

Campbell, Wynter and Walters strike Gold on Day One

Jamaica started off the evening session of day one of the 25th CARIFTA Games with a gold medal courtesy of Dominic Walters. Walters topped the field in the longest event of the meet the 1500 metres freestyle clocking 16:56.07. He was more than ten seconds ahead of Trinidad and Tobago's Stefan Sharpe 17:08.98.

Kevaughn Campbell was again in good form taking the win in the 11-12 200 metre breaststroke. He blew away the field in posting 2:43.21 just off the national age group record in the event held by Adi Atkinson of 2:42.75. Second placed Zack Moses of the Bahamas was some seven seconds adrift in his silver medal time of 2:50.76.

The local fans had to wait some eight events later for the next medal. But the wait was definitely worth it as Timothy Wynter put on another fantastic display of backstroke sprinting when he took the title in 28.02 in a new personal record and age group record. He was pushed to the wall by the Trinidad and Tobago duo of Joshua Romany 28.23 and Keegan Boisson-Yates 28.48. He fell just short of the CARIFTA standard of 27.99 but is clearly a class apart from his local contemporaries.

In the next event Jamaica's other backstroke standout Kendese Nangle held to her third place seeding copping bronze in the 15-17 50 metre race. The order remained the same as the heats with Trinidad and Tobago's Kimberlee John Williams winning in 30.60, St Lucia's Siona Huxley second in 30.93 and Nangle third in 31.10.

Nangle also got the last individual medal for Jamaica in the 100 metre butterfly when she clocked 1:07.91 for the bronze. Williams of Trinidad and Tobago again won taking the gold in 1:06.63. Bria Devaux of the Bahamas clipped Nangle for silver with 1:07.67 clocking.

The lone relay medal for Jamaica came in the 11-12 boys 400 freestyle relay. The team of Kevaughn Campbell, Yonatan Goren, Xavier Phillips and Robert Marshall clocked 4:28.83 for the bronze medal.

Meet records falling on the day came in the

Boys

13-14	200 metre breastroke	Dustin Tynes Bahamas	2:31.30
15-17	50 metre backstroke	Christian Homer T&T	26.70
13-14	100 metre butterfly	Dylan Carter T&T	58.62
15-17	100 metre butterfly	Cadell Lyons T&T	55.79
13-14	400 freestyle relay	T&T	3:42.24

Girls

11-12	50 metre backstroke	Tyla Martin T&T	32.27
11-12	100 metre butterfly	Tyla Martin T&T	1:07.46
13-14	100 metre butterfly	Zabrina Holder Barbados	1:04.74
13-14	400 freestyle relay	Aruba	4:07.88

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