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Toh Wei Soong ties with Australian home favourite Timothy Hodge to earn bronze on second day of the Citi Para Swimming World Series 2023 Melbourne

Team Singapore swimmers had a challenging second day at the Citi Para Swimming World Series 2023 Melbourne. Only Paralympian Toh Wei Soong (S7) managed to edge into the finals, and fought to a tie in third placing with Australian home favourite and Paralympic medalist Timothy Hodge (S9) in the Men's 50m Freestyle Multi-Class event. This feat closed the day for Team Singapore with one additional bronze to its medal tally.

Nonetheless, Toh is not looking at the win as an end. "Coming off a great training camp in Gold Coast, there are many things I am in the process of refining right now and it's always quite the task to implement what you have learnt in training into a competition setting. With that being said, knowing where I was and where I am now in terms of technique, I am confident that with races further into the season, I would be able to integrate what I've learnt from this training camp and get better from here."

Toh's coach, Ang Peng Siong, who was former world record holder for the Men's 50m Freestyle event, concurred, "We just came off a really good training camp where we met up with some of the top sport scientists, as well as coaching legend Bill Sweetenham. This is really the first race of the year, which is going to be a busy one for Wei Soong, as we are going to try to get as many races in as possible. Timing is not the main focus at this meet. It is really trying to refine his strokes and skill sets, and prepare for Paris next year."

Seven Team Singapore para swimmers are at the Melbourne Series, which takes place from 17 to 19 February at the Melbourne Sports Centres. This is the first leg of the Citi Para Swimming World Series, which will travel to nine countries this year, including Singapore in April 2023.

Team Singapore finished with 2 golds, and 1 bronze on day 1 of the Series, with Yip Pin Xiu and Sophie Soon taking the pole positions in the Women's 100m Backstroke Multi-Class and Women's 50m Breaststroke Multi-Class events respectively. The bronze was earned by 17-year-old Colin Soon, also Sophie's brother, in the Men's 50m Breaststroke Multi-Class event.

Team Singapore's current medal tally stands at 2 golds and 2 bronzes. Tomorrow will be the last day of their races in Melbourne.

"The 50m Butterfly event is an event I enjoy. It will be the focus of my attempt to take what I've learnt from the recent training camp and implement it in terms of body rhythm, catch and resistance at speed into this race. I am looking forward to getting better," said Toh.

Annex A Day 1 and 2 Results of Team Singapore at WPS 2023 Melbourne



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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	525 pts	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]	-	

Day 2 Results of Team Singapore at WPS 2023 Melbourne

Event	Swimmer	Time	WPS Points	Ranking	Remarks
Men's 50m Free	Toh Wei Soong	30.19	721 pts	3rd / BRONZE	



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Multi-Class Finals					
Men's 100m Free Multi-Class Finals	Toh Wei Soong	1:06.13	651 pts	8th	
Men's 50m Free Multi-Class Heats	Wong Zhi Wei	27.20	[TBA]	13th out of 24	Personal Best

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 (BRONZE) 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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Note:

S1 to S10 - Physical Impairment

S11 to S13 - Visual Impairment

S14 - Intellectual Impairment

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.