

ALIA ATKINSON RANKED 2ND GOING INTO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

On Day 1 of the 11th FINA World Short Course Swimming Championships (25m) in Istanbul, Turkey Alia Atkinson swam two personal best times 29:72 in the heats then 29:62 in the semi finals to be ranked 2nd going into the finals of the women's 50 metre breaststroke. The top ranked swimmer going into the final is London 2012 100 metre breaststroke gold medalist Ruta Meilutyte from Lithuania with a time of 29:51, while the world record holder in this event Jessica Hardy from the USA is seeded 3rd with a time of 29:82.

Also performing today from Jamaica was young 16 year old Timothy Wynter who swam a personal best 55:55 in the 100 meter backstroke which ranked him 43rd overall. Timothy came back later in the day to swim the 100 metre butterfly with a time of 56:92.

The final of the Women's 50 metre breaststroke is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7:15 pm which is 12:15 pm Jamaican time. Alia is also entered in the 100 metre individual medley scheduled for tomorrow morning and Timothy will compete again on Friday in the 50 metre backstroke and 50 metre butterfly.

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