

## Scouts' Motor Madness popular with young racers

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*The Nugget*

Eric Lamarche, 10, built No. 450, the sleek, yellow car he calls The Turbo.

He was feeling pretty optimistic Saturday as he took the first five heats in the Cub pack section of Motor Madness, sponsored by Nipissing Area Scouts.

The Cubs started with a block of wood, four wheels and four nails for axles.

The rest was up to the more than 80 Cubs who competed in the 34th annual event, held at Widdifield Secondary School.

It takes hours of carving and sanding, applying a polished paint job and lacquer to reduce wind resistance.

There are regulations such as width, length and weight. Eric had some secrets.

"You need a powdered graphite lubricant," said Eric, revealing one of his secrets.

He brought the weight down by making some holes in the body and then he added some lead to place weight in the right place.

Eric obviously had the winning formula because the Cub from the 3rd Widdifield Cub Pack placed first. Jonah Valley

of the 1st Callander Cub Pack was second and Ryan Sauve of Iroquois Falls, third.

Ken Sitter, Motor Madness co-ordinator, said the event was a "great success."

"It was wonderful looking out over all those happy faces," he said.

Sitter said prospects for the future look good.

"The Iroquois Falls group already is asking about next year," he said.

They want to come back, not only because of Sauve's third-place finish. Another of their own, Wesley Lambert, won the Scout Truck Rodeo.