

Kuan-Hung Wang and Pei-Wun Lin Both Breaks the National Records

National Intercollegiate Athletic Games 2023 held by Chung Yuan Christian University started the first day of swimming competition at Zhubei Civil Sports Center, and records were broken.

Kuan-Hung Wang, who excelled at 2020 Tokyo Olympics, broke the national record of Division I men's 100-meter butterfly he set two years ago, proving that he has walked through the valley of testing positive for Covid-19 last year.

Aside from that, Pei-Wun Lin also broke the national record at Division I women's 50-meter breaststroke, performing well after 4 years of downs and reaching the qualification of participating in the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games.

At the heats in the morning, Lin from National Taiwan University of Sport broke the national record of 31'41" she set at Hong Kong Open Swimming Championships 2018 with 31'19". Although she finished 31'66" at the final in the afternoon, she still defended her 5th championship of 50-meter breaststroke, and reached the qualification of the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games, which is 31'72".

At the finals in the afternoon, Wang also performed well. Before he tested positive last year at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games, he finished 53'31" at 100-meter butterfly, which was worse than the national record 52'19" he set at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games 2021.

However, he finished 52'03" at Division I men's 100-meter butterfly this year, and broke the national record he set. This was the first time Wang broke the national record after 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Wang tested positive during the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games last year, and his performance hadn't improved for a while.

"I was a little bit anxious at the time." Wang said. "I know that people are looking at me, and have expectations of me, but through trainings, I turned my pressure into motivation. A great player has to be able to take pressures so that they can walk further."