

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014 – DAY 1

Jamaica had five swimmers in action on the first day of swimming at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. Top elite swimmer, Alia Atkinson was in scintillating form, setting new games and national records in both the preliminary and semi-final rounds of the 50m breaststroke event. Swimming in heat 3 of 5 in the preliminary round, she won the heat in 30.49 for the top position out of the round. She returned in the afternoon to even better that time, finishing in 30.17 for the top seeded position for the finals. Her old national senior record stood at 30.91.

The first Jamaican in the water was Zara Bailey, competing in the 400m individual medley. This event is contested on 2 rounds only. Her time of 4:59.78 placed her 11th overall in the event. She returned later to swim in the 100m butterfly in which her time of 1:04.25 placed her in 20th position. Swimming in the same heat of the butterfly event was fellow teammate, Trudiann Patrick. Trudiann finished in 17th position with a time of 1:02.85, just missing a place in the semi-finals by 0.34s.

Dominic Walter set a new national senior record in the 400m freestyle. His time of 4:09.53 which placed him at 23rd, bettered his own national record of 4:09.78. Timothy Wynter swam in two events on day 1. His first was the 50m butterfly, in which he touched in 25.79 to finish in 22nd position. He returned later to win his heat in the 100m backstroke in 58.97 for 20th position overall.