

Hendry, Theisen No. 1 in nation

Sask. athletes win gold at track and field nationals

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Saskatoon pole vaulter Kelsie Hendry

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Kelsie Hendry of Saskatoon is again the top female pole vaulter in Canada.

Hendry, who trains with Riversdale Athletics Club, vaulted 4.35 metres at the Canadian track and field championships in Toronto during the weekend.

It Hendry's third consecutive gold at the championships.

Brianne Theisen of Humboldt and the Saskatoon Track and Field Club won the women's heptathlon with 5,847 points.

Theisen, who has just completed her second year at the University of Oregon, won the NCAA championship earlier this month.

Taryn Suttie of the STFC won silver in women's shot put with a throw of 13.67 metres. Chantal Spies of Saskatoon won silver in women's discus with a throw of 48.38 metres.

Sean Jestadt of Regina won silver in men's triple jump. Fellow Regina Excel Athletika athlete Jacqueline Rennebohm grabbed silver in the 100-metre, 200-metre and 400-metre wheelchair races.

Keira-Lyn Frie of the Saskatoon Cyclones Road and Track Club won silver in the women's 800-metre wheelchair race.

Saskatchewan runners picked up plenty of hardware. Simon Bairu of Regina won gold in the men's 5,000, Danette Doetzel of Macklin won bronze in women's 5,000 and Kendra Schaaf won silver in the women's 1,500.

Amanda Ruller, Eseroghene Omene and Sharai Siemens of Saskatchewan won the women's 4x100-metre relay. The name of the fourth member of the team was unavailable.

Only hurdlers Perdita Felicien and Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, who finished first and second, respectively, in the women's 100-metre hurdles, and shot putter Dylan Armstrong and hammer thrower Sultana Frizell have reached the standards needed to qualify for worlds in August in Berlin.

Additionally, the men's 4x100-metre relay team and the women's 4x400-metre relay team have qualified.

Athletes have until July 24 to reach the standards.

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