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SYNCHRO CANADA WINS FOUR GOLDS AT UANA JUNIOR PAN AMS

August 15, 2009 (Huntersville, NC): The Canadian National Junior Synchro Team claimed the gold medal in all four final events at the 2009 UANA Junior Pan American Championships Friday and today in Huntersville, North Carolina.

Canadian soloist Chloe Isaac (Brossard, Que.) started off the final event action by winning solo gold with a combined routine and figure score of 84.104, giving her a hefty lead over the silver medallist from the US, Madison Crocker (81.563). Colombia's Monica Aranjó took solo bronze with a total score of 77.130 points.

"Chloe swam with real emotion today," says Isaac's coach Julie Sauve. "The crowd was very impressed with her routine and she did extremely well."

The Canadians' gold medal run didn't stop at the solo. The Canadian Junior squad of Annabelle Frappier (Mont St.Hilaire, Que.), Rachel Frechette (Montreal, Que.), Jessica Guenther (Saskatoon, Sask.), Emilia Kopcik (Brossard, Que.), Rachel Kowalski (Kitchener, Ont.), Gabrielle Lepage (Montreal, Que.), Rebecca Maule (Guelph, Ont.), Marie Rondeau (Quebec, Que.), Camille Thuot (Montreal, Que.), Anne-Marie Vezina (Quebec, Que.), and Veronica Winter (Port Coquitlam, B.C.) impressed the judges with their performance and took second spot behind the Americans in the team routine with 88.333 points. The USA scored 89.000 points in routine. The Canadians pulled ahead of the USA in the combined score due to their superior figure results. Canada finished the day with a total score of 82.019 and team gold.

The American team took silver with 81.153 total points and Colombia claimed the remaining spot on the podium with an overall score of 76.947.

"We had very good energy in the team routine," says Canadian Junior Team Head Coach Jennifer Tregale. "They fought for it and did a good job at executing a very challenging routine!"

The Canadian duo of Frappier and Kopcik didn't disappoint in the duet event, laying down a strong swim and another top place finish.

"I am extremely pleased and proud of them," says Assistant Coach Nathalie Lagrange. "This was definitely their best swim of the year!"

The Canadian duet finished first with 82.183 points overall, more than enough to edge out the American duet of Crocker and Emily Dillon (81.405). Colombia's Aranjó and Laura Marquez swam to a bronze medal with a total score of 77.338 points.

Canada rounded off the successful meet with a strong swim in the combined (combo) event, earning a total score of 89.167. They finished far ahead of the second place team from Colombia (83.500). The USA did not enter a team into this event.

"We had a fantastic combo swim," says Tregale. "We couldn't be happier to end the meet on such an incredible high. We're going home very happy."

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