

## Five medals for Canada to conclude U.S., Grand Prix

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**AUSTIN, Texas – MacKenzie Downing of Whitehorse and Jillian Tyler of Calgary** helped Canada to victory in the women's 4X100 medley relay and added an individual bronze on Sunday to conclude the U.S., Grand Prix swimming competition.

Swim Ontario added a silver in the men's relay and **Stefan Hirniak of Victoria** was third in the 200 butterfly.



In the women's relay, Canada won in 4:06.67 with **Julia Wilkinson of Victoria, Tyler, Downing and Alexa Komarnycky of Victoria**. Texas A&M relays were second and third. Swim Ontario was fourth with **Brittany MacLean of Etobicoke, Erin Stamp of Guelph, and Paige Schultz and Lauren Earp, both of Toronto**.

In the men's 4X100 medley relay, North Carolina's SwimMAC was first in 3:44.68 followed by Swim Ontario in 3:48.01 with **Tobias Oriwol and Warren Barnes of Toronto, Zack Chetrat of Oakville and Andrew Ford of Guelph**.

In the women's 200 butterfly, Camille Adams of the U.S., was the winner in 2:06.76, Jemma Lowe of Britain, second in 2:07.39 and Downing followed in 2:10.04.

"I'm really excited about getting on the podium," said Downing. "In the past year I have just missed the medals at the U.S., meets so this is a really good feeling. I've been training hard and working on my race tactics. I really came back strong in the last 100 metres."

In the women's 100 breaststroke, world champion Rebecca Soni of the U.S., took the gold in 1:06.88, Breeja Larson of the U.S., was second in 1:08.29 and Tyler followed in 1:08.33. **Haylee Johnson of Vancouver** was seventh and **Kierra Smith of Kelowna, B.C.**, eighth.

"I was just coming off a training camp in Hawaii so I wasn't sure what to expect," said Tyler. "The highlight for me was emerging in the lead after my underwater start. It's an area I really want to improve."

In the men's 200 butterfly, Sebastien Rousseau of South Africa was the victor in 2:00.83, David Russell of the U.S., was second in 2:00.98 and Hirniak was third in 2:01.89. Chetrat was fourth in 2:01.84 and Alec Page of Victoria sixth in 2:02.87.

"I was hoping for the victory but I mistimed my finish," said Hirniak. "Still I'm pretty happy with the result after a tough meet. I'm not where I want to be yet with my stroke but I'm improving my technique."

In other women's finals, MacLean was fourth in the 800 freestyle; Wilkinson and Komarnycky were fourth and sixth in the 200 IM; and **Hilary Caldwell of Surrey, B.C., and Brooklyn Snodgrass of Calgary** were seventh and eighth in the 100 backstroke.

On the men's side, Ford was fourth in the 200 IM and Page sixth in the 1,500 freestyle.