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Sask Sport Inc. Announces the August Athlete of the Month Award Recipient

Brennen Smith of Regina is the recipient of the **Sask Sport Inc. August Athlete of the Month Award**. He was nominated by Triathlon Saskatchewan.

Smith won a gold medal in the under-23 division and finished third in the elite category at the World Aquathlon Championships in Penticton, B.C. Smith, who was 19 years old at the time of his competition, just completed junior racing.

The other outstanding nominees were:

- **Julie Labach, Saskatoon, Athletics** – won a gold medal in the 800 metre and silver medal in the 1,500m at the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg. Is currently ranked 28th in Canada among women in the 800m and 33rd in the 1,500m.
- **Julee Stewart, Regina, Baton Twirling** – at the International Cup in Croatia, she finished fifth in elite artistic twirl, seventh in elite artistic pair (along with her partner Jasmine Runge), and seventh in elite solo. She was also part of the eight-member team “Black Ice” that placed fourth at the competition and she earned a silver medal in the A Level 3 baton event. Stewart won a bronze at the Grand Prix and placed 10th in solo and two-baton.
- **Shelby Newkirk, Saskatoon, Para-Swimming** – took home gold in the 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 200m individual medley at the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg. Also won silver in the 100m freestyle and 50m fly. As a result of her performance, she was chosen as the flag bearer for Team Sask at the closing ceremonies.

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For information regarding the Athlete of the Month Awards program, including previous nominees and recipients, visit www.sasksport.sk.ca/awards.php

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