

Vollmer 8th in final event at World Trials

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Dana Vollmer finished eighth in the 100-meter freestyle Tuesday, her final event at the World Championship Trials in Indianapolis. Vollmer had a time of 56.19 in the finals. She had posted a 56.12 in the preliminaries, also placing eighth. Vollmer had a seeding time of 55.94.

The eighth-place finish leaves Vollmer off the 26-member U.S. Team going to Montreal in July for the World Championships.

Vollmer will, however, be busy in Izmir, Turkey Aug. 11-21. She qualified for the World University Games in several events.

Vollmer qualified for the 100 free, 100 butterfly, 50 fly, 400 free relay, 800 free relay and 400 medley relay.

"It's not been the best week we've had, but she still qualified for World University Games and that's something," said Ron Forrest, Vollmer's coach. "It was an up-and-down week, but that's the way it goes.

"She'll be swimming a lot in Turkey and that's good. It's very similar to the Pan Am Games."

Vollmer won three gold medals at the 2003 Pan American Games, a prelude to her qualifying for last summer's Olympics. In those Olympics, Vollmer was sixth in the 200 free and swam a leg of the world record-setting 800 relay that posted a time of 7:53.42.

Tuesday's event was the first in which Vollmer qualified for the finals. She was ninth in the 100 fly prelims, but moved into the top eight when another swimmer scratched, and then finished seventh in the finals.

Her seeding time in the 100 fly was 59.03. She swam a 1:00.12 in the finals.

Vollmer entered the 200 free as the top seed and a seeding time of 1:58.98, but finished 16th overall with a 2:03.43. She tied for 10th in the 50 free, swimming a 26.19 after posting a seed time of 25.92.