



## CANADIANS EN ROUTE TO GOLD IN UANA DUET AND SOLO PRELIMS

August 29, 2008, CALGARY: The 2008 UANA Age Group Championships of synchronized swimming resumed today with the preliminary duet and solo events. Athletes from across North, South and Central America performed their routines at the Talisman Centre Pool in Calgary. In the 13 – 15 age group category Canada's Emilia Kopcik from Montreal, QC grabbed 1<sup>st</sup> spot in the solo, and joined with Jessica Tessier for a 1<sup>st</sup> place seating in duet. Sarah Brunin-Brouillette and Gabrielle Menard of Montreal were 3<sup>rd</sup> with a routine score of 79.833 and combined score of 74.491.

Canada's National 13 – 15 soloist Emilia Kopcik (Montreal, QC) sits 1<sup>st</sup> (routine score, 81.333; combined score 75.583) in the 13-15 age group, and team mate Claudia Holzner (Calgary, Alberta) is in 2<sup>nd</sup> position with a routine score of 78.833 and combined score of 74.458.

Fresh off their National Junior World Championship team success, Camille Bowness and Marie-Lou Morin, put in great solo performances in the 16 – 18 age group to seat themselves 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place with overall scores of 78.003 and 75.365, respectively.

Bowness and Morin of Montreal teamed together in duet competition to earn a 1<sup>st</sup> place seating with their routine score of 82.500 and overall score of 76.643. Camille Thuot and Janelle Ball, also of Montreal, are 4<sup>th</sup> (routine score 77.667; combined score 73.794).

In 12 and under competition Canada's Jaqueline Simoneau from Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC and Kali Wong from Calgary, AB are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> after the solo preliminaries. The Canadian duet composed of Rebecca Harrower and Arden McMahon from Alberta earned a seating in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the duet prelims.

Solo preliminary, 12 and under age group:

**1 Simoneau, Jaqueline, Canada, 70.500, 65.971**

2 Alonso, Teresa, Mexico 67.333, 64.395

**3 Wong, Kali Canada, 67.667, 63.802**

Solo preliminary 13 - 15 age group:

**1 Kopcik, Emilia Canada, 81.333, 75.583**

**2 Holzner, Claudia Canada, 78.833, 74.458**

3 Tchekmarev, Alexa United States, 78.167, 73.983

Solo preliminary, 16-18 age group

**1 Bowness, Camille, Canada, 83.833, 78.003**

2 Diosdado, Nuria, Mexico, 81.500, 76.208

3 Stephan, Giovana, Brazil, 80.667, 76.054

**4 Morin, Marie-Lou, Canada 81.333, 75.365**

Duet preliminary, 12 and under age group:

1 Alonso, Teresa / Zarate, Alondra Mexico, 70.000, 65.249

2 Velez, Daniela / Ramirez, Sara, Columbia, 68.500, 64.695

3 D'Estefano, Tiffany / Turri, Tiziana, Venezuela, 65.833, 63.641

**7 Harrower, Rebecca / McMahon, Arden, Canada, 63.667 60.563**

Duet preliminary, 13 – 15 age group:

**1 Tessier, Jessica / Kopicik, Emilia, Canada, 81.667, 75.408**

2 Haylor, Alyson / Spada, Katie, United States, 80.833, 74.387

3 Mendoza, Ana / Romero, Claudia, Mexico, 79.167, 73.454

Duet preliminary, 16 - 18 age group:

**1 Bowness, Camille / Morin, Marie Lou, Canada, 82.500, 76.643**

2 Becerra, Jessica / Diosdado, Nuria, Mexico, 82.167, 75.896

3 Stephan, Giovana / Molinos, Lorena, Brazil, 77.833, 74.514

**4 Ball, Janelle / Thuot, Camille, Canada, 77.667 73.794**

The Canadian National 13-15 team are in 1<sup>st</sup> place after the team preliminary event (in the 13-15 age group), with a routine score of 79.167 and combined routine and figure score of 68.467. Rounding out the top spots in the 13-15 category was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team from the United States, with a routine score of 79.000 and a combined score of 73.562, and the 3rd place team from Mexico, with a routine score of 78.833 and a combined score of 72.935.

Canada's National 13-15 team will compete in the team finals event tomorrow.

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