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U.S. claims two bronze medals

Wire Reports

The United States increased its medal total to five by winning two bronze medals Saturday at the World University Games in Izmir, Turkey.

Demerae Christianson won a bronze medal by finishing in 1 minute, 0.16 seconds in the women's 100-meter butterfly.

Also taking a bronze was the men's 400-meter freestyle relay team, which finished in 3:20.27.

Dana Vollmer of Granbury was the only U.S. swimmer competing in two events Saturday.

She finished eighth in the 100-meter butterfly in 1:01.45.

Less than an hour later, she finished seventh in the 100-meter freestyle in 57.11 seconds.

"I felt really good this morning," Vollmer said. "I had some of the best prelim swims I've ever had.

"I don't like to make excuses that it's hot and that I'm not eating as well as I'm used to because these are all things elite athletes have to learn to deal with."

Vollmer said she will learn from the experience.

"It just wasn't there tonight. It's something I need to deal with, and I know I'll feed off that for the rest of the week."

Vollmer said she should be prepared for the next round.

"I swim the relay tomorrow night, which means I have roughly 24 hours to get a rubdown, eat a good meal and get some good sleep, so I can put tonight behind me and come back strong."