'Y' SPEEDOS SWIM CLUB BROWARD ABC MEET, FLORIDA, MAY 31-JUNE 02, 2002 8xGOLD AND TWO RECORDS FOR RAMON WALTON

THE 'Y' SPEEDOS SWIM TEAM RETURNED TO JAMAICA AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE ARMED WITH ELEVEN (11) GOLD, FOUR (4) SILVER, FOUR (4) BRONZE MEDALS; ONE (1) NATIONAL AGE GROUP RECORD, AND ONE (1) ALLCOMERS AGE GROUP RECORD.

THE TWELVE (12) VICTORIOUS SWIMMERS WERE LED HOME BY YOUNG RAMON WALTON WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TWO (2) RECORDS AND EIGHT (8) GOLD MEDALS. HIS RECORD PERFORMANCE CAME IN THE 9-10 BOYS 100m BUTTERFLY WHEN HE BROKE FELLOW TEAMMATE ALFORD GREEN'S NATIONAL AND ALLCOMERS AGE GROUP RECORDS BY SWIMMING 1:17.34 TO 1:17.39. RAMON WON ALL EIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS ENTERED, WHICH INCLUDED FOUR PERSONAL BEST TIMES.

RAMON WAS SUPPORTED BY HIS FELLOW GOLD MEDAL WINNERS PAUL PEAT IN THE 100m OPEN BUTTERFLY, KRISTIE IRVING IN THE 200m OPEN BUTTERFLY AND VICTORIA HO IN THE 8 & UNDER 50m FREESTYLE. THESE THREE ALSO RESPECTIVELY WON MEDALS IN THE OPEN BOYS 50m FREESTYLE - SILVER, OPEN GIRLS 100m BUTTERFLY - SILVER, AND 8& UNDER 100m FREESTYLE - BRONZE.

OTHER MEDAL WINNERS INCLUDED ALFORD GREEN - SILVER IN THE 11-12 200m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY, BRONZE IN THE 50m FREESTYLE; AND KELLYE-JEAN BARNABY - BRONZE IN THE OPEN 400m FREESTYLE. THE 11-12 BOYS 200m FREESTYLE RELAY TEAM WON SILVER AND THE SAME TEAM, COMPRISING ALFORD GREEN, JULIAN WYNTER ANDERSON, ROHANN JOHNSON AND DWAYNE POWELL, WON BRONZE IN THE 11-12 BOYS 200m MEDLEY RELAY.

THE REST OF THE TEAM ALL SWAM PERSONAL BEST TIMES IN THEIR EVENTS AND GAVE THE OVERSEAS TEAMS SOME GOOD OPPOSITION.

COACHES MICHAEL WILSON AND LYNVAL LOWE, MANAGER BARBARA BRIGGS AND ASSISTANT MANAGER HUGH POWELL, ACCOMPANIED THE TOURING PARTY.

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