Alia Atkinson wins two gold medals at Speedo Champions Series

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Three-time Jamaican Olympian Alia Atkinson, of South Florida Aquatic Club, was in sparkling form on Thursday's opening night of the Speedo Champions Series Southern Zone South Sectional Championships at the Plantation Aquatic Complex in the USA.

The World record holder was instrumental in helping South Florida Aquatic Club to win the 200metre medley and freestyle relays.

Swimming the butterfly leg, Atkinson clocked the fastest time of the 29 teams entered.

She recorded 27.19 seconds, the fastest butterfly leg by more than a second as her team won the gold medal in 1:58.17.

Swim Fort Lauderdale finished well behind in second place in 2:00.92, while Seacoast swimming was third in 2:03.55.

Atkinson was even better in the 200-metre freestyle relay.

She clocked an astounding 24.08 seconds on the third leg. That time was again more than a second faster than any of the 108 swimmers who took part.

As a result of Atkinson's fast leg, South Florida Aquatic Club took the gold medal very easily in 1:47.60. Seacoast was more than three seconds behind in 1:50.84. Swim Fort Lauderdale took the bronze medal in 1:51.22

Meanwhile, countryman and teammate Timothy Wynter clocked the fastest opening backstroke time in the men's 200-metre medley relay with a split of 27.58. It helped South Florida Aquatic Club 'A' team to take sixth place in a time of 1:50.50

His 200-metre freestyle 'A' team clocked 1:40.95 for ninth place. Wynter's split on the third leg was 24.91.

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