

Rennebohm puts Sask. on podium

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Bronze was nearly as good as gold for Regina's Jacqueline Rennebohm.

Rennebohm captured two bronze medals as the swimming competition at the Canada Summer Games wrapped up Friday at the Lawson Aquatic Centre. Rennebohm was third in the 50-metre freestyle and 200m individual medley relay races for swimmers with a disability.

"The colour doesn't matter," Rennebohm, 16, said while fingering her medal in the 200m IM. "A lot of it is knowing you got a personal best. You always want a personal best because that gets you that much closer to the worlds or Beijing in 2008."

Rennebohm, who is legally blind, was the lone Saskatchewan swimmer to reach the podium at this year's Summer Games.

"We were all very close," Rennebohm said. "I was close and I was surprised that I didn't get a medal before this. A lot of my teammates got their personal bests. If you get a medal that makes it that much better but we didn't and I couldn't be much happier."

Rennebohm met the standard junior carding during Friday morning's qualifying races. That clears her to participate in major swim events and receive federal funding. She was pleased with the medals but was ecstatic about reaching junior carding status.

"I've been trying so long and so hard for my carding time," said Rennebohm, who has been swimming competitively for three years. "It was probably the best swim of my life."

Rennebohm came through with one of her best swims before family and friends. That support was Rennebohm's home-pool advantage.

"The energy helped," Rennebohm said. "All of my family was here and it seemed like they filled the whole stands. That helped so much."



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Regina's Jacqueline Rennebohm captured a pair of bronze medals for Saskatchewan in the pool.

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