

TEISHA LIGHTBOURNE QUALIFIES FOR NCAA

Northwestern's Bahamian freestyler Teisha Lightbourne notched two NCAA automatic qualifying times at the recent Big Ten Swimming championships at the Ohio State University from Feb 21-23. In the very first event the 200 yard freestyle relay Teisha led off her team in 23.12 (26.54 LCM Long course metres) itself an NCAA B time for the 50 free on the first leg. Her teammates built on the good start to finish in 1:30.49 a mere .25 seconds away from the bronze but comfortably under the automatic qualifying of 1:31.01. In the 400 freestyle relay which saw the lead going to and fro between Northwestern ,University of Michigan and Wisconsin the final readout saw Michigan first 3:17.47 , Wisconsin second 3:17.97 and Northwestern third 3:18.20 aided by Lightbourne's third leg split of 50.40 (57.67) under the NCAA march championships standard of 3:18.95

In a fast qualification for the 50 yard free style all competitors went under 23 seconds with freshman Lightbourne in a three way tie at 22.95 (26.35) under the NCAA consideration time of 23.29. She could not reproduce that form in the final and clocked 23.20 (26.64) for eight place. In the longer sprint the 100 freestyle she qualified as the number two seed in the B finals in 50.73 (58.04) another consideration time but she faltered to seventh in 51.18(58.56). In her last event of the meet Lightbourne recorded a blazing 22.37 (25.66) in the 200 yard medley relay but it could not lift Northwestern to a podium place as they finished fifth in a consideration time of 1:40.78. Northwestern finished with 398 points.

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