

# **AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA**

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#### **SENIOR NATIONAL SWIMMER BRAD HAMILTON BREAKS AMERICAN PRIVATE SCHOOLS' SWIM RECORD**

Swimming for Baylor High School, Tennessee, Jamaica's Brad Hamilton had four (4) great swims against the Westminster School on Saturday, 19 January 2008 at the 2008 Baylor versus Westminster Meet at their home pool in Chattanooga, Tennessee in a 25M pool, the Baylor 'A' Team of Shirley Reese - backstroke (26.54), Hamilton - breaststroke (28.97), Greg Roop - butterfly (26.30) and Josh Sosna - freestyle (23.98) destroyed the independent (private) schools 200M Medley Relay record of 1:48.71 by clocking 1:45.79. The record had stood from 1982 to Mercersburg Academy. Hamilton had the fastest breaststroke leg of all the relays.

Up next was the 50 free where Hamilton crushed the field by over a second to record 23.53. This clocking equaled the national school standard set by Brian Wilson of the Pingry School set in 2006. It also bettered his previous best of 23.90 set at the 2004 World Swimming Championships in Indianapolis, USA. In his next individual race the 100M butterfly he refused to share the title of record holder and rushed past Wilson's time of 56.59 to clock 55.81. For his last feat of the day he took the "A" team of Reese (24.11), Roop (24.50), Sosna (24.25), under the national schools' record of 1:39.14 with his anchor leg split of 23.62 (the fastest of all relays) to post a total team time of 1:36.48. The record had stood for seven years to the Holy Spirit School.

Hamilton is conditioned by National Swim Technical Director Jacky Walter as a part of the Tornadoes Swim Club and Jamaica National Squad. He holds National records in the 400M Medley and 800M Freestyle relays. In individual events, he holds Jamaican records in the 50M and 100M breaststroke, as well as the 100M and 200M butterfly.

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