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ONE STEP CLOSER TO BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD

The final four has been set in the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games baseball competition.

Team Regina, Team Saskatoon, Team Prairie Central and Team South East will meet in the bronze medal and gold medal games at Cactus Park today. As of press time, which team would be playing for what medal was still in the air.

Team Regina finished atop Pool B with a record of 3-0, while Team Prairie Central finished in second with two wins and a loss. Team South East is the second undefeated team and sit atop Pool A with Team Saskatoon capturing the second spot with a 2-1 record.

In male basketball, Team South East beat Team Prairie Central 55-50 before Team North edged Team Prairie Central 42-40 at Estevan Comprehensive School (ECS). At Affinity Place, Team South West got past Team Rivers West 52-44 and Team Saskatoon trounced Team Lakeland 79-32 in quarterfinal action.

Team North was two points off of doubling Team Prairie Central 48-25 before Team Lakeland notched a 43-11 win over Team Prairie Central in female basketball competition at ECS. In quarterfinal play at Affinity Place, Team South West beat their southern neighbours to the east 51-35 before Team Regina scored a big 74-17 win over Team Parkland Valley.

The pool play in female soccer came to an end yesterday with Team Regina sitting atop Pool A and Team Saskatoon dominating Pool B. Team Regina (2-0-1) picked up a 15-0 win over Team North (0-3) and Team Rivers West (1-1-1) earned a 1-1 tie against Team South West (1-0-2) in Pool A, while Team Saskatoon shutout Team South East 5-0 and Team Lakeland beat Team Prairie Central 2-1.

It was another event day in Athletics on Tuesday with seven medals handed out as of press time. Lakeland's Landon Kohle earned a gold medal in male javelin with a throw of 49.57 metres, while Prairie Central's Jenna Smith took the top prize in female javelin throwing for a distance of 38.33 metres.

Saskatoon's Courtney Dembrowski reached the top of the podium in female 300m hurdles with a time of 47.50 seconds. Prairie Central's Payne Wylie scored a gold medal in the male 300m hurdles with a time of 39.39 seconds. Finally in female pentathlon, Saskatoon's Emily Coghill won the gold medal with a score of 3,463 points.

In triathlon, Team Regina 1 (Molly Lakustiak and Ella Perras) edged out Team Regina 2 (Sydney Gdanski and Elizabeth Markatos) for the gold medal in the female team ages 12-13 event with a time of 39:18.3. Team Parkland Valley (Curtis McGriskin) and Team Saskatoon (Nicklas Yuzdepski) grouped up to win the male team ages 12-13 competition thanks to a time of 41:57.4.

The female ages 14-15 gold medal went to Parkland Valley's team of Jill Gulka and Sadie McGriskin thanks to a time of 55:21.9. Team Saskatoon's Kaitao Han and Team Rivers West athlete Reece Gilbert took home the gold medal in the male ages 14-15 team competition with a time of 47:34.2.

Results for the golf and archery events were not available as of press time.



Throwing Heat

Team Parkland Valley pitcher Parker Carlson delivers a strike against Team South West at Cactus Park. Parkland Valley won their final game of the Saskatchewan Summer Games 13-2 over Team South West yesterday afternoon.





Dominating The Competition

The Saskatoon basketball team, with Baha Salma, have been taking the eight other districts to school at the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games. Team Saskatoon beat Team Lakeland 79-32 in a quarter-final match at Affinity Place yesterday.

Aday for endings and beginnings

It's crunch time for the athletes in the eight initial sports to be played at the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games.

All of the approximately 800 athletes who have been competing in the sports of female soccer, golf, archery, baseball, male and female basketball, athletics and triathlon over the past two days will see their events come down to a medal finish late this morning or early this afternoon. The golf event will get the final competition started with participants from the nine districts beginning to tee off at TS&M Woodlawn Golf Club at 8 a.m. with the medals being presented at 2:30 p.m. to those that notch the best score over two rounds of play.

Not too far away, the female soccer action will be getting started at 9 a.m. with the bronze medal game being played at Woodlawn Park. The gold medal game follows at 11 a.m. with medals awarded an hour-and-a-half later.

The triathlon competition will be the first to come to a close with medals handed out for the mixed relay event at 11:45 a.m. after its athletes completed the swim, bike and run course earlier that morning. The hardwood at Affinity Place will also be busy with the female and male

bronze medal games scheduled for 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively, with the gold medal games following at noon for the females and 1:30 p.m. for the males. The medals will then be awarded at 3 p.m. to the top-three basketball teams in each division.

The archery medals for compound and recurve individual and team events will also be awarded at 3 p.m. with the individual medal rounds running at 10 a.m. and the team medal rounds starting at 2 p.m. at the Estevan Archery Club. Both the bronze and gold medal games in baseball will start at noon with the medal ceremonies set for 2:30 p.m. at Cactus Park.

The Estevan Comprehensive School (ECS) track and field facility will once again be a busy place on Wednesday with the male discus and triple jump finals leading off the action. Medals for these two events as well as seven others will be presented at 12:15 p.m. at ECS.

Before, during and after all these medals are awarded, the athletes for the second half of the Summer Games will be arriving at the Athletes Village at ECS with the canoe/kayak, swimming, male soccer, male and female volleyball, softball, equestrian and tennis competitions beginning early Thursday morning.

