

**PRESS RELEASE – AUGUST 3, 2005**

**AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA**

**JAMAICA WINS THREE MEDALS ON DAY ONE OF CCCAN SWIMMING**

JAMAICA HAD A GOOD FIRST DAY AT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, BEING HELD IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WINNING THREE (3) MEDALS IN THE SWIMMING COMPETITION AND A SOLID VICTORY OVER THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN 18 AND OVER MEN'S WATER POLO.

FRESH FROM THE MONTREAL FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALIA ATKINSON CLAIMED JAMAICA'S FIRST GOLD MEDAL OF THE COMPETITION WINNING THE 15-17 200 METRE BREASTSTROKE TOUCHING IN 2:43.82, ABOUT A SECOND FASTER THAN HER TIME IN MONTREAL. TODD JOHNSON CLAIMED SILVER SWIMMING A RESPECTABLE 28.41 TO PLACE SECOND IN THE 18 AND OVER 50 M BACKSTROKE.

JAMAICA SHOWED GOOD FORM IN THE BREASTSTROKE EVENTS AS DOMINIC LEE SWAM AWAY TO TOUCH IN 2:27.16, CLAIMING THIRD PLACE AND THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 18 AND OVER 200 M BREAST. IN THE 13-14 AGE GROUP, MATHEW HILTON PLACED 5<sup>TH</sup> IN THE 200 M BREASTSTROKE IN A FAST 2:40.06.

JAMAICA'S 18 & UNDER MALE WATER POLO TEAM GOT OFF ON A WINNING NOTE SUBMERGING THEIR HOSTS THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 13 TO 6. GARRICK ROBINSON, JAMIE SMITH, ROBERT HAMILTON AND TEAM CAPTAIN MARLON McINTYRE ALL SCORED TWO (2) GOALS EACH.

OUR 18 AND UNDER FEMALE TEAM WAS NOT SO LUCKY, AS THEY LOST TO MEXICO 8-2. ALTHOUGH THE JAMAICAN'S WERE COMPETITIVE UP TO THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER TRAILING 4-2, THE GIRLS TIRED AND ALLOWED FOUR GOALS IN THE FORTH. YANIQUE THOMPSON AND ROSNI STRUDWICK WERE THE JAMAICAN SCORERS.

JAMAICA'S NEW AND INEXPERIENCED 15 AND UNDER MALE TEAM WERE UNABLE TO HANDLE THE 2005 CARIFTA CHAMPIONS CURACAO, GOING DOWN 13 – 0. SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE WATER POLO RESULTS.

THE COMPETITION CONTINUES TOMORROW, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>.

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**1ST DAY WATER POLO RESULTS FROM CCCAN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

**15 & under teams:**

Dominican Republic, Curacao, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico and Jamaica

**Today's games:**

Dom.Rep- Mexico 0-35

PUR - T & T 8-5

Curacao- JAM 13-0

**18 & Under Boys (6 teams competing)**

Mexico, Dom.Rep, T & T, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and El Salvador

**Today's Games:**

Mex - El Sal 22-2

T & T - Pur 2-7

Dom.Rep. - JAM 6-13 (0-5, 1-2, 2-1, 3-5)

Robert Hamilton, Marlon McIntyre, Jamie Smith and Garrick Robinson - 2 goals

Christopher Sloley, John-Claude Wright, Gwayne Ross, Nicholas Vaughn, Jordan

Chung 1 goal each

**Girls (three teams)**

Mexico, Puerto Rico and Jamaica

**Today's Games:**

MEX – JAM 8-2

Yanique Thompson, Rosni Strudwick 1 each

**Matches Tomorrow:**

8.30a.m. Jamaica- Puerto Rico Girls

10.30 a.m. Jamaica - T & T 18 & under boys

1.30 p.m. Jamaica - Puerto Rico 15 & Under boys