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### **Local Paddler Dylan Pucket Wins National Championship in K1**

**OKLAHOMA CITY – August 27, 2010** One of Oklahoma's home-grown talents took home a national championship today. Dylan Puckett of Jones, Oklahoma, won gold in the Men's K-1 Bantam 1,000-meter race today at the USA Canoe/Kayak Spring National Championships on the Oklahoma River. This is the first sprint national championship gold medal to be won by a member of the OKCRIVERSPORT Canoe/Kayak Team.

In addition to winning the K-1 event, Pucket partnered with a Gig Harbor (Seattle) Canoe Club athlete to take bronze in the Men's K-2 Bantam 1,000 meter event. He and another Gig Harbor Canoe Club athlete raced up an age category to take 4<sup>th</sup> in the Men's K-2 Juvenile 1,000 meter event as well. In his final race Friday, Puckett joined three athletes from the San Diego Canoe/Kayak Club to take silver in the Men's K-4 Bantam 1,000 meter race.

The next chance for Pucket to medal comes Saturday in the Men's K-2 Bantam 3,000 meter, and Men's K1 Junior 200 meter events.

Athletes from across the country are in Oklahoma City competing in the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championships, with some senior and junior athletes qualifying for the 2010 Pan Am Championships in Mexico City October 8-10.

In the 1,000 meter events, qualifying athletes include Morgan House of Lake Lanier (Georgia) Canoe/Kayak Club, who won the Men's Senior K1 event and Ryan Dolan of the Hawaii Canoe & Kayak Team, who took second in the same event.

Luke Potts and Zachary Robertson of Lake Lanier Canoe/Kayak Club, who came one-two in the Men's Junior K-1 have both qualified, while on the Women's Junior K-1 side Morgan Smith of Lake Lanier Canoe/Kayak Club and Katy Hill of Gig Harbor Canoe Club qualified as well.

Additionally, national championships were awarded in 1,000 meter events in all age categories. Visit [powerhousetiming.com](http://powerhousetiming.com) for complete results.

Saturday events include 3,000 and 5,000 meter distance races as well as 200 meter sprints.

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