

Canby grad makes finals at U.S. Trials

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One of the top athletes to ever come through Canby High School made her mark on the national stage, and fell one step away from advancing to the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Morgan Scroggy, who graduated from Canby in 2007, competed at the U.S. Olympic Trials in swimming at Omaha, Neb., last week.

Her highlight came in the 200-meter backstroke where she reached the finals and took eighth overall with a personal best of 2 minutes, 12.89 seconds.

Scroggy stood sixth through the first 100 meters before falling back among a field that includes the best swimmers in the nation.

Margaret Hoelzer won the event with a world-record time of 2:06.09.

Scroggy competed in four other events — the 100 free, 200 free, 100 back and 100 fly.

In the 100 free, Scroggy finished 34th out of 99 swimmers at 56.02 seconds in an event that featured Olympians Dara Torres and Natalie Coughlin.

In the 200 free, Scroggy was 34th out of 103 swimmers at 2:01.54. In the 100 back, Scroggy took 19th out of 121 swimmers at 1:02.45.

In the 100 fly, she nearly made the finals, taking 15th out of 137 swimmers at 59.85.

Scroggy grew up in Canby and started her swimming career with the Canby Gators Swim Club. She holds 17 state swimming records in Oregon.

After swimming for the Gators, she swam for the Lake Oswego Swim Club and the Tualatin Hills Swim Club.

Despite a focus on club swimming, Scroggy competed for the Canby High School swim team her junior and senior years where she won back-to-back 6A state titles in the 100 and 200 free, and holds seven of the eight individual records for the Cougars.

Up next, Scroggy will compete at the U.S. Open Swimming Championships in Minneapolis from July 29 to Aug. 2 and will continue swimming at the University of Georgia as a sophomore.

