

LaSalle's Kylie Masse sets Swimming Canada record in women's 100-metre backstroke



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Kylie Masse is seen in this file photo. (Dan Janisse/Windsor Star) Dan Janisse / Windsor Star

LaSalle's Kylie Masse, who is competing for the University of Toronto Varsity Blues, broke the Canadian women's 100-metre backstroke record at the OUA swimming championships in London.

The Sandwich high school grad and Windsor Essex Swim Team product broke her own conference record in the preliminaries in a time of 56.97.

Masse, who won gold for Canada in the event in July at the FISU World University Games in South Korea, came back in the Thursday night's OUA final to set a new Swimming Canada record with a gold-medal winning time of 56.55. That bettered the old mark set in 2009 by Katelyn Murdoch at 56.88.



Kylie Masse is seen in this file photo. Dan Janisse / Windsor Star

A Varsity Blues sophomore, Masse was back at it Friday as she broke her own mark in the women's 200-metre backstroke in the preliminaries in a time of 2:05.81, which was more than seven seconds better than her closest rival and easily surpassed her record time of 2:09.80 set last year. She would lower that mark Friday night in winning the gold medal in the event with a new record time of 2:04.44.

Masse, who set a Canadian record in the 50-metre backstroke in November, will compete in that event Saturday.

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