

AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA

FEBRUARY 16, 2008

Alia Atkinson Named US National Swimmer of the Week

TEXAS A&M JUNIOR ALIA ATKINSON HAS BEEN NAMED THE COUNCILMAN HUNSAKER NATIONAL COLLEGIATE SWIMMER-OF-THE-WEEK, COLLEGESWIMMING.COM.

ATKINSON WAS AWARDED THE HONOR AFTER WINNING BOTH BREASTSTROKE RACES AGAINST NO. 6 AUBURN AND FLORIDA STATE IN TALLAHASSEE, FLA., LAST SATURDAY. THE TWO-TIME JAMAICAN OLYMPIAN EARNED NCAA CONSIDERATION TIMES, WINNING THE 100 BREAST IN 1:01.70 AND THE 200 BREAST IN 2:13.76. SHE ALSO SET A SEASON BEST TIME OF 23.70 IN THE 50 FREE IN LEADING OFF THE FIFTH-PLACE 200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY TEAM.

ATKINSON HAS YET TO DROP A BREASTSTROKE RACE ALL SEASON LONG AND IS THE TWO-TIME REIGNING BIG 12 CHAMPION IN BOTH BREASTSTROKES. ATKINSON OWNS SEVEN JAMAICAN NATIONAL RECORDS, INCLUDING THE 200-METER BREASTSTROKE MARK (2:29.53) THAT SHE SET AT THE 2008 BEIJING OLYMPICS. SHE MADE THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL IN BOTH BREASTSTROKES IN 2008, EARNING A CAREER-BEST THIRD-PLACE FINISH WITH AN ALL-TIME BIG 12 RECORD TIME OF 2:09.48 IN THE 200 BREAST.

THE BACK-TO-BACK BIG 12 CHAMPION TEXAS A&M WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM IS CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR THE 2009 BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULED FOR COLUMBIA, MO., ON FEB. 25-28. THE AGGIES WILL HOST THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS ON MARCH 19-21 AT THE STUDENT REC CENTER NATATORIUM.

CONTACT JACKIE WALTER: 920-6230 or JOHN EYRE 371-1229

Report Copied from <http://www.aggieathletics.com/sports/w-swim/spec-rel/021009aaa.html>