

CARIFTA DAY 2 REPORT

Wynter Flies to New Record

Timothy Wynter was again Jamaica's top performer on Day 2 of the CARIFTA swimming championships taking the 50 metre butterfly and silver in the 100 metre backstroke.

Seeded third coming into the 13-14 50 metre butterfly finals he was not really seen as being able to top the field. Those plaudits were given to the Trinidad and Tobago duo of Joshua Romany and Dylan Carter. Romany earlier in the evening removed the 200 freestyle record 1:57.62 of CARIFTA great and Cayman Islands' swimmer Shaune Fraser with a 1:56.80 clocking. Carter had won both sprint butterfly titles in the 11-12 age group last year and yesterday broke another of Fraser's record 58.78 held in the 100 butterfly with his gold medal time of 58.62.

Wynter turned the odds on its head by winning emphatically in 26.69. Carter took silver in 26.91 and Romany bronze in 27.07. The time shattered his previous best entering the Games of 28.33 and beat the five year old national age group record of Brad Hamilton of 26.96.

The 100 metre backstroke where, last year, he had lost an epic battle for the gold and CARIFTA record by .01 to Carter would prove to be just as exciting in the 13-14 age group. This time it would be Romany upsetting the odds nipping both Wynter and teammate Keegan Boisson-Yates to the top of the podium. In a race decided by less than 17 hundredths of a second Romany took the top spot in 1:02.91, Wynter second in 1:03.01 and Boisson-Yates third 1:03.08.

Earlier in the session Victoria Ho secured the bronze in the 15-17 girls 200 metre freestyle in 2:10.40. Gold went to Samantha Rahael in 2:08.22 and the silver to Caroline Marinette in 2:08.64. Surviving into 2011 is the decade old record of Olympian Janelle Atkinson of 2:03.72.

The other individual medal of the day for Jamaica came from Kendese Nangle who clocked 29.99 for the silver medal in the 15-17 girls 50 metre butterfly. She was

beaten to the wall by St Lucia's Siona Huxley 29.68. Record holder in the event Bahamas Ashley Butler was third in 30.48.

Other medals on the day came from the girls 13-14 400 medley team of Stefani Webley, Octavia Gray, Priscilla McClure and Danielle Boothe who took silver in 4:51.24. The 15-17 girls 400 medley team of Lauren Williams, Dania Banks, Kendese Nangle and Victoria Ho took the bronze in 4:46.76.

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