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Michael Andrew Takes Two Titles at TYR Pro Swim Series Fort Lauderdale

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – Michael Andrew won the 50m breaststroke and 50m butterfly on night three of competition at the 2023 TYR Pro Swim Series Fort Lauderdale. The event runs through Saturday at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center.

Women's 200m Freestyle – FINAL

- 1 – Summer McIntosh (CAN), 1:54.13*
- 2 – Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md./Nation's Capital Swim Club/Gator Swim Club), 1:54.96
- 3 – Siobhan Haughey (HKG), 1:55.53

**U.S. Open Record, World Junior Record*

Men's 200m Freestyle – FINAL

- 1 – Matthew Richards (WAL), 1:47.04
- 2 – Kieran Smith (Ridgefield, Conn./Ridgefield Aquatic Club/University of Florida), 1:47.36
- T-3 – Luiz Altamir (BRA), 1:47.88
- T-3 – Shaine Casas (McAllen, Texas/Longhorn Aquatics), 1:47.88

Women's 50m Breaststroke – FINAL

- 1 – Lilly King (Evansville, Ind./Indiana Swim Club), 30.04
- 2 – Imogen Clark (GBR), 30.48
- T-3 – Siobhan Haughey (HKG), 31.21
- T-3 – Rachel Bernhardt (Vineland, N.J./Team Charlotte Swimming), 31.21

King on her race: "I kind of have to get up and go. Honestly, there is a lot less thinking (compared to the 100 breaststroke) because you aren't going to die. It's only a 50, and when you train for the 200 breast, it's kind of a fun race so I just try to get off the blocks and race as fast as I can."

Men's 50m Breaststroke – FINAL

- 1 – Michael Andrew (Encinitas, Calif./MA Swim Club), 27.10
- 2 – Nic Fink (Morristown, N.J./ Metro Atlantic Aquatic Club), 27.29
- 3 – Tommy Cope (Dayton, Ohio/Indiana Swim Club), 27.48

Andrew on his race: "I was a little slow on the first half of the 50; felt my rhythm towards the end. I think, honestly, I came into it trying a little too hard to go fast but breaststroke is one of those weird strokes."

Women's 50m Butterfly – FINAL

T-1 – Abbey Weitzeil (Santa Clarita, Calif./California Aquatics), 26.27

T-1 – Emilie Beckmann (DEN), 26.27

T-3 – Katherine Savard (CAN), 26.68

T-3 – Natalie Hinds (Midland, Texas/Gator Swim Club), 26.68

Weitzeil on her race: "I think it was good, just doing something different and fun. I don't have to overthink anything. I get to dive in and just race without overthinking the technicalities like I do with freestyle."

Men's 50m Butterfly – FINAL

1 – Michael Andrew (Encinitas, Calif./MA Swim Academy), 23.33

1 – Dylan Carter (TTO), 23.33

3 – Shaine Casas (McAllen, Texas/Longhorn Aquatics), 23.48

Andrew on his tie with Carter in prelims and finals: "I wasn't sure who was in lane four tonight. I feel like we have to swim it a third time to see who will take it."

Women's 200m Backstroke – FINAL

1 – Regan Smith (Lakeville, Minn./Sun Devil Swimming), 2:05.34*

2 – Katie Grimes (Las Vegas, Nev./Sandpipers of Nevada), 2:09.53

3 – Erika Pelaez (Hialeah, Fla./Eagle Aquatics/NC State), 2:11.67

**TYR Pro Swim Series Record*

Smith on her race: "(I) spent a lot of time focusing on technique, underwaters and things like that, so I think I did really well. I'm psyched."

Men's 200m Backstroke – FINAL

1 – Ryan Murphy (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./California Aquatics), 1:56.44

2 – Chase Kalisz (Baltimore, Md./Sun Devil Swimming), 1:59.73

3 – Jay Litherland (Athens, Ga./Dynamo Swim Club), 2:01.14

Murphy on his race: "I felt really good about the block (of training) before Knoxville, right after Christmas. I felt like I really got into a good groove. I really held that well. I started to get really, really tired probably a week-and-a-half or two weeks ago, so that's good. I really pushed myself to the limit there. Then it showed up nicely (in this race). I liked how I split it; I liked how I felt."

Women's 400m Individual Medley – FINAL

1 – Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md./Nation's Capital Swim Club/Gator Swim Club), 4:36.04

2 – Ella Jansen (CAN), 4:43.32

3 – Tess Cieplucha (CAN), 4:44.92

Ledecky on her race: "I'm happy with that double tonight. My IM has been feeling good, so I just wanted to put together a really good swim tonight."

Men's 400m Individual Medley – FINAL

1 – Bobby Finke (Clearwater, Fla./St. Petersburg Aquatics/Gator Swim Club), 4:15.93

2 – Lorne Wigginton (CAN), 4:19.95

3 – Grant Sanders (Clearwater, Fla./University of Florida), 4:25.33

Finke on having a lead going into the freestyle leg: “I really wanted to push the backstroke of that 400 IM. I’m not too sure what my split was but I just wanted to have a pretty good backstroke split and just hold on from there.”

The TYR Pro Swim Series Fort Lauderdale will conclude Saturday, March 4 with prelims at 9 a.m. ET and finals at 6 p.m.

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