

# **World Short Course Swimming Championships Doha Qatar**

## **DAY 1 Morning Heats Dec 3**

### **Alia Cruises into Semis, Nico sets Jamaica Best**

#### **Women 50 metre breaststroke heats**

Alia Atkinson easily navigated her way into the semi-finals with her morning preliminary swim. She clocked a smooth **29.48** to top the field heading into the semi-finals. Her time was just off the 2012 Championship record of Ruta Meilutyte of **29.44**. Reigning World Champion and main rival Ruta booked her ticket into the semi-final round with **29.72** clocked to be third.

#### **Men 200 metre freestyle heats**

Jevon Atkinson started the Jamaican campaign at the World Championships by placing second in heat 3 in **1:53.60** and 69<sup>th</sup> overall. He was out touched at the wall by Aruba's Patrick Groters who won the heat in **1:53.00**. Jevon's time was just off the all-time Jamaica best of Dominic Walter of **1:52.93**. Atkinson's split were as follows

		split by 50
<b>50</b>	<b>25.91</b>	<b>25.91</b>
<b>100</b>	<b>55.23</b>	<b>29.32</b>
<b>150</b>	<b>1:25.05</b>	<b>29.82</b>
<b>200</b>	<b>1:53.60</b>	<b>28.55</b>

However in the next heat, Nico Campbell would set a Jamaica best when he won in **1:49.63**. He made his move at the 100 metre mark to beat Macedonia's Marko Blazhevski **1:49.80** to the wall

Campbell's splits were

		split by 50
50	25.80	25.80
100	53.56	27.76
150	1:21.56	28.00
200	1:49.63	28.07

Nico finished 47<sup>th</sup> overall

## Men 100 metre butterfly heats

Nico's standard breaking form would continue in the 100 metre butterfly. He cracked his personal and Jamaica best time of **56.56** to register a time of **56.37**. His splits were

		split by 50
50	26.34	26.34
100	56.37	30.03

He finished 62<sup>nd</sup> overall.