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Sask Sport Inc. Announces the March Athlete of the Month Award Recipient

Regina's **Michael Qing** is the recipient of the **Sask Sport Inc. March Athlete of the Month Award**.

Michael captured three gold medals at the US Paralympic Spring Swimming Nationals in Florida in the 100m free, 50m fly and 100m fly events. He also set a Canadian record for the 100m fly event in his class, improving his ranking to 7th overall in the world and qualifying him for the 2014 Pan Pacific Para-Swimming Championships August 6 to 10 in Pasadena California.

Michael was nominated by Special Olympics Saskatchewan.

The other outstanding nominees for this month were:

- The Saskatchewan Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team – won Saskatchewan's first national wheelchair basketball gold medal at the Junior National Wheelchair Basketball Championships;
- Brianne Theisen-Eaton, Humboldt, athletics – silver at the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Poland;
- Scott Perras, Regina, biathlon – gold, silver and bronze at the Canadian Biathlon Championships;
- Brittany Hudak, Prince Albert, Para-Nordic skiing – 10th, 11th and 12th place finishes at the Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia; and
- Madison Sthamann, White City, diving – gold at the Ontario Provincials and Dresden International Youth Championship Trials.

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For information regarding the Athlete of the Month Awards program, including previous nominees and recipients, visit www.sasksport.sk.ca/awards.php