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Maupin Claims R/CU Columbia Cup Victory

KENNEWICK, Wash. — A streak was on the line for a local racer at one of Radio Controlled Unlimiteds' biggest races of the year, but it wasn't to be Saturday, July 26, as **Kirk Maupin** (1977 Squire Shop) won the Columbia Cup.

By doing so, Maupin (Monroe, Wash.) snapped **Dave Brandt's** four-race winning streak, which was just two short of matching the club's longest winning streak. It was Maupin's first win of the season, and his third career win in R/C Unlimiteds. Maupin had never previously won at the Columbia Cup.

The Columbia Cup was the ninth stop in the R/C Unlimiteds 14-race **Oberto Championship Series**, and was run in conjunction with the HydroProp unlimited hydroplane Columbia Cup.

Lee Robertson (Seattle, Wash.) was second, driving the 1978 Squire Shop (U-65), while third place went to **Don Mock** (Seattle, Wash.), controlling the 1984 Atlas Van Lines. Fourth place points were awarded to **Doug DeWitte** (San Diego, Calif.), who drove the 1963 St. Regis, and fifth place was **Jeff Stubbers** (Issaquah, Wash.), driving Maupin's 1977 Esquire Products.

The next stop in the R/CU Oberto Championship Series is the Silver Cup, August 16-17 at Irene Reinhardt Park in Ellensburg, Wash.

Radio Controlled Unlimiteds is a racing club affiliated with the American Power Boat Association. The club races radio controlled model unlimited hydroplanes that duplicate the real hydroplanes as closely as possible. The boats are nearly four feet long and two feet wide, and travel at speeds between 50-65 miles per hour.

R/CU COLUMBIA CUP

at Columbia Park Lagoon, Kennewick, Wash.

Championship Heat Results

1. Kirk Maupin, 1977 Squire Shop
 2. Lee Robertson, 1978 Squire Shop (U-65)
 3. Don Mock, 1984 Atlas Van Lines
 4. Doug DeWitte, 1963 St. Regis
 5. Jeff Stubbers, 1977 Esquire Products
- DNF Bill Brandt, 1998 Close Call
DNS Dave Blacksten, 1998 Llumar Window Film

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