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ATOM SPECIAL FEATURE:

Young Terrapins Shine at Pre-Olympic Trial Swim Meet

by Paul Stafford



They may be only 13 and 16, but Terrapin swimmers **Chelsea Chenault** and **Kasey Carlson** showed they can race with the some of the best in the world this past weekend at the Stanford Grand Prix.



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One of the youngest swimmers at the meet at the age of 13, Chenault qualified for the upcoming Olympic Trials in the 400 meter freestyle with a time of 4:19.33. Her time, the fastest in the country for her age, helped her finish 17th in the event.

"Chelsea has experienced a meteoric rise through the ranks of USA Swimming over the past year," said **Paul Stafford**, head coach of the Terrapins. "She is a fierce competitor and very talented. She is only going to continue to get better and faster over the next several years."



Sixteen-year-old Carlson placed fourth in the 100 Breastroke, just behind two Olympians, **Tara Kirk** and **Megan Quann**. Carlson was out ahead of Kirk and Quann half way through the race. She finished fourth with a personal best 1:09.20, the fastest time in the country for her age. Carlson's time puts her tenth in the USA Swimming depth chart for the event going into the Olympic Trials.

"This was a huge swim for Kasey against some of the world's best in the event," said Stafford. "We had set a goal at the beginning of the season to try to make the top 8 heat at the Olympic Trials. She is right on track to achieve this. Kasey has proven she has the

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speed to race with the best."

Chenault and Carlson will join seven other Terrapins including Stanford standout **Kate Dwelley** and Cal's **Sean Mahoney** at the *Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska June 30 through July 7.*

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