

PRESS RELEASE

13TH FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – ROME, ITALY

As action continued on Day 4 of the 13th FINA Swimming World Championships being held in Rome, Italy, Jamaica's Jonathan Wong swam a personal best time of 53.35 in the Men's 100 M Freestyle improving his previous best of 53.95. In the same event, Brad Hamilton had his best 100 M Free swim in four years as he came close to his PB 52.20 when he swam 52.37 to win heat 9 of 22. With a seed and season best time of 54.28, Hamilton swam in lane O, while his compatriot Wong, with a faster season best 53.94 was in lane 5 of the same heat.

There were 204 entries in the Men's 100 M Freestyle, Hamilton and Wong finished 110th and 133rd respectively and neither qualified for the semi finals. America's David Walters had a leading time of 47.59 going into tonight's semi's followed by Stefan Nystrand of Sweden (47.66) and Lyndon Ferns of South Africa (47.79). Cayman Island brothers Shaune and Brett Fraser both swam below 49 seconds but just missed the semi's finishing 18th and 19th respectively.

Earlier, Kendese Nangle came close to her 50 M Backstroke National Record time of 31.08 swum in last years Caribbean Island Swimming Championship in Kingston. Seeded in Lane 0 of Heat 8, Nangle swam 31.53 to finish 9th in the heat which was won by Singapore's Li Tao who touched in a fast 29.45. Lead the qualifiers for tonight's semi finals with a new Championship Record time of 27.65 was Aleksandra Gerasimenya of Bulgaria. The Championship Record was held for only one day by Russia's Anastasia Zuela who's 50 M split time of 28.13 in yesterdays 100 M Final. Nangle finished 78th overall.

Day 5 will be a quite day for Jamaica however Natahsa Moodie will dive into action when she swims in the 100 M Freestyle heats. Moodie has been looking very fast in training and appears to have a chance of advancing, especially in the 50 M Freestyle.

Submitted by John Eyre