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JAMAICA TO SEND LARGEST TEAM EVER TO CARIBBEAN ISLAND SWIMMING CHAMPS

A TEAM OF 38 SWIMMERS AND 6 MANAGERS WILL REPRESENT JAMAICA AT THE 14TH CARIBBEAN ISLAND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN CURACAO JULY 2-9, 2002. THE TEAM ANNOUNCED BY THE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA IS THE LARGEST EVER FOR JAMAICA AT THIS COMPETITION AND INCLUDES A TEAM OF 6 SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMERS.

JANELLE ATKINSON, WHO IS USING THE COMPETITION AS A WARM-UP FOR THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES, WILL LEAD THE CHARGE IN WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE JAMAICA' S BEST EVER TEAM PERFORMANCE AT THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS. ANGELA CHUCK, MARIANA CHUCK AND RAMON JAMES WHO ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO REPRESENT JAMAICA AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE TEAM.

2002 CARIFTA 11-12 CHAMPION BRAD HAMILTON HAS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE AND SHOULD AGAIN BE HARD TO BEAT. ALI ATKINSON, WHO SWAM SPECTACULARLY AT LAST YEAR AT THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN CHAMPS, AND NEKEISHA CAIN ADD MUCH NEEDED DEPTH TO THE 13-14 FEMALE AGE GROUP. CAIN WHO STARTED SWIMMING IN JAMAICA BEFORE MIGRATING IS COMPETING FOR JAMAICA FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE SWIMMING TEAM WILL COACHED BY JACKIE WALTER AND MICHAEL WILSON AND MANAGED BY GAIL GASCOIGNE. ANGELA McINTOSH WILL ACCOMPANY THE TEAM AS A PHYSIOTHERAPIST.

MICHELA LEE, WHO WITH ROCHELE FOSTER WON JAMAICA' S FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING MEDAL WILL SEEK TO REPEAT

HER FEAT WITH A SOLO PERFORMANCE. NICOLE CHIN SHUE, YASMIN EYRE AND EMILY EYRE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL SYNCHRO TEAM NEW COMERS REBECCA WONG AND KRISTEN SMITH. THE SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING TEAM WILL BE COACHED BY KATHERINE LIM SANG AND MANAGED BY SUSANNAH COOKE.

FULL SWIM TEAM

AGE GROUP	FEMALE	MALE
11-12	Rene Wright Gillian Stewart Tamari Farquharson Kheri-Ann Robinson	Brad Hamilton Alford Green Jonathan Wong Robert Chen Matthew Hilton
13-14	Alia Atkinson Audette Lawrence Nekeisha Cain Tiffany Walton	Lemon Lowe Travis Forte Dave Smith Nicholas Vaughan
15-17	Allison Bardowell Mariana Chuck Raine Paulson-Andrews Khalilah Robibson	Dominic Lee Adi Atkinson Timothy Wong Matthew Stewart Jevon Atkinson Shamori Todd Todd Johnson
18 & Over	Angela Dawn Chuck Janelle Atkinson	Andrew Saunders Ramon James

FULL SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING TEAM

AGE GROUP	
13-15	Yasmin Eyre / Nicole Chin Shue - Duet Rebecca Wong / Emily Eyre - Duet Emily Eyre - Solo Yasmin Eyre - Solo Kristen Smith – will team up with above swimmers for Team routine performance
16-18	Michela Lee - solo