



At last, success . . . John Wood raises his arms as he stands on the victory stand before receiving his Olympic silver medal. Champion Aleksandre Rogov looks on.

## *Club honors Wood; City still making plans*

John Wood, still glittering from his bright silver moment at the XXI Olympiad in Montreal, came home Monday evening to an enthusiastic reception at the Mississauga Canoe Club (MCC).

More than 75 MCC members, celebrating Sunday's Balmy Beach regatta win in Scarborough, greeted the Canadian canoeing hero after a small motorcade, led by a Peel Regional Police cruiser, escorted Wood from Toronto International Airport to the MCC for the late night of honor.

Wood was presented with a large silver engraved cup, had a Senior C-1 500-m trophy donated in his name to the Canadian Canoeing Association and

was given an honorary life membership to the club.

Canada canoe teammates Gregg Smith, Jeremy Abbott, Reed Oldershaw and coach Mac Hickox were also greeted by the MCC with engraved goblets.

The City of Mississauga also plans to recognize Wood for his silver medal winning performance in the men's C-1 500-metre event.

"When we realize that he's (Wood) the second best in the whole world, it's fantastic," beamed Mayor Dobkin.

Dobkin suggested that Wood will be honored at an upcoming Council meeting and he hopes Wood will sit in the Mississauga City Festival parade



**Congratulations . . . Mississauga's John Wood, Canada's first Olympic canoe medalist in 24 long years, had his share of handshakes. One came from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau who met Wood at the site of the canoeing competitions at Montreal's Basin Olympique. Sports editor Mike Toth was there to take this exclusive color photo.**



**Happiness is . . . a silver medal. John Wood shows off the one he won at the Olympic Games in Montreal for photographers to put an end to 24 years without a medal for Canada in canoeing. Wood became the only Ontario athlete to win an Olympic medal in Montreal.**