KENDESE NANGLE QUALIFIED FOR YOUTH OLYMPIC

Jamaica's CARIFTA Team Member Kendese Nangle, swimming in the Speedos Champion Series Southern Zone Sectional Championship, today swam a personal best 1:06.76 in the 100M backstroke to qualify for the 2010 Youth Olympics, with a B Cut, and the evenings A Finals. Nangle has been Jamaica's top female backstroke swimmer since Janelle Atkinson set the existing National Record time of 1:06.37 at the Pan American Games in 2003.

The Youth Olympic B Cut time is 1:07.05 while the A Cut is 1:03.86.

With faster times expected in this evenings Finals, Nangle will tonight have her sights set on the National Record and Lydia Gordon's 15-17 Jamaican National Age Group record of 1:06.51.

Nangle has the seventh fastest time going into tonight's A Final with Mexico's Ramire Gonzalez the top seed after she swam a fast 1:04.48 in the preliminary heats.

Jamaica's Alexia Royal Eatmon and Victoria Ho also swam in the same event with both swimmers qualifying for this evening's C Final. Ho had the 28th fastest time in the prelims swimming 1:10.53 while Royal-Eatmon swam 1:10.58. Both are members of Jamaica's 2010 CARIFTA Swim Team.

ASAJ President John Eyre congratulated Nangle, noting that her performance bodes well for Jamaica with the CARIFTA Swimming Championships set to start at the National Stadium Pool in just two weeks time.

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