



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Canadians wrap up German Open with gold medal

**OTTAWA** – Canada's National A Team wrapped up the German Open in style Sunday winning the gold medal in the Team Free Final.

Canada edged out the Chinese team for its fourth gold of the competition. Canada posted a final score of 94.100 while the Chinese team finished with 94.000.

"I am so proud of this young team, everyone swam their best," said head coach Denise Sauve. "All of the highlights worked extremely well, probably the best I have seen all year. And the team was able to keep the same quality of routine and a high level of energy.

"For some it was their first international experience and proved to be a successful one and such good experience for the future. I am so proud of all of them!"

Canada also won gold in the Solo Tech, Solo Free and Team Free Preliminaries.

This was Canada's best showing in over a decade. Along with the four gold medals Canada also won silver in the Duet Free, Team Tech and Combo as well as a bronze in the Duet Tech.

By the end of the competition everyone was talking about Canada and its innovative routines and exceptional young talent.

Canada will be looking to maintain its momentum heading into the upcoming World Aquatic Championships this summer.

The German Open featured 20 countries.

Countries competing at the German Open include Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Spain, France, Great Britain, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Poland, Switzerland, Slovakia and Venezuela.

For a complete list of results please see <http://www.synchro.ca/e/events/results.php>

#### **Athletes at the German Open**

##### **National A Team**

Stéphanie Leclair

Stéphanie Durocher

Marie-Lou Morin

Catherine Powell

Gabrielle cardinal

Sandy Gill

Erin Willson

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Claire Friesen  
Lisa Mikelberg  
Alice Rijer  
Audrey Houle  
Geneviève Bélanger  
Jennifer Knobbs  
Solo Tech – Marie-Pier Boudreau Gagnon  
Solo Free – Chloe Isaac  
Duet Free – Marie-Pier Boudreau Gagnon & Chloe Isaac  
Duet Tech – Elise Marcotte & Tracy Little

Denise Sauvé- Head Coach  
Julie Sauvé - Coach - Solos & Duets  
Meng Chen- Assistant Coach  
Khadija Cutcher - Apprentice Coach  
John Pradier- Physiotherapist

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