



GOLDEN PERFORMANCE FROM CANADA AT UANA SYNCHRO CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 31, 2008, CALGARY: The 2008 UANA Age Group Championships of synchronized swimming concluded in Calgary today with final solo. Canadian athletes took 6 gold medal and 1 silver medal. Canada's National 13 – 15 team finished the meet with 3 gold medals beating out the United States and Mexico in every event.

National 13 – 15 team members are Anabelle Frappier (QC), Chloe Brown (ON), Claudia Holzner (AB), Emilia Kopcik (BC), Emily Verbiski (ON), Gabrielle Menard (QC), Jessica Tessier (QC), Natasha Bernier (QC), Sarah Brunin-Brouillette (QC), Veronica Winter (BC). The team is led by Head Coach Chantal Vallieres and Assistant Coaches Vanessa Bray and Laurel Alexander.

Canada's National 13 – 15 soloist Emila Kopcik (Surrey,BC), stole the gold medal with a routine score of 82.000 and combined score of 75.916.

Other notable Canadian finishes were Camille Bowness (Montreal, QC) in the 16 - 18 solo, taking the gold medal with 78.420 total points.

In 12 and under solo action, Dollard-des-Ormeaux's Jaqueline Simoneau pulled off a 1st place finish. Simoneau brought back home a gold medal with 66.638 total points.

Solo Finals, 12 and under age group:

- 1 Simoneau, Jaqueline, Canada, 71.833, 66.638**
- 2 Alonso, Teresa, Mexico, 70.833, 66.145
- 3 Ramirez, Sara, Colombia, 68.167, 64.722

Solo Finals, 13-15 age group:

- 1 Kopcik, Emilia, Canada, 82.000, 75.916**
- 2 Tchekmarev, Alexa, United States, 80.667, 75.233
- 3 Mendoza, Ana, Mexico, 79.667, 73.674

Solo Finals, 16-18 age group:

- 1 Bowness, Camille, Canada, 84.667, 78.420**
- 2 Diosdado, Nuria, Mexico, 84.333, 77.625
- 3 Stephan, Giovana, Brazil, 82.333, 76.888

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