

HOMER WINS 100 BACKSTROKE AS GATORS BITE DAWGS

Christian Homer



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On Friday November 1 in a clash of Division 1 Titans the University of Florida men topped the University of Georgia Men 179 to 119. Also in Gainesville Florida the order was reversed as the Dawgs beat the Gators. On both sides there were Caribbean victors as Trinidad and Tobago freshman Kimberly John-Williams swam for the Georgia women and Levar Goosen swam for the Gators. But standing out for at the meet was the Christian –Paul Homer for the University of Florida.

Homer gave an indication of how the meet would be for him when he out raced the field in the first leg of the 200 yard medley to have the fastest time of **22.29 (26.16 Long Course metres)**. His B team would eventually finish third in 1:29.49

He would be the best again on the day in another backstroke sprint event when he won the 100 yard backstroke. Starting like a torpedo Homer clocked **23.13 (27.65 LCM)**. Though slowing on the last 50 he

had enough to hold off teammate Corey Main and take the 4 lap event. He won in win in **48.42 (56.63 LCM)** to Main's **48.51 (56.74LCM)**. That time is also under NCAA B time of 48.49.

He would also put up another provisional qualifying time when he placed second in the 100 yard butterfly in **47.90 (54.56 LCM)**. The NCAA Division One B standard stands at 48.29.

He closed his schedule of events with the Gators D 400 yard freestyle relay swim. He opened up for his team in **46.07 (52.77 LCM)**. Trinidad and Tobago teammate Levar Goossen swam the anchor leg in **47.38 (54.27 LCM)**.

Homer was the 2010 Youth Olympic Champion in the 50 metre backstroke when the Games were held in Singapore. He is also the reigning Central American and Caribbean Amateur Swimming Confederation (CCCAN) champion record holder in the 50 and 100 metre backstroke events with times of 25.93 and 57.47 respectively. He comes to the University of Florida after attending Plymouth Leander International School .This is the same institution attended by 2012 Olympic 100 breaststroke champion Lithuanian Ruta Meilutyte.

Levar Goossen



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Senior Levar Goossen swam exhibition races in the 50 yard freestyle in **21.51 (24.72 LCM)** and the 100 yard freestyle in **47.18 (54.04LCM)**.

Anthony Nesty



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Goossen is the nephew of Associate Head coach Anthony Nesty. Nesty who was born in Trinidad and Tobago was the 1988 Gold Medallist in the 100 metre butterfly.

Kimberlee John-Williams



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For the University of Georgia Kimberlee John-Williams clocked **26.68 (30.67 LCM)** to help her B team to third in the 200 yard medley relay. The team clocked a total time of 1:43.60. She would later place 6th in the 100yard backstroke in **57.85 (1:06.27 LCM)** and 8th in the 100 yard butterfly in **57.76**

(1:05.12LCM). She closed her programme with leading off Georgia C in the 400 yard freestyle relay. She stopped the clock in her four laps of freestyle in **53.34 (1:00.34LCM)**.

Meet Results

<http://www.georgiadogs.com/sports/c-swim/stats/2013-2014/ufvs.georgiameetresults110113.html>

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