



Burton Phoenix Canoe Club

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This was the last weekend of a busy spring period for local paddlers. Nottingham Canoe Marathon took place in mild conditions, with the start in the shadow of Nottingham Forest Football Club.

First off was James Bowley (Anker Valley Canoe Club), competing with his Nottingham paddling partner in the division 1-2 doubles over a 12 mile course. By the time the pair got to Trent Bridge, they had established a lead which grew as the race continued and they came home about 2 minutes ahead of the field. Also in the race, were Paul Brookes and Ross Orme (Anker Valley CC); the duo claimed fifth place. In the 8 mile doubles for Division 5, Sarah Walters (Burton Phoenix CC) and Chelsea Brookes (Anker Valley CC)

teamed. The pair won their race by over a minute.

Howard Blackman (Burton Phoenix CC) raced around the 8 mile Div 4 course in a group of 5 fighting it out for 7th place. A superior sprint finish by Blackman saw him take the spot. Bill Lawrenson (Burton Phoenix CC) in division 5 took 8th place and in Div 6, Joe Marlow (Anker Valley CC) took 7th while David Walters (Burton Phoenix CC) in took 10th.

Division 7 has seen local paddlers involved in close racing all season; this was another thriller. Jonty Frost (Burton Phoenix CC) made his best start to date to get a small gap over the field which he hung on to to claim his first win and promotion to Div 6. Finishing just behind in equal third place were Dean Easton (Burton Phoenix CC) and Tony Bates (Burton CC), the pair just outside the promotion time. Ivan Draper (Anker Valley CC) came in a little later in 10th spot.