

SRS� champs

SLIDING BY: Oakville A player Alexander Cenedese (in red) slides to tackle Brock Follows of the Burlington Bullets during Saturday's South Region Soccer League contest at Central Park. Oakville defeated Burlington 2-1 to improve to 14-2-2 on the season and clinch top spot in the SRS� standings. Burlington was second with a 12-3-3 mark.

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Burloak paddlers golden at world championships

Burloak Canoe Club paddlers combined to account for two of Canada's three gold medals at last weekend's world canoe and kayak championships in Hungary.

Three-time Olympic medallist Adam van Koeverden dominated the men's K-1 (kayaking singles) 1,000-metre race, while Mallorie Nicholson teamed with Trois-Rivieries, Que. native Laurence Vincent-Lapointe to win the women's C-2 (canoeing doubles) 500m event.

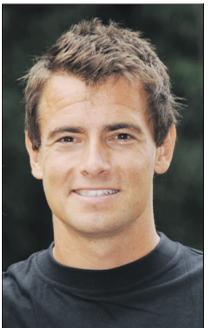
Van Koeverden finished Friday's 1,000m final with a time of 3:36.194, more than three seconds ahead of second-place finisher Anders Gustafson of Sweden.

"I wouldn't have guessed I could beat those guys by margin," said the 29-year-old van Koeverden. "The wind came from the left and that kept me sheltered. It wasn't a huge advantage but I've been in races before where I had no chance of winning because the conditions weren't on my side."

Despite all of van Koeverden's international accomplishments, Friday's victory marked the first time he had won a world championship in the 1,000m. He had been second in the 1,000m three previous times at worlds and won bronze in the event at the 2004 Olympics.

"The win means a lot to me. I had never won a K-1 1,000m race before at worlds or Olympics," van Koeverden said. "All the hard work paid off. There's nothing more beautiful than when you work really hard and see that kind of result at the end."

Van Koeverden's victory guaranteed a spot for Canada in the event at the 2012 Olympic Games.



Adam van Koeverden



Mallorie Nicholson

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