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SA duo fail to advance

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Barcelona - South Africans Karin Prinsloo and Darren Murray have failed to advance to their respective world championship finals in Barcelona on Thursday.

Prinsloo finished last in her 100m freestyle semi-final, but as it was the faster of the two races, she was 14th overall, her time of 55.00 seconds -- just 0.03 off her SA record.

"I didn't expect to make the semi-final of the 100m freestyle, but I think any semi-final for me is good," Prinsloo said.

"I aim to make a final at the Commonwealth Games next year and a top six finish at the Olympics in Rio in three years time.

"I'm not a person who achieves something great once, I do it again.

"It was a good race, with a great time, considering everything that's happened to me over the past few months."

Prinsloo, 24, studied a Business Management Degree and now runs a swim school in Pretoria.

"I like to work with kids.

"I am the youngest of four girls and started swimming when I was six-years-old so I guess it runs in my family."

Murray meanwhile also finished his 200m backstroke semi-final in last place.

He added on nearly three seconds from this morning's heats.

"I'm so disappointed and angry actually with the swim.

"I just did not have the momentum from the start.

"I was hoping to go a 1:57 high," he said.

"After the relay on Sunday I'm going to take a week off and then hit training hard again."



Karin Prinsloo (Gallo Images)

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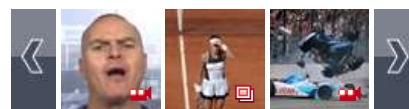
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