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Thunder Bay Thunderbolts Swim Club

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THUNDER BAY – Thunderbolts Swimmers Have Best Finish Ever at the Thunderbolts May International.

After a weekend filled with exciting swimming competition, the overall team championship was decided in the last race of the meet. When it was over, the Great Wolf Swim Club edged out the Thunder Bay Thunderbolts by a margin of two points to win the 36th Annual Thunderbolts May International Swim Meet held at the Canada Games Complex this past weekend.

The Great Wolf team maintained a lead up until Sunday night's last session of the meet. Led by junior swimmers Alexis Halverson (6 gold, 2 silver) and Megan Carlson (3 gold, 4 silver), the 'Bolts reduced the margin to 26 points going in to Sunday night's finals. Strong swims by up and comers Nathan Hay (2 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze) and Jonas Hurlen (2 silver, 1 bronze) also helped put the Thunderbolts in a position to win.

On Sunday night the senior swimmers led by Madison Taylor (2 gold, 3 bronze), Kaitlyn Hay (2 gold, 3 bronze) and Sandra Dusolt (3 silver, 3 bronze) continued the charge keeping the 'Bolts in the hunt, and for a brief period, taking the team championship points lead.

According to Head Coach Stu McLean, "the kids swam great this weekend. Last year we had more swimmers in the water and ended up behind by 300 points. The results this weekend speak volumes to the caliber of our team and the quality of their swimming".

The team will now focus on and upcoming meet in Minneapolis and for qualifiers, set their sights on Provincial Championship and National meets in July.

Thunder Bay Thunderbolts provides an environment in which swimmers of any age or level may reach their fullest potential. This growth is designed to go beyond swimming and carry over into personal development. Thunder Bay Thunderbolts offers the facilities and means to enable participants in the program to strive for and attain their own personal goals and to work together as a group to achieve team goals.

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