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Team Singapore para swimmers show form on first day of opening season competition

Yip Pin Xiu and Soon siblings, Sophie Soon and Colin Soon, score team's first medals at Citi Para Swimming World Series 2023 Melbourne

Team Singapore swimmers kicked off their first competition of the opening season, the Citi Para Swimming World Series 2023 Melbourne, with a glorious haul of 2 golds and 1 bronze from Paralympians Yip Pin Xiu and Sophie Soon, as well as ASEAN Para Games 2022 gold medalist, Colin Soon.

The Citi Para Swimming World Series 2023 Melbourne is the first leg of the Series, which will travel to nine countries this year, including Singapore in April 2023. Held at Melbourne Sports Centres, the Melbourne series will last three days from 17 to 19 February.

Yip (S2) took the gold in the Women's 100m Backstroke multi-class event with a timing of 2:20.98, clocking 733 points. Canadian Aurelie Rivard (S10) took silver with 720 points while Australian Jasmine Greenwood finished third place with 712 points.

The Soon siblings made an impression as well, with the elder Soon (Sophie) taking the gold in the Women's 50m Breaststroke multi-class event, and her younger brother, Colin, getting a bronze in the Men's 50m Breaststroke multi-class event.

Team Singapore continues on to Day 2 tomorrow.

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About Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC)

Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) is the only organisation in Singapore that caters to sports for persons across all kinds of disabilities. It aims to help persons with disability lead full and independent lives through sports. Besides providing sporting opportunities for them to realise their potential, SDSC trains talents to represent Singapore and pursue excellence at regional and international competitions. More information at www.sdsc.org.sg

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Annex A Day 1 Results of Team Singapore at WPS 2023 Melbourne

Event	Swimmer	Time	WPS Points	Ranking	Remarks
Women's 100m Back Multi-Class Finals	Yip Pin Xiu	2:20.98	733 pts	1st / GOLD	
Women's 50m Breast Multi-Class Finals	Sophie Soon	40.17s	[TBA]	1st / GOLD	
Men's 50m Breast Multi-Class Finals	Colin Soon	34.34s	587pts	3rd place / BRONZE	
	Wong Zhi Wei	34.72s	569 pts	4th place	Personal Best & National Record (SB13 50m Breast Men)
	Darren Chan	35.23s	545 pts	-	
Women's 100m Fly Multi-Class	Danielle Moi	1:16.32	578pts	7th place	
Men's 400m Free Multi-Class	Toh Wei Soong	5:15.65	[TBA]	-	
	Wong Zhi Wei	4:55.19	[TBA]	-	

Annex B Schedule of Team Singapore at WPS 2023 Melbourne

Day 1 - 17 Feb 2023 (Fri)		Day 2 - 18 Feb 2023 (Sat)		Day 3 - 19 Feb 2023 (Sun)	
Event	Team SG	Event	Team SG	Event	Team SG
Women's 100m Back S1-S14	Yip Pin Xiu (GOLD)	Men's 100m Breast SB2 - SB14	Colin Soon Darren Chan Wong Zhi Wei	Men's 50m Fly S3 - S14	Darren Chan Toh Wei Soong Wong Zhi Wei
Men's 100m Back S1-S14	Colin Soon Toh Wei Soong	Women's 100m Breast SB2 - SB14	Sophie Soon	Women's 50m Fly S3 - S14	Danielle Moi
Men's 100m Fly S5 - S14	Darren Chan Toh Wei Soong Wong Zhi Wei	Women's 50m Free S1 - S14	Sophie Soon	Men's 50m Back S1 - S14	Colin Soon
Women's 100m Fly S5 - S14	Danielle Moi	Men's 50m Free S1 - S14	Darren Chan Toh Wei Soong Wong Zhi Wei	Women's 50m Back S1 - S14	Danielle Moi Yip Pin Xiu
Men's 50m Breast SB1 - SB14	Colin Soon (BRONZE) Darren Chan Wong Zhi Wei (Personal Best & National Record, SB13 50m Breast Men)	Men's 100m Free S1 - S14	Darren Chan Toh Wei Soong	Men's 200m IM SM5 - SM14	
Women's 50m Breast SB1 - SB14	Sophie Soon (GOLD)	Women's 100m Free S1 - S14	Danielle Moi Sophie Soon	Men's 150m IM SM1 - SM4	
Men's 400m Free S6 - S14	Colin Soon Darren Chan Toh Wei Soong Wong Zhi Wei			Women's 150m IM SM1 - SM4	
Women's 400m Free S6 - S14	Danielle Moi			Men's 200m Free	Darren Chan Wong Zhi Wei

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Annex C About the Multi-Class Point System (MCPS)

In multi-class para swimming events, para swimmers compete against one another, with each swimmer's result being compared to the world record for their specific disability. The performance closest to the relevant record wins.

The winner of a multi-class event is not always the swimmer who touches the wall before others, but the one who posts the time closest to the World Record for their impairment classification category.