

Diamond Valley Athletic Club

BRENNAN'S BLITZING AT WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Diamond Valley Athletic Club sprint champion, Monica Brennan, 17, has made the final of the Women's 200m at the IAAF World Youth Championships being held at Lille, France.

Brennan was able to progress past the heats by finishing equal first in her heat, clocking a time of 24.08. This was just outside her best-recorded time of 24.04 set in the final of the Victorian Open 100m Championship. Brennan's 24.02 sent her into the Semi-Finals as the equal third fastest qualifier out of the seven heats. Desiree Henry of Great Britain had the fastest time of 23.57 from the heats.

In the Semi-finals, run on the following day, Brennan produced the run of her life to qualify for the final by finishing in second place in a personal best time of 23.78. Brennan finished behind Sherika Jackson of Jamaica who clocked 23.65. Desiree Henry posted the fastest run of the Semi-finals, this time clocking 23.38.

Brennan's 23.78 has qualified her as seventh out of the field of eight for the Final. Up to date, Brennan has produced everything needed under the pressure of World Championship competition, as well as being one of the team captains for the Australian squad. The final of the Women's 200m promises to be one of the showpiece events of the 2011 IAAF World Junior Championships with a star studded field all in top form.

Brennan's time of 23.78 now ranks her as the fifth fastest Australian over 200m in 2011 and the fastest in the Under 20 age group. Brennan is coached by her father, Chris, who has also made the journey to Lille.