



Meet Records Fall on Day Two of TYR Pro Swim Series Knoxville

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – New meet records were set in both the men’s and women’s 50-meter backstroke races on day two of the 2023 TYR Pro Swim Series Knoxville on Thursday. The long course meter competition takes place through Saturday at the Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center.

Women’s 200m Freestyle – FINAL

- 1 – Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md./Gator Swim Club/Nation’s Capital Swim Club), 1:55.47
- 2 – Bella Sims (Las Vegas, Nev./Sandpipers of Nevada), 1:57.87
- 3 – Erin Gemmell (Potomac, Md./Nation’s Capital Swim Club), 1:57.97

Ledecky on her swim: “I’m happy with the swim. I wanted to be 1:55 tonight. Based on my morning swim, I thought I could do that. I’m really pleased with both of my swims this morning and both of my swims tonight.”

Men’s 200m Freestyle – FINAL

- 1 – Henry McFadden (Haddonfield, N.J./Jersey Wahoos), 1:47.23
- 2 – Kieran Smith (Ridgefield, Conn./Ridgefield Aquatic Club/University of Florida), 1:47.33
- 3 – Gabriel Jett (Clovis, Calif./California Aquatics), 1:47.41

McFadden on his swim: “This race means a lot; it shows where I am in training and how good it’s been going. I’m super excited for what is to come.”

Women’s 100m Breaststroke – FINAL

- 1 – Mona McSharry (IRL), 1:06.80
- 2 – Miranda Tucker (Livonia, Mich./Texas Ford Aquatics), 1:07.98
- 3 – Sophie Angus (CAN), 1:08.73

Men’s 100m Breaststroke – FINAL

- 1 – Lyubomir Epitr (BUL), 1:01.35
- 2 – Thomas Cope (Dayton, Ohio/University of Michigan), 1:01.82
- 3 – Brandon Fischer (Livermore, Calif./Pacific Swimming), 1:01.92

Women’s 50m Backstroke – FINAL

- 1 – Kylie Masse (CAN), 27.38*
- 2 – Katharine Berko (Missoula, Mont./NC State), 27.80

3 – Olivia Smoliga (Glenview, Ill./Sun Devil Swimming), 28.07

* Pro Swim Series record

Men's 50m Backstroke – FINAL

1 – Justin Ress (Cary, N.C./Mission Viejo Nadadores), 24.49*

2 – Hunter Armstrong (Dover, Ohio/California Aquatics), 24.70

3 – Daniel Diehl (Cumberland, Md./YMCA of Cumberland), 25.28

* Pro Swim Series record

Ress on his swim: "I've been dealing with a lingering shoulder thing since U.S. Open; it kept me out of U.S. Open. The fact that I was able come here, and in my most intense event, get two solid swims where I didn't hurt myself – that was my goal for the first day. I'm learning how to keep it loose and have fun. I'm doing a much better job of that."

Women's 100m Butterfly – FINAL

1 – Ella Jansen (CAN), 58.92

2 – Bella Sims (Las Vegas, Nev./Sandpipers of Nevada), 59.86

3 – Sara Stotler (Middleburg, Fla./University of Tennessee), 1:00.36

Men's 100m Butterfly – FINAL

1 – Luke Miller (Broomfield, Colo./NC State), 52.24

2 – Ryan Murphy (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./California Aquatics), 52.41

2 – Trenton Julian (Glendale, Calif./Rose Bowl Aquatics), 52.41

Miller on his swim: "NCAA Championships is the top priority right now. We have a great team; we want to see how well we can do as a team (at the championships). That (race) felt great. Winter training was rough at some points, productive for sure. It's good to see those results."

Women's 400m Individual Medley – FINAL

1 – Katie Grimes (Las Vegas, Nev./Sandpipers of Nevada), 4:35.92

2 – Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md./Gator Swim Club/Nation's Capital Swim Club), 4:36.09

3 – Leah Smith (Pittsburgh, Pa./Longhorn Aquatics), 4:43.20

Grimes on battling Katie Ledecky in the race: "Usually I'm chasing her the entire race. This time she chased me down. That was fun for a change but it definitely hurt."

Men's 400m Individual Medley – FINAL

1 – Bobby Finke (Clearwater, Fla./University of Florida/Saint Petersburg Aquatics), 4:17.64

2 – Jay Litherland (Athens, Ga./Sun Devil Swimming), 4:17.97

3 – Kieran Smith (Ridgefield, Conn./Ridgefield Aquatic Club/University of Florida), 4:19.67

Finke on the 400 IM: "It's an event I just like doing. I know what my strengths are and I like playing to my strengths. I'm able to keep up with the (field) because it's a 400; I have the energy for it. It's always fun racing (the event)."

Prelims will begin at 9 a.m. ET and finals at 6 p.m. ET Thursday through Saturday. [Click here](#) to view the full broadcast schedule.

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