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

The Team Saskatchewan 19-and-under Women's Water Polo team from Regina and surrounding areas is the recipient of the **Sask Sport Inc. May Athlete of the Month Award**. The team was nominated by Water Polo Saskatchewan.

Team Sask won the gold medal at the National Championships by defeating Vancouver 13-7. Saskatchewan advanced to the finals after overcoming the defending champions in the semifinals. Saskatchewan team members Blaire McDowell (Most Valuable Player) and Ethan D'Souza (Most Valuable Coach) received individual awards. Amie Graham and Rumina Edgerton, who shared goaltending duties, receive the Most Valuable Goalie Award – the first time the trophy was awarded to a team with dual starting net minders.

The other outstanding nominees were:

- **David Samayoa, Regina, Weightlifting** – won gold at the Canadian Senior Championships in Ontario. He finished 11th at the Pan American Championships in the Dominican Republic.
- **Megan Neuman, Saskatoon, Judo** – won gold at the National Championships in Calgary. Qualified to compete at the Canada Cup in Montreal and the Pan American Junior Championships in Argentina.
- **Team Saskatchewan White, Wheelchair Basketball** – placed first in Division 2 at the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championships in Martensville, which was the team's first senior medal. Sara Brown (Most Valuable Player), Brady Arthurs (All-Star) and Tanner Bolianatz (All-Star) received awards for Team Sask.
- **Aurora Chernoff and Bronte Cawkwell, Regina, Synchronized Swimming** – the duo won a bronze medal in the 12-and-under Duet and in the Champion at the Espoir National Synchronized Swimming Championships in B.C. As a result, the pair was recommended to attend UANA (Junior Pan Am Championships). This was a record-breaking performance for Saskatchewan.

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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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