

Alia Atkinson tops field in Hong Kong



Alia Atkinson won the 100 metre breaststroke race at the 2015 FINA/airweave Swimming World Cup in Hong Kong earlier today.

Atkinson effectively ended the race as a contest by 50 metres - clocking 31.65 to be more than a second ahead of the field. Atkinson, the World Championship bronze medallist in the event, stopped the clock in 1:07.91 for an easy win. Second went to Russian Vitalina Simonova, 1:09.63, and the bronze to Chinese swimmer Xiaoyu Liu, 1:09.87.

Earlier in the heats, Atkinson clocked 2:25.62 for 6th in the 200 metre individual medley, but she scratched the final.

She was 12th overall in the 50 metre freestyle in 27.02 and did not qualify for the final.

Atkinson will not be rested for any of the races of the tour as her coach, Chris Anderson, prepares her to peak for the Olympic Games in Rio 2016.

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