

CARIFTA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

Jamaica now has twenty six (26) medals - four (4) gold, nine (9) silver and thirteen (13) bronze – after three days of the CARIFTA Swimming Championships. They added two (2) gold, two (2) silver and three (3) bronze medals on day 3 of competition. Jamaica has slipped to seventh position with 314 points.

Sidrell Williams, swimming in the 15-17 boys age group, mined gold in the 200m butterfly, stopping the clock at 2:09.66. He returned shortly afterwards to join Matthew Lyn, Keanan Dols and Nico Campbell to win the 800m freestyle relay in a new national age group record. Their time of 8:05.78 obliterated to old mark of 8:15.96 set at last year's CARIFTA games by a quartet that included Sidrell and Matthew.

The other 800m freestyle relay team in action last night, the quartet of 13-14 girls (Angara Sinclair, Annastazia Chin, Anju Barrett, Annabella Lyn) touched in 9:17.45 for fifth place, but in the process established a new national age group record. The old mark of 9:22.13 was set in 2008. Keanan Dols was also in record setting mode as he completed the 15-17 boys 200m individual medley in 2:10.87 for the bronze medal. This erased the existing national age group record of 2:15.55 held by Andrew Phillips since 1978.

The 11-12 boy, Nicholas Vale was in fine form last evening, winning two silver medals. His first came in the 200m individual medley where he stopped the clock at 2:30.49 and then returned later to repeat the finish position in the 200m butterfly with a time of 2:27.49. Jordane Payne, swimming in the same butterfly event, finished in sixth position with 2:39.64.

Bronze medals were also won by Leanne McMaster (35.00) in the 15-17 girls 50m breaststroke and Nico Campbell (53.11) swimming in the 100m freestyle for 15-17 boys.

Other swimmers in the finals on day 3 were Laura Limsang who finished sixth (2:44.53) in the 11-12 girls 200m individual medley, Annastazia Chin (2:35.82) fifth in the 13-14 girls 200m individual medley, Joseph Black (2:20.93) fourth in the 13-14 boys 200m individual medley, Xavier Philips (31.96) sixth in the 15-17 boys 50m breaststroke, Joseph Black (54.98) fourth and Christian Alberga (55.87) sixth in the 13-14 boys 100m freestyle, Danielle Boothe (1:00.65) fifth and Leanne McMaster (1:01.57) eighth in the 15-17 girls 100m freestyle, Annabella Lyn (2:45.39) eighth in the 13-14 girls 200m butterfly, Jesse Marsh (2:19.70) fourth in the 13-14 boys 200m butterfly and Keanan Dols (2:19.31) sixth in the 15-17 boys 200m butterfly.