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### Team USA in second place at Pan American Games

**GUADALAJARA, Mexico** – Team USA stands in second place behind Canada after the completion of the synchronized swimming team technical routines Wednesday at the Pan American Games. Scores from the tech routines will be added to scores from Friday’s free routines to determine final team standings, with the winning country qualifying for the 2012 Olympic Games.

The U.S. team scored 89.75 points on its tech routine, while Canada led the field with 94.875 points. Brazil is in third with 87.625 points.

“I was very happy with how we swam. We’ve been focusing on ourselves and trying to do our routine the best we can. Every time we compete, we get closer to Canada,” said team captain **Leah Pinette** (Bristol, Conn.).

Team USA improved its tech score by nearly two points from the 2011 FINA World Championships in July, when it scored 87.900 points to finish ninth in the team tech finals. The team spent a month at the Olympic Training Center prior to the Pan Am Games.

“We’ve really improved since our last competition. We were more prepared as a group, and we’ve really jelled as a team,” said **Alison Williams** (Northridge, Calif.).

The 2011 U.S. Pan American synchronized swimming team includes: **Morgan Fuller** (Sunnyvale, Calif.), **Megan Hansley** (New Canaan, Conn.), **Mary Killman** (McKinney, Texas), **Maria Koroleva** (Concord, Calif.), **Michelle Moore** (Tonawanda, N.Y.), team captain **Leah Pinette** (Bristol, Conn.), **Lyssa Wallace** (San Antonio, Texas), **Katy Wiita** (Vancouver, Wash.) and **Alison Williams** (Northridge, Calif.).



The synchronized swimming events at the Pan Am Games continue through Friday, Oct. 21. Thursday's competition features the duet free routines, with **Mary Killman** (McKinney, Texas) and **Maria Koroleva** (Concord, Calif.) representing the United States.

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