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Aquajet Swimmers Excel at Orlando Nationals **Rachel Bootsma Achieves Olympic Trial Qualifying Time**

Eden Prairie, MN - Six members of the Eden Prairie based Aquajet Swim Team competed in the 2008 Junior National Swim Meet during the week of March 17th in Orlando, Florida. The Junior National Swim Meet brings together the top 18 and under swimmers from throughout the United States, all participants must achieve a qualifying time standard. Katie Bootsma (15), Rachel Bootsma (14), Van Donkersgoed (14), Taylor Foster (15), Nicki Solberg (17), and Stephanie Solfelt (17), all achieved qualifying times and participated along with 1,400 other swimmers. The Aquajet Swimmers broke 7 Minnesota State Records while in Orlando – 5 by Rachel Bootsma and 2 by Van Donkersgoed.

The highlight of the meet occurred when Rachel Bootsma won the 100-meter backstroke event and achieving an Olympic Trial Qualifying time. In addition, Rachel also won the 50-meter backstroke. By achieving the Olympic Trial Qualification, Rachel will compete in the Olympic Swimming Trials held in Omaha, Nebraska on June 29th to July 6th. At the Olympic Trials, the United States Olympic Swim Team will be selected to represent the U.S. in Beijing in August. "At the Olympic Trials, only the top two finishers will make the Olympic Team," said Kate Lundsten, Aquajet head coach, "however, it's an unbelievable accomplishment to achieve an qualifying time at only 14 or at any age, for that matter."

The Aquajets are located at 6545 Flying Cloud Drive in Eden Prairie, MN. If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Aquajet, please call Georgia Eck at 952-351-9928.