TODD JOHNSON DOUBLE GOLD MEDALLIST AT NESCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hamilton College's Jamaican senior Todd Johnson had a record breaking weekend at the NESCAC New England Small College Athletic Conference championships from Feb 29-Mar 2 at the Middlebury Natatorium when he took both the 50 and 100 yard backstroke titles in pool record times. Johnson smashed the pool record of 24.13 (28.90 LCM long course metres) of Will Cunningham of Williams by recording 23.90 (28.62) in the heats. In the finals he won handily over his competitors to record a championship finals time of 24.04(28.79). He took the 100 yard backstroke in 51.73 (1:01.95). The 100 yard title made it three career titles in the competition as he had won the 100 in 2007 in 51.82(1:02.06). In individual competition Johnson finished his NESCAC career with 3 gold a silver 2007 50 yard backstroke 24.37(29.19) and a bronze 2006 100 yard backstroke 51.30 (1:01.44).

In the 200 yard backstroke he placed seventh in 1:56.03(2:17.03). In the 200 medley relay he led off Hamilton A in 24.40(29.22) to help them to sixth in 1:35.60. In the 200 freestyle relay he clocked 22.03(25.60) for his second leg to help Hamilton A to 8 in 1:27.06. Hamilton finished 8th overall with 678 points.



Todd Johnson (taken from the Hamilton college website)

Results can be viewed at this address http://www.pjmm.net/results/nescacm08/mm-results/index.htm

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