

Atkinson in record breaking form at Commonwealth Games

Alia Atkinson is well on course to securing Jamaica's first medal at the 20th Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.

The 25 year old Atkinson made early waves, breaking the games record twice in qualifying for the 50-metre breaststroke final. She sped to 30.17 seconds to win her semi-final, having done 30.49 seconds in the preliminaries.

The final will be contested at 1.10 p.m Friday with live coverage starting at 1.05 on TVJ. Timothy Wynter swam 58.97 seconds but failed to advance to the 100 metre backstroke semi-final. Dominic Walter swam a national 400-metre freestyle record 4 minutes 09.53, but he, along with Zara Bailey and Trudi-Ann Patrick did not progress from the heats of their events. Netball The "Sunshine Girls" started the netball competition in style, brushing aside their former coach Connie Francis and her St. Lucia team 88-24. The Jamaicans, who were ahead 39-14 at half time were led by Jhanelle Fowler who shot 32 goals from 35 attempts while Romelda Aiken scored 23-28. Thristina Harwood 17-18 and Chanice Beckford 16-18 were the other scorers for Jamaica who'll take on Northern Ireland in their next match at 1pm on Friday. Table tennis In table tennis, Jamaica's men lost both matches contested, going down by 3-nil margins to England and Barbados while the women were beaten 3-nil by Canada and Papua New Guinea. Squash In squash, top ranked Jamaican Chris Binnie was beaten 3-0 by England's Nick Matthew in the round of sixteen. Binnie had earlier beaten Ntholeng Lechesa of Lesotho. Bruce Burrowes did not make it past the last 32, losing to Gbreg Lobban of Scotland in straight sets. Source: rjrnewsonline