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Ruling The Water

Team South East athletes Jamie Labbie and Arliss Sidloski race past the halfway point line in the female K2 4000m final at Boundary Dam yesterday afternoon.

Playing strong in the final stretch

Athletic excellence was on full display during the second-last day of the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games.

In equestrian, Rivers West athlete Denver Van Metre captured a gold medal in the individual coed barrel racing event scoring a combined time of 1:11.328, while Lakeland's Jesse Gaudry snagged first place in individual co-ed dressage with a mark of 129.388 per cent. Prairie Central's Hunter Duff won the gold medal in individual co-ed jumping by capturing 38 points with her teammate Jessica Renkas taking top spot at individual co-ed reining with a score of 72.

As of press time, four teams remained in the male soccer competition. Saskatoon is set to take on South West in one semifinal, while Prairie Central has a goal of getting past Regina in the other.

The playoffs have begun in the volleyball tournament. Rivers West beat Prairie Central, Lakeland got past Parkland Valley and South West defeated North in the first games of the female postseason. On the boys side, Regina handed Parkland Valley a loss, while Rivers West downed the North.

In the sole female singles match in tennis on Friday afternoon, Regina's Esmee Wasylynka

scored a win over Rivers West's Shy Craig. Regina's William Lowe kept the Queen City's hopes for a medal up in boys singles by beating Rivers West's Ethan Pigott. Parkland Valley's Colby Kirsch may have something to say about who will win the gold medal by notching another win on Friday against Rivers West's Ethan Pigott. South East's Hunter Wallster also scored a win against North's Evan Madarash, while Saskatoon's William Preciado beat Lakeland's Nathan Ellingson.

In female doubles tennis, Regina got a win against Rivers West and Saskatoon also scored a victory against Prairie Central. The male doubles tournament was busy on Friday with Regina defeating Lakeland and Rivers West, Parkland Valley getting past Rivers West, Lakeland beating South West and South East notching a victory against North. Regina also scored a win in mixed doubles against Rivers West, which was matched by Saskatoon getting past Prairie Central.

Saskatoon shutout Parkland Valley 15-0 in softball action on Friday with Prairie Central also getting past Parkland Valley 10-4. Rivers West got into the win column with a 7-2 victory over South West, who also fell by a score of 4-0 to Regina.

While no medal winners were announced in

the swimming competition as of press time, the canoe/kayak competition featured a treasure of medals being won by athletes from Saskatoon. Regina's McKenzie Millar won gold in the female K1 1000m event, while Saskatoon's Daniel McCullough captured first place in the male K1 1000m race. Shayla Robinson also notched a gold medal for Saskatoon in female K1 4000m with McCullough grabbing his second first-place finish in male K1 4000m.

McCullough then teamed up with Noah Corbett to grab the male K2 1000m gold medal for Saskatoon. Corbett then joined Makayla Douglas to win the K2 1000m mixed event for Saskatoon. Makenna MacAuley and Robinson scored a gold medal for Saskatoon in the female K2 4000m race. North's team of Presley McCallum and Caley Morin won the gold medal in the female C2 1000m race before Saskatoon got back on the board with a win by Jayden Hingley and Jillian Hingley in the C2 1000m mixed event.

South East scored a win for the home crowd by earning the gold medal in the C2 4000m male race, while Saskatoon's team of Fergus English, Jayden Hingley, Robinson and Logan Taylor won the gold medal in the C4 1000m mixed event.



PREVIEW

Summer Games wrap up

Seven days of fun, excitement and gruelling physical competition will reach its end this afternoon.

The Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games final day will have all of its 900 second-half athletes hit the ground running this morning with the softball competition leading the way thanks to two first versus second games starting at 8 a.m. at Pleasantdale Softball Diamonds. The gold and bronze medals games are scheduled for noon and the medal presentations will go two hours later.

Shortly after the softball tournament starts, the tennis competition will begin at Estevan Comprehensive School (ECS) and the Estevan Leisure

Centre with all eight courts in play. This furious action will lead to the tennis competition becoming the first second-half sport to wrap up as its medal presentations will run at noon.

However, there will be medals handed out before the noon hour with the swimming competition awarding gold, silver or bronze medallions in the 400-metre freestyle and 50m butterfly at 10:28 a.m. and the 200m backstroke, 50m freestyle and 50m freestyle Special Olympics at 11:17 a.m. before the event wraps up at around 1 p.m. with the medal presentations scheduled for the 4x100m medley relay and the 4x50m freestyle integrated relay.

Half past noon will be a golden time for se-

lect athletes in the equestrian, male soccer and canoe/kayak events with medal presentations running for all of these sports after a full morning of competition. The male and female volleyball tournaments will be the final sports to hand out medals with both presentations scheduled for 2:30 p.m. after a full day of play at Spruce Ridge School and ECS.

Once all the medals are awarded, each of the 900 athletes will enjoy the chance to come together at Affinity Place for the 4 p.m. closing ceremonies where congratulations and thanks will be given to every athlete who dedicated their time and energy to making the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games a great success.



