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Five Titles for National Team Members on Final Night in Knoxville

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Members of the 2022-23 National Teams collected five event titles on the final night of the 2023 TYR Pro Swim Series Knoxville on Saturday.

Women's 1500m Freestyle – FINAL

- 1 – Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md./Gator Swim Club/Nation's Capital Swim Club), 15:37.99*
 - 2 – Katie Grimes (Las Vegas, Nev./Sandpipers of Nevada), 16:15.02
 - 3 – Claire Weinstein (White Plains, N.Y./Sandpipers of Nevada), 16:25.24
- * 14th-fastest 1500m swim in history

Ledecky on her race: "I didn't have a time in mind. Based on how I've been swimming this week, I thought it'd be pretty solid. I didn't really have any expectations. It hurt a little more than I expected but I'm pleased with the time."

Men's 1500m Freestyle – FINAL

- 1 – Bobby Finke (Clearwater, Fla./University of Florida/Saint Petersburg Aquatics), 15:06.53
- 2 – Ahmed Hafnaoui (TUN), 15:07.07
- 3 – Michael Brinegar (Columbus, Ind./The Ohio State University), 15:28.17

Finke on his race: "I was really just trying to stay with (Ahmed) Hafnaoui. I wasn't sure if he was going to take off. I was prepared for it. I'm glad to be able to race him and the way it turned out."

Women's 200m Individual Medley – FINAL

- 1 – Leah Smith (Pittsburgh, Pa./Longhorn Aquatics), 2:13.78
- 2 – Bella Sims (Las Vegas, Nev./Sandpipers of Nevada), 2:14.32
- 3 – Tess Cieplucha (CAN), 2:15.12

Smith on her race: "It's one of my favorite events. Short and sweet, and you get to do all the strokes. I was having fun out there and I wanted to finish out the meet strong."

Men's 200m Individual Medley – FINAL

- 1 – Finlay Knox (CAN), 1:59.27
- 2 – Kieran Smith (Ridgefield, Conn./Ridgefield Aquatic Club/University of Florida), 1:59.85
- 3 – Trenton Julian (Glendale, Calif./Rose Bowl Aquatics), 2:00.08

Women's 200m Backstroke – FINAL

- 1 – Kylie Masse (CAN), 2:08.97
- 2 – Josephine Fuller (Richmond, Va./University of Tennessee), 2:11.59
- 3 – Katie Grimes (Las Vegas, Nev./Sandpipers of Nevada), 2:11.96

Men's 200m Backstroke – FINAL

- 1 – Daniel Diehl (Cumberland, Md./YMCA of Cumberland), 1:58.45
- 2 – Chase Kalisz (Baltimore, Md./Sun Devil Swimming), 2:00.50
- 3 – Clement Secchi (FRA), 2:01.79

Diehl on his race: "I tried not to think too much. I wanted to let it loose. I want to start training for the 200m backstroke more and focus on that leading into world championships trials. I really like the event."

Women's 50m Breaststroke – FINAL

- 1 – Mona McSharry (IRL), 30.56
- 2 – Miranda Tucker (Livonia, Mich./Texas Ford Aquatics), 31.29
- 3 – Sophie Angus (CAN), 31.72

Men's 50m Breaststroke – FINAL

- 1 – Michael Houlie (RSA), 27.47
- 2 – Tommy Cope (Dayton, Ohio/Indiana Swim Club), 27.84
- 3 – Miguel De Lara Ojeda (MEX), 27.93

Women's 100m Freestyle – FINAL

- 1 – Erika Brown (Modesto, Calif./Tennessee Aquatics), 54.15
- 2 – Olivia Smoliga (Glenview, Ill./Sun Devil Swimming), 54.61
- 3 – Simone Manuel (Sugar Land, Texas/Sun Devil Swimming), 54.81

Brown on swimming at her home pool: "I love being able to train here every day. Having our fans here for the meet is so much fun. I was shocked how loud it was yesterday."

Men's 100m Freestyle – FINAL

- 1 – Andrej Barna (SER), 49.00
- 2 – Guilherme Santos (BRA), 49.15
- 3 – Javier Acevedo (CAN), 49.56

The TYR Pro Swim Series will continue in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., March 1-4, at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center.

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