

Lavine sets record

Swimming's latest sensation Jayden Lavine made a splash at the Aquatic Centre after setting a new mark in the 50 metres butterfly during Thursday night's session of the **BiiG Short Course National Championships**.

Taking the pool for a time trial, the ten-year-old Lavine toppled Damon St Prix's old record of 32 seconds by clocking an impressive 31.75 in the 9-10 boys' division.

It served as sweet redemption for the Titan swimmer, who barely missed out on going under the 32-second barrier a day earlier when he won the event in 32.14 seconds.

And that was just the cap of yet another successful showing that saw Lavine capture the 100 free (1:06.66) and 100 back (1:22.04).

His record was the second to fall on the night, as **Olympic** backstroke hopeful Danielle Titus touched the wall in 29.80 seconds to win the 15-17 girls' 50 back and replace Natalie Ferdinand's old mark of 30.74 set back in 2003.

Titus had set the stage for that record-breaking performance by beating

Alpha teammate and fellow St Michael School student Ashley Weekes in the 100 metres freestyle.

She put the punctuation mark on another statement victory from Alpha, who accounted for another 13 wins on the night.

Omari Sealy once again came out ahead in the 11-12 boys' category with wins in both the 50 back (34.12) and 100 free (58.75) after Aza Dunwoody took the 400 Individual Medley (5:30.16) and 50 back (32.62) in the 13-14 girls' division.

McCallum Clarke was the one who got the ball rolling when he one-upped his Pirates rival Christopher Pollard in the 13-14 boys' 400 IM.

As such Pirates finished a distant second on the medal podium despite the best efforts of Kenyah Deane, who won the 9-10 girls' 100 free (1:04.47) and 100 back (1:19.14).

High Tide Stingrays did get a measure of success through Adara Stoddard's victories in the girls' 11-12 100 free (1:01.59) and 50 back (33.63).

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