

Erin Savas
Midland, Texas
Women's Platform

"God is awesome. He put the right people with me at the right time," Erin Savas said about overcoming an injury to her spine, and being able to compete in the upcoming 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials – Diving presented by Bank of America.

Before the 2003 American Cup, Savas was diagnosed with a Grade 1 Spondylolisthesis. Doctors, physical therapists and trainers helped her through special exercises and she was able to compete in that spring's Senior Zones and then she swept all three boards at Junior Nationals.

"I was blessed to remain healthy, and now I am going to the Olympic Trials!" she said. "I am ecstatic!"

Savas will compete in the 10-meter event; she placed fourth in that event at the Speedo American Cup earlier this year.

Other than diving, the self-described 'bubbly' 13-year-old enjoys music and art, she is the 2003 and 2004 winner of the Knox Music Festival. She said that her artistic expressions are very calming, and allow her to express herself without causing her any pain.

She will however, be able to express herself at the U.S. Trials against her favorite diver and 2000 gold medallist, Laura Wilkinson. Hopefully that experience will also be without pain.