

CARIFTA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

Jamaica has nine (9) medals after the first day of the CARIFTA Swimming Championships now taking place in Aruba. They have two (2) gold medals, four (4) silver and three (3) bronze.

Sidrell Williams, swimming in the 100m butterfly for 15-17 boys, smashed the national senior record of 56.48 by finishing in 56.36 for the silver medal. This also bettered the national age group record of 57.07. The previous records were both held by Brad Hamilton. Nico Campbell (58.43) was fourth in the event.

The first gold medal came through Angara Sinclair in the 50m backstroke for 13-14 girls. She touched in 31.02, a new national age group record, beating the old mark of 31.08 held by Kendese Nangle. Annastazia Chin, swimming in the same event, finished seventh in 32.94.

The 13-14 boys, swimming in the 400m freestyle relay, stopped the clock at 3:46.99 for the gold medal, and a new national age group record. The members of the team were Joseph Black, Jordan Hines, Jesse Marsh and Christian Alberga. The old record was 3:47.43 set in 2011.

Swimming in the girls 800m freestyle timed final, Michelle Dols finished second (9:16.94) in the 15-17 age group and Annabelle Lyn was seventh in the 13-14 age group, touching in 9:59.88. In the boys 1500m freestyle timed final, Matthew Lyn got the silver medal touching in 16:59.06 and Nico Campbell (17:03.22) earned bronze. Both swam in the 15-17 age group.

The other silver medal was won by Leanne McMaster (2:49.64) in the 15-17 girls 200m breaststroke. She returned later to finish fourth in the 100m butterfly in 1:07.57 (1:06.85 in the preliminary round).

Bronze medals were won in the 100m butterfly by Nicholas Vale (1:06.89) swimming in the 11-12 boys race and Danielle Boothe (1:06.63) in the 15-17 girls equivalent. Danielle had earlier finished fourth in the 15-17 girls 50m backstroke in 30.91.

Other swimmers in action last evening were Xavier Philips who finished fifth (2:33.39) in the 15-17 boys 200m breaststroke, Jesse Marsh (1:01.97) eighth in the 13-14 boys 100m butterfly and the 15-17 boys 400m freestyle relay which finished sixth in 3:41.86.

Swimmers from the morning session were Laura Limsang (11th, 3:12.75) in 11-12 girls 200m breaststroke, Cameron Brown (13th, 3:04.19) in 11-12 boys 200m breaststroke, Anju Barrett (11th, 3:06.56) in 13-14 girls 200m breaststroke, Sean-Douglas Gooden (11th, 2:47.84) in 13-14 boys 200m breaststroke, Keanan Dols (9th, 2:37.03) in 15-17 boys 200m breaststroke, Deandra Reynolds (13th, 34.99) in 11-12 girls 50m backstroke, Joseph Black (10th, 30.54) and Jesse Marsh (18th, 31.49) in 13-14 boys 50m backstroke, Nicholas Haughton (9th, 30.64) in 15-17 boys 50m backstroke, Karci Gibson (16th, 1:12.72) in 11-12 girls 100m butterfly, Jordane Payne (9th, 1:11.90) in 11-12 boys 100m butterfly and Joseph Black (10th, 1:02.45) in 13-14 boys 100m butterfly. Many of these were personal best times.