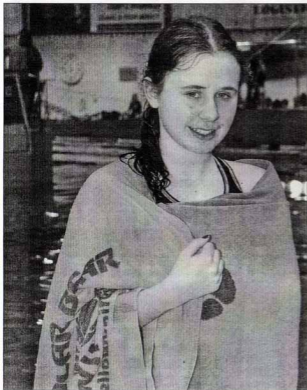


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Brittany Wade, 13, dries off with a Polar Bear Swim Club towel after competing in her last race at the NWT swim championships last weekend.

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Swimmers achieve Alberta level times



Ian Legaree: Coach impressed with team's performance.

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Axelle Kearman also qualified with an A-level time in the 15-and-over 50-metre breaststroke at 37.01 seconds.

Brittany Wade, 13 did not win any medals, but achieved personal wins in all her races.

Her biggest accomplishments were taking 90 seconds off her 800-metre freestyle, and finishing the 50-metre butterfly one second short of the Alberta B-level qualifying time.

"My coaches help me a lot," said Wade.

Kelsey Richinger, 12, has been swimming for four years. She came away with a personal best, taking 22 seconds off her 400-metre freestyle.

She said she believes the improvement is due to her work on starts, turns, and kicking.

"Two years ago I didn't even know how to do the breaststroke," she said. "I'm a lot better."