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Special Olympics Montana Athletes Come Up Big at World Summer Games

Great Falls, Montana (July 19, 2011) Three athletes from Special Olympics Montana have returned home from the World Summer Games in Athens, Greece, all wearing World Games medals!

Competing in two events in Track and Field at the World Games was athlete Measha Porter (Stevensville, MT). Measha won the silver medal in the softball throw and the bronze medal in the 100M Walk.

Anton Veverka (Richey, MT) also competed in track and field, winning 2nd place (silver) in the pentathlon. The pentathlon is a very technical event where an athlete competes in five track and field events, with all scores combined for final results. Pentathlon events are long jump, high jump, shot-put, 100M, and 400M.

Swimmer Zach Smith (Billings, MT) competed in three events at the World Games in Athens. Zach placed 3rd in the 50M Breaststroke, 8th in the 100M Freestyle, and his team won the 4X100 Freestyle relay. Zach's team was later disqualified from the relay for a relay exchange violation.

Team USA coaches from Montana were Coaches Joe Ouert (Great Falls) and Nicole Knight (Billings). Other Montana delegates included Ruth Lindabury (Golf Official-Great Falls), Stacey Johnston (Golf Official-Chester), Tammy Peterson (Global Youth Activation Summit-Great Falls), Tanealya Hueth (Global Youth Activation Summit-Great Falls), Ginny Gleason (Unified Sports-Chester), Emma Earl (Unified Sports-Chester), Jack Allen (LETR-Great Falls), and Jason Johnson (LETR-Missoula).

Special Olympics World Games are held every two years in various locations globally, alternating between World Summer and World Winter Games. At the 2011 World Summer Games in Athens, 7500 athletes, 2500 coaches, 25,000 volunteers, 3000 event officials, 40,000 Special Olympics families and hundreds of thousands of fans were in attendance!

More information and athlete and coach profiles can be obtained by visiting, <http://www.specialolympicsteamusa.org/2011/>, <http://www.athens2011.org/en/index.asp>, or by contacting Nolan Taylor at the above address.

Special Olympics Montana is a 41 year old movement that enables athletes with intellectual disabilities to train for life through sports.

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