



## **Media Release**

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Saskatchewan athletes Kia Byers, Tiera McLeod, Megan Gibson and Shylo Wolff had a successful weekend at the Pan Am Canoe Championships in Montreal. All four athletes were representing Canada at this event.

Byers won the senior women's K-1 200m event by well over one second. Byers' win puts her into position to be nominated to the European Tour Team, from which the final spots for the Canadian Olympic Canoe/Kayak Team will be chosen.

Byers along with teammate Tiera McLeod placed a close 2<sup>nd</sup> in the senior women's K-4 1000m. Byers and McLeod, racing with senior national team members Camille Tessier-Bussieres and Marie-Christine Schmidt, were out front when the Mexican team inched past them at the finish line to win with a margin of less than 2/100ths of a second. In the senior women's K-4 200m event Byers and McLeod took 6<sup>th</sup> place.

Megan Gibson, along with her national member teammates, had excellent results in the junior women's events, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the K-4 200m, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the K-4 500m, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the K-4 1000m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the K-4 500m events. Wolff also posted great results, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the K-4 500m, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the K-2 1000m, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the K-4 1000m and 6<sup>th</sup> in the K-1 500m events. The experience Gibson and Wolff gained at the Pan Am Championships will be important when looking for nominations to future national teams.

The Pan Am Canoe Championships were held on May 16 to 18<sup>th</sup> in Montreal. 11 countries raced at the event including Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, Puerto Rico, Ecuador and the United States.

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