

## Swimmers Surrounded by Speed

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**SINGAPORE** – As Canadian swimmers settle into the warm equatorial weather, F1 pilots zoomed through the streets at top speeds during the Singapore Grand Prix last night.

After speeding through the waters of the Singapore Sports School pool, swimmers Mackenzie Downing and Alexa Komamycky, both living in Victoria where they train at the Academy of Swimming, got to feel the excitement of cars whizzing by them at outstanding speed.



Alexa Komamycky (left) and Mackenzie Downing (right) on the F1 podium

For Downing, this was a dream come true, a once in a lifetime experience. For Komamycky, this was about being a supporting teammate and accompanying a fellow swimmer to a spectacular event, that was capped off with a picture on the F1 podium.

"As we got there, you could hear the cars and all the noise. There was so much energy," said the butterfly specialist, Downing of Whitehorse.

"The racers in the lead keep battling throughout the race and seeing that will surely motivate me when I'm racing at the Commonwealth Games."

The team will train in Singapore until September 30th, until they reach Delhi for the Commonwealth Games. Swimming events in Delhi will commence on the 4th of October.

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