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**YIP PIN XIU WINS SECOND MEDAL FOR TEAM SINGAPORE WHILE JAPAN'S AYANO TSUJIUCHI AND KAZAKHSTAN'S NURDAULET ZHUMAGALI BREAK THREE ASIAN RECORDS**



*Photo of Yip Pin Xiu. Photo Credit: Singapore Disability Sports Council/Calvin Teoh*

Yip Pin Xiu, who won a bronze medal on the opening day of the Citi Para Swimming World Series Singapore 2024, added another silver to her tally in the Women's 50m Backstroke Multiclass event on the second day of the competition. She finished with a time of 1:04.89, earning 853 World Para Swimming Points. Philippines' Angel Mae Otom won the gold medal with 914 points and Japan's Maori Yui took bronze with 521 points.

This is her fastest timing for the 50m Backstroke S2 event so far this year, beating her time of 1:05.14 in the Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships and 1:06.37 at the Citi Para Swimming World Series Australia 2024. She still holds the 50m Backstroke S2 world record set in the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games, where she clocked a time of 0:59.38.

"The 50m backstroke is one of my events in Paris. My time was pretty similar to what I did in Madeira, so my coach and I were happy. It was an amazing atmosphere and it was a really nice swim," shared Yip. Yip will compete in her last event, the 100m Backstroke, at the Citi Para Swimming World Series Singapore 2024 on 19th May.

Three Asian records were broken, two by Japan's Ayano Tsujiuchi and one by Kazakhstan's Nurdaulet Zhumagali today. Ayano, who started her first para swimming competition in 2017 after she was diagnosed with progressive macular dystrophy, broke the 400m Freestyle S12 Asian Record with a time of 5:01.43 in the heats. The previous record of 5:31.26 was held by Chinese Taipei's Hu Hsin-Chung, and had stood since 2002. Ayano broke the record again in the finals with a time of 5:00.89.

Kazakhstan's Zhumagali, who was a bronze medalist at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, broke the 100m Breaststroke SB12 Asian Record set in 2018 by fellow Kazakhstani Anuar Akhmetov during today's Men's 100m Breaststroke heats with a time of 1:06.17.

The World Para Swimming Series uses the Multi-Class Point System (MCPS) where each swimmer's result is compared to the world record for their specific sport class and awarded points. The closer the performance is to the relevant record, the higher the points.

The 2024 World Series takes place in 9 countries and Singapore is the only Asian stop, and it's organised by the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC). This is the third time Singapore has hosted the event.

The last day to catch the action in the pool will be on 19 May, Sunday. Tickets are on sale on SISTIC: <https://www.sistic.com.sg/events/citipara0524>.

#### **Day 2 Notable Results at Citi Para Swimming World Series Singapore 2024 (17 May 2024):**

| <b>S N</b> | <b>Name</b>               | <b>Event</b>                                       | <b>Timing</b> | <b>Remarks</b>                |
|------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1          | YIP PIN XIU (SGP)         | WOMEN'S 50M BACKSTROKE A FINALS (S1-S5)            | 1:04.89       | 853 pts, 2nd out of 4, Silver |
| 2          | AYANO TSUJIUCHI (JPN)     | WOMEN'S 400M FREESTYLE HEATS (S6-S14)              | 5:01.43       | 694 pts                       |
|            |                           | WOMEN'S 400M FREESTYLE FINAL (S6-S14)              | 5:00.89       | 699 pts, 6th out of 8         |
| 3          | NURDAULET ZHUMAGALI (KAZ) | MEN'S 100M BREASTSTROKE HEATS (SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14) | 1:06.17       | 966 pts                       |

**Link to images:**

**Link to results:**

[https://www.titanium-sportservice.de/en/sport-events/calendar/resultlists-v2?va\\_id=329&date=2024-05-17](https://www.titanium-sportservice.de/en/sport-events/calendar/resultlists-v2?va_id=329&date=2024-05-17)

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Established in 1973 by the then Ministry of Social Affairs, the Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) is Singapore's national sports body for persons with disabilities. Committed to transforming the lives of individuals with disabilities through sports, the SDSC engages, develops, and promotes excellence among persons with disabilities.

In partnership with its members - an alliance of social service agencies, parasport and mainstream sport organizations - the SDSC drives Singapore's movement towards greater inclusivity. SDSC's efforts have produced inspiring success stories such as Aloysius Gan, Asian Youth Para Games medalist, and Yip Pin Xiu, Singapore's most decorated Paralympian.

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