Tera Van Beilen swam to gold in three different breaststroke events to lead the Oakville Aquatic Club (OAK) to a fourth-overall finish at the summer national swimming championships recently in Point-Claire, Que.

Van Beilen was victorious in the female senior 50-metre, 100m and 200m breaststroke races to earn 150 of OAK's 478 points at the meet. The UBC Dolphins Swim Club won the meet with 803 points, followed by the University of Calgary Swim Club (763 points) and Victoria Amateur Swim Club (500).

Zack Chetrat was OAK's other podium finisher at the meet, placing second in the male senior 200m butterfly. Chetrat was also eighth in the 100m butterfly.

Marni Oldershaw, Annie Harrison and Mack Darragh each finished fourth in at least one event, with both Oldershaw and Darragh posting three top-10 finishes.

Other individuals contributing to OAK's point total at the meet were Julie Calvert, Sherry Patel, Reid Scarrow and Mika Spencer.

OAK teams competed in nine relay events as well. The club's top finish came in the female senior 400m medley, where Erin Assman, Oldershaw, Spencer and Van Beilen combined to place fourth.

Bridget Jordan, Sharalynn Missiuna, Kent Kikot and Curtis Samuel swam in relay events for OAK.

Canadian age group championships

Following the national championships, OAK finished eighth overall at the Canadian Age Group Championships in Montreal.

Evan White led the way for OAK by winning two gold, two silver and two bronze in individual action. White's wins came in the male 17-18 200m and 400m individual medleys.

Three other OAK swimmers earned medals in the male 17-18 division. Peter Serles notched a silver and a bronze, Mackenzie Hamill collected a silver, and Matthew Mac and Kikot each picked up a bronze.

Patel added a silver in female 16-18 competition.

Narrowly missing the podium with fourth-place finishes in at least one event were Assman, Nicole Bullock and Olivia Sinclair.

Also representing OAK in individual action were Hannah Burgess, Jack Cavanagh, Mitchell Gour, Lauren Lalumiere, Martin Matuszczak, Emily Ramier, Luka Tomic, David Whiteside, Connor Wilkins, Scarrow and Missiuna.

Julia Matuszczak, Alexandra Fabugais-Inaba, Dejan Pajovic and Rebecca Gibson swam relay events for OAK, where the club's top finish was a fifth-place effort in female 15-18 200m freestyle.

Successful season concludes

The two meets concluded a successful summer season for OAK. Earlier this year, the club won the Central Region and provincial long-course championships and was second at the Division 1 team championships and Ontario short-course championships.

Winding up



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MEN'S HOUSE LEAGUE: Mauricio Sierra (in blue) of United F.C. prepares to kick the ball while Euro F.C. opponents look on during an Oakville Soccer Club men's house league contest Wednesday at Pine Glen Field.

Dolphins finish ninth at age group nationals

Despite being members of one of the smallest clubs in the province, Dolphins Swim Club athletes continue to make their presence noticed at major meets.

On top of Sinead Russell's recent performance at the FINA World Championships (where she broke three national backstroke records and was eighth in the 100m backstroke), the Dolphins were ninth overall at the recent age group national championships in Montreal.

Pter Li was the top 13-andunder male swimmer at the meet, collecting six gold and a silver, while Meryn McCann picked up two gold, two silver and a bronze in girls' 12-and-under competition.

Olivia Sbaraglia, 14, notched three silver medals in freestyle and qualified for next year's Olympic trials. Lauren Dixon, 16, and the relay team of John Young, George Papangelakis, Panos Papangelakis and Li both added silver medals as well.

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