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

Shelby Newkirk of Saskatoon is the recipient of the **Sask Sport Inc. October Athlete of the Month Award**. She was nominated by Swim Saskatchewan.

At the Para-Swimming Canadian Open Championships in Toronto, Newkirk finished first in the S7 100 metre backstroke and set a world record with a time of 1 minute 21.43 seconds. Newkirk, competing in her first event as part of the national team, earned the top carding level from Sport Canada as a result of this performance. Her performance has also put her in contention for a spot on the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team.

The other outstanding nominee was:

- **Marsha Hudey, White City, Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association** – placed first in the 500m and fourth in the 1,000m at the Fall World Cup Selections Meet. She qualified to compete in the 500m at the Fall ISU World Cup series. She is working toward earning a spot on Canada's long track speed skating team for the PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics.

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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

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