

Delhi 2010 Swimming Report 4/10/10



Monday October 4 marked the start of the Jamaica swimming adventure in Delhi 2010. All three of our swimmers competed in the magnificent Dr. SPM swimming stadium.

Victoria Ho led the way in the 200m freestyle where she was in heat 4/4. A great time of 1:57.30 won that heat with Vicky posting a lifetime best of 2:08.49.

Alexia Royal Eatmon, Jamaica's youngest representative at the games at age 15yrs, was next in the pool. She drew lane 7 in heat 3/4 of the 50m butterfly. Alexia swam a valiant race but she may not yet have fully thrown off the residue of stomach upset which had bedeviled her 24hrs before. She posted a time of 31.09 seconds just outside her personal best.

Jamaica's most experienced and accomplished active swimmer, Alia Atkinson was the next Jamaican to be introduced to the Delhi 2010 swimming crowd. She had back-to-back events in the 200m IM and then the 50m breaststroke. Her 2:24.39 in the IM placed her in 13th place in the preliminaries and hence she did not have a place in the final. She used this as warm-up for the 50m breaststroke it seems, because she posted 32.24s in the heats and came back to lower that to 32.13 in the semi-finals, thus booking her place in tomorrow's final with the 7th fastest time. Her time bettered her own existing national record of 32.59

Tomorrow Alexia will compete in the 100m backstroke preliminary (starting at 8:30am) and we hope the semi and Alia will be lining up for the final of the 50m breaststroke at some time after 4pm Delhi time.

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