coast. In the car, police allegedly found 762 ecstasy pills, other drugs and over \$1,100 in cash. At Baggaley's home police allegedly found a pill press and materials for making ecstasy in commercial quantities. He and his 25 year old brother, Dru, were arrested. \$500,000 bail surety by their parents was refused and they were remanded in custody. Brisbane Magistrates Court was told at the beginning of May that Nathan will plead guilty to drugs materials allegedly found at his home, other drug related charges having been dropped. The case has similarities to the case of Australian Olympic medal winning swimmer Scott Miller and a colleague, who were charged by police after they allegedly found a commercial pill press, drugs, a pistol and large amounts of cash.