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Winnipeg Swimmer Wins Silver Medal at Australian Olympic Youth Festival

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Swimming Canada's Youth Team is taking on the world at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival. Today is the first day of competition and Chantal Van Landeghem, the youngest swimmer on the team, is on top of her game. At only 14, Chantal makes competing against the World's best under-17 swimmers look easy.

Chantal, the only Manitoba on the Canadian team, finished second in the women's 100-metre backstroke winning a silver medal and breaking a provincial record. Chantal finished in 1:03:13 breaking the old record of 1:05:06.

Shortly after winning silver Chantal competed in the 200-metre butterfly with a time of 2:12:66 breaking another provincial record (formerly 2:21:68).

When in Manitoba, Chantal swims for the Manta Club. Manta head coach Tom Hailey says, "Chantal has the potential to break a third provincial record and possibly challenge a Canadian record. I was up at 4am this morning checking her results." Chantal will compete in at least five more events.

The Australian Olympic Committee, following the success of the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, initiated the Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF). The AYOF was first held in Sydney in January 2001, and has been held bi-annually ever since. The 2009 event has over 2500 athletes and officials from 25 countries competing in 21 different sports.

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