

ATKINSON JUST MISSES MEDAL AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Alia Atkinson continued her fine form at the 11th World Short Course Championships in Istanbul, Turkey. In a nail biting finish with places 2nd to 4th being separated by a mere .05 of a second, Atkinson was out touched into 4th place finish in the women's 100 metre individual medley in a personal best time of 58.85 improving on her time from the semis of 58.94. The event was won by the Hungarian Katinka Hosszu in a new Championship record of 58.44 with silver going to 50 metre breaststroke gold medalist Ruta Meilutyte of Lithuania 58.79 and the bronze going to Jing Zhao of China in 58.80.

Earlier in the day Jamaica's other competitor at the World Championships Timothy Wynter swam a personal best 25.78 in the 50 metre backstroke for 42nd place and went 25.74 in the 50 metre butterfly for 62nd place.

Prior to the 100 Individual medley final Alia swam the heats and semis of the 100 metre breaststroke going 1:04.99 in the semis to be ranked 3rd going into the final scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday) 7:00 pm(12:00 pm) Jamaican time.