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### *Rory's Race Report*

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I came in **6th**. I was rapt, as I was told later, this year's event was way harder than previous years.



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Cheers

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