

Jamaica Swimming: Walter sets new national record

A small Jamaican team of three persons arrived in Puerto Rico to compete at the Mayaguez Open 2015, to make qualifying times for the PAN AM Games, which will be held later this summer in Toronto.

The delegation included Jacky Beckford, coach, and swimmers Breanna Roman of Auburn University (USA) and Dominic Walter of McMaster University (Canada).

Jamaica's ace Walter swam the heats of the men's 400 metre freestyle in a time of 4:09.55. The time was under the PAN AM B time of 4:11.53. Walter narrowly missed his national record of 4:09.53, set at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, but made no mistake in the final, setting a new national mark of 4:09.20 to finish fourth.

Roman, swimming the 200 metre breaststroke, attempted to qualify for the 100 metre breaststroke. The swimmer recorded a split of 1:14.97, which was under the B qualifying mark of 1:16.20. Her overall time of 2:54.75 got her into the final. Her first 100 metre split of 1:15.01 in the final was again under the B time. She finished fifth overall in a time of 3:00.33.

Swimming just the preliminaries of the 200 metre freestyle Roman collected her second PAN AM B time. She covered the distance in 2:08.44. The time was well under the PAN AM B time of 2:12.49.

A third PAN AM B mark would be reached by the Auburn freshman in the 100 metre freestyle.

Roman clocked a time of 58.79 in the heats and then lowered it to 58.58 to win the silver medal. Both times were under the PAN AM B time of 1:00.32

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