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Hitting the Games running

A new batch of athletes began their competitions at the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games on Thursday.

As of press time, South East, Lakeland and Saskatoon proved to be the teams to beat on the first day of the male volleyball tournament at Estevan Comprehensive School (ECS) and Spruce Ridge School. The South East team beat Rivers West 2-1 before downing the North 2-0. Lakeland shutout both Parkland Valley and South West 2-0, while Saskatoon began the Games with a 2-0 win over Prairie Central before besting Regina 2-1.

In female volleyball, Regina began play with a 2-0 win over Parkland Valley, Lakeland started things off on the right foot by defeating North 2-1 and Prairie Central jumped to the top of the pack with a 2-0 shutout of Rivers West.

The first medals of the second half were awarded in the canoe/kayak event yesterday. Saskatoon's Jayden Hingley and Shayla Robinson won gold in the C-2 4000 mix competition, Makenna MacAuley and Robinson then helped Saskatoon to a gold in the K-2 1000m female race and North's Keanu Ballantyne and Danian Sewap captured the gold medal in the C-2 1000m male race.

Rivers West athlete Denver Van Metre jumped out to an early lead in the equestrian barrel racing individual co-ed event with a time of 35.751, while her teammate Doug Sroka is ahead of the crowd in the equestrian dressage individual co-ed competition with a score of 65.770 per cent. South West's Amber Hrynkiw is also in one of the top spots earned 21 points in the equestrian jumping individual co-ed competition.

Regina, Rivers West and Saskatoon headed into the supper hour yesterday as the only undefeated clubs in the male soccer competition. Rivers West and Saskatoon both beat Lakeland in Pool A, while Regina knocked off Parkland

Valley and South East in Pool B. In Pool C, Prairie Central sits atop the standing beating North and tying South West.

Saskatoon got the sole win, a 2-0 defeat of North, in yesterday's morning and afternoon tennis mixed doubles action. In male doubles, Regina beat South East 2-0 and Parkland Valley bested Lakeland 2-0 in Pool A, while South East notched a 2-0 win over Prairie Central in Pool B. The only match in female doubles had Saskatoon beating North 2-0.

Parkland Valley's Colby Kirsch beat Lakeland's Anson Gagne 2-0, Regina's William Lowe knocked off South West's Kienan Kleisinger 2-0, South East's Hunter Wallster defeated Lakeland's Nathan Ellingson 2-0 and Saskatoon's William Preciado beat North's Evan Madarash 2-0 in male singles tennis, while Regina's Esmee Wasylanka recorded the sole win, a 2-0 defeat of South West's Emily Blackmore, in female singles tennis.

Three big wins and one tight victory highlighted the first day of softball competition. Saskatoon began the day with a 16-6 trouncing of Prairie Central before Lakeland notched a 16-0 win over Parkland Valley. Regina also recorded a shutout, beating Rivers West 8-0. South East had a more interesting game against South West by pulling out a 13-11 win.

The Summer Games swimming competition had a number of its participants winning medals yesterday. Saskatoon's Ashley Nelson won gold in the female 200m breaststroke event with her teammate Brayden Hemeon capturing first-place in the male competition. Kylie Flynn got Saskatoon another gold medal in the female 100m backstroke competition.

South West's Janae Ruetz won the female 50m breaststroke Special Olympics race, while Saskatoon's Jordan Vassell captured the gold medal in the male event.



Riding In The Late Afternoon Sun

The reining event had riders from across Saskatchewan showing off their skills at the Estevan Exhibition Grounds show ring yesterday afternoon. Team South East's Erin Galarneau and Beamer competed in the event.



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Fast Around The Corners

Team South East's McKenna Desautels and Slim compete in the equestrian barrel racing event at the Estevan Exhibition Grounds. The second half of athletes at the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games began their competitions on Thursday.

Full Friday at the Sask. Summer Games

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The second-last day at the Estevan 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games may be its busiest.

From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each of the nine district tennis teams will be on the courts at Estevan Comprehensive School (ECS) or the Estevan Leisure Centre at some point, but that is just a prelude to what comes next. Beginning at 4:30 p.m. the male and female singles players, the male and female doubles teams and the mixed doubles teams will all be in action at the same time at ECS or the Estevan Leisure Centre with the results of each of these matches determining who will get a chance to play for a medal on Saturday morning.

Elimination games are also being held in the male soccer event at Woodlawn Park and Cactus Park beginning at 10 a.m. with second-seed matches against the third-seed in pools A, B and C. Six of the nine districts will advance to one of three games being played on medal Saturday depending on how they fare on the pitch.

Playoff rounds are also starting in the male and female volleyball competitions at Spruce Ridge School and ECS this afternoon with the females hitting the elimination games at 2 p.m. and the males starting the medal process

just over an hour later.

Horse and rider won't be left out of the action with the equestrian barrel racing event starting off the action at the Estevan Exhibition Grounds at 9:30 a.m. with the dressage competition, the jumping tournament and the reigning feature following at various times throughout the day. The eight ball teams will be using their Friday at Pleasantdale Softball Diamonds to determine who will finish in the first to fourth seeds with a Team Rivers West versus Team South West game at 8 a.m. and a 6 p.m. Team Saskatoon and Team Lakeland match book-ending the play.

Plenty of medals will be handed out on Friday to competitors in the swimming and canoe/kayak events. Medal presentations are scheduled for 6 p.m. for the 4x50-metre free relay, the 100m individual medley Special Olympics and the 200m individual medley, 6:52 p.m. for the 50m backstroke, the 50m backstroke Special Olympics and the 100m freestyle, 7:38 p.m. for the 100m freestyle Special Olympics and the 100m breaststroke and, finally, at 8:28 p.m. for the 4x50m medley relay in swimming. After a full day of racing beginning with a 9:40 a.m. mixed 1000m K2 final the canoe/kayak athletes will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. with a medal presentation.



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