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ALIA ATKINSON MINES TWO MORE GOLD MEDAL AND SMASHES CCCAN RECORD

ALIA ATKINSON CONTINUED TO DOMINATE THE 15-17 FEMALE AGE GROUP ADDING TWO MORE GOLD MEDALS ON DAY 3 OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP BEING HELD IN SANTO DOMINGO.

IN THE 200 M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY, ATKINSON SWAM A SMART RACE TO TOUCH FIRST IN 2:25.04 AHEAD OF BAHAMIAN ALANA DILLETTE WHO FINISHED IN 2:26.67. BUT IT WAS IN THE 50 M BREASTSTROKE THAT ATKINSON DID THE MOST DAMAGE SWIMMING 33.86 IN THE PRELIMINARIES TO SET NEW CCCAN AND JAMAICAN NATIONAL RECORDS. SHE RETURNED IN THE FINALS TO WIN THE GOLD IN 33.12, SMASHING THE RECORDS SET IN THE MORNING. PUERTO RICO'S BETSMARA CRUZ TOOK THE SILVER IN 34.82 AND TRINIDAD'S KIMBA COLLYMORE THE SILVER (34.97).

IN THE 15-17 100 M FREESTYLE FINAL, BRAD HAMILTON'S 52.43 WAS NOT FAST ENOUGH FOR THE MEDAL PODIUM, TOUCHING FORTH IN 52.43, BUT HE DID SMASH JEVON ATKINSON'S JAMAICAN NATIONAL AGE GROUP RECORD. CAYMAN'S SHAUNE FRASER TOOK THE GOLD IN A NEW CCCAN RECORD TIME OF 51.00.

IN OTHER RESULTS, TAMARA SWABY FINISHED 5TH IN THE 18 AND OVER 100 M FREESTYLE IN 1:00.54 WHILE DOMINIC LEE SWAM 30.39 TO FINISH 6TH IN THE 18 AND OVER 50 M BREASTSTROKE.

THREE ARE THREE MORE DAYS OF COMPETITION.

A LINK TO THE NEW OFFICIAL CCCAN WEBSITE HAS BEEN ADDED TO WWW.SWIMJAMAICA.COM FOR RESULTS.

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