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**JAMAICAN'S END 2007 CCCAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
ON HIGH NOTE**

Jamaica finished the 2007 Central American and Caribbean Swimming Championships last night in El Salvador on a high note adding 4 Medals on the final day of Competition. Eight (8) swimmers competed over the six (6) days of competition with 4 winning medals, 7 making finals and 4 having Personal Best Times and establishing 1 CCCAN Record, 1 National Record and 4 National Age Group Records. They amassed a total of 13 medals – 3 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 Bronze and placed 12th in the medal count. They ended with 146 points in 9th position.

In last night's finals, the Jamaicans put on their best performance when Kendese Nangle mined Gold in the 11-12 Girls 100M Backstroke with a new National Age Group Record and a Personal Best of 1:09.73. She later claimed the bronze in the 11-12 Girls 50M Freestyle in a time of 28.94 and was awarded the most outstanding swimmer in the 11-12 Age Group. Nangle won a total of 7 medals - 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze.

Natasha Moodie also captured Gold in the 15-17 Girls 50M Freestyle when she swam a Personal Best Time of 26.61 to create a new National Record and a new National Age Group Record. Xavier Boland captured silver in the 11-12 Boys 50M Freestyle in a Personal Best time of 27.44. Other finals were Travis Forte swimming in the 18 and Over Boys placed 5th in the 200M Butterfly in 2:14.36 and 6th in the 50M Freestyle in 24.98 while Dominic Walter placed 7th in the 13-14 Boys 400M Individual Medley in 5:10.98.

Coach Jacky Walter was very pleased with the team's performance and will now turn her attention to the PANAM Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with four (4) swimmers participating.

The ASAJ has been asked to host the 2008 Caribbean Island Swimming Championships and will confirm its acceptance after discussions with the relevant government authorities. The 2009 CCCAN Championships will be held in Columbia.

The team will return to the island this evening at 6:40 p.m.

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