



The St Peters' first eights crew celebrates its victory

# St Peters, Walford rule the river

TWO of the leaders in the Head of the River regatta continued their domination of events at West Lakes yesterday.

St Peters College won the schoolboys first eights for the 43rd time since 1922. Saints has won more often than all the other schools combined.

Walford won the girls' title for the sixth time in the past seven years. The school has only been in the competition for nine years.

In the boys' first-eight race, St Peters was not considered a major threat before the event but just as last year, the crew took command of the race from the start. The crew increased on their early lead throughout the 2000m event.

Prince Alfred College was the favorite after a fine season in which it clinched the State championship, but PAC could not match the speed of St Peters in the perfect racing conditions.

There was a close tussle between four crews for the minor placings with

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Pembroke leading a pack which included Pulteney Grammar, Christian Brothers College and Unley High over the line. This event resulted in a protest over steering of some final placings. The protest was dismissed as the ultimate winner, St Peters, won by two lengths and the rest did not affect that result.

Walford watched a similar race unfold when its crew led the field all the way.

The Wilderness School, which surprised with its win last year, appeared unsettled by an early equipment problem and did not race up to expectations. The team was well beaten into third place behind a much-improved Pembroke crew.

Pembroke School was the most successful on the day winning the main events

for the boys' first four, boys' and girls' lightweight fours, the under-14 boys quad scull and the girls' second eight.

St Peters College won the boys' second eight and Prince Alfred College dominated the under-age boys' races.