

## LEANNE LEADS LOCAL CHARGE



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Leanne McMaster

Local swimming sensation Leanne McMaster had an impressive performance at the Walter Rodgers Age Group Championships winning 11 medals, 6 of which were Gold. The 16 year old Y Speedos captain added to the lustre of the medal haul by recording personal bests in all but 3 of her races. For her tremendous efforts she won the 15 and over women category amassing 89 points. The Championite said her efforts came as a bit of a surprise as she had just overcome a brief illness and had only just returned from national duties with the water polo team.

The swimmer, who is conditioned at the Y speedos swim club under the tutelage of Coach Michael Wilson, has set her eyes on earning an individual medal at the CARIFTA Games to be held in Savanetta Aruba in the butterfly or breaststroke events. The talented teenager who does 9 sessions a week averages 40 to 45,000 metres, will also have in her sights the upcoming, Central American and Caribbean Games, CAC and Commonwealth Games. She qualified for the Caribbean Island Swimming championships in Barbados by virtue of the quality of her swims in the 100 freestyle, 100 breaststrokes and 100 butterfly

Her coach had the following comments on her performances “I am pleased with her performances especially in the 100 metre butterfly and 100 metre breaststroke and I expect her to build upon these performances for the CARIFTA Games”

McMaster and Cayman Island based Danielle Boothe will be the leaders among the 15-17 girls as they will be relied on heavily to score points with Breanna Roman and Zara Bailey no longer eligible for CARIFTA.

Leanne will lead the local based charge of female swimmers this year expecting to make an impact at senior national meets. She could possibly be a part of the 400 freestyle and 400 medley relay teams at Commonwealth and Central American and Caribbean Games that will be looking to lower the national standards in these events.

#### Gold medals

1.	400 IM	5:31.63
2.	200 freestyle	2:15.80
3.	50 breaststroke	35.87
4.	200 breaststroke	2:53.69
5.	100 freestyle	1:01.68
6.	100 breaststroke	1:17.27

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1.	400 freestyle	4:54.36
2.	50 butterfly	30.52
3.	800 freestyle	10:28.00
4.	100 butterfly	1:06.76
5.	50 freestyle	28.42

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