

ATKINSON MOSCOW MEDAL RUN CONTINUES



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Alia Atkinson proved yet again why she is among international swimming's elite when she took silver in the 50 metre breaststroke today. Swimming in the final at the Moscow leg of the swimming World Cup Series she swam a quick first 25 metres with Ruta Meilutyte of Lithuania before just falling off the pace slightly to finish in 29.33. The Lithuanian won in 28.89 just off the World Record by American Jessica Hardy of 28.80. This was the same order the pair finished at the World Short Course swimming Championships in December 2012 when they clocked 29.44 and 29.67 respectively. Atkinson earned USD 1000 for her silver medal performance.

Atkinson completed her mission in Moscow with bronze in the 100 metres individual medley. Alia was sixth after the midpoint of the race in 28.14 seconds. She then turned on the jets put together the second fastest last 50 metres of the field 30.98 seconds to claim bronze. Atkinson slapped the pads in 59.12 to finish behind Katinka Hosszu of Hungary 58.75 and perennial rival Ruta Meilutyte 58.57.

Atkinson earned USD 2000 for her performances in the Russian capital