

Tatjana Schoenmaker wins gold, breaks world record at Tokyo Olympics

Swimmer Tatjana Schoenmaker claimed South Africa's first gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics in the women's 200m breaststroke final, setting a new world record in the process.

The 24-year-old South African swimmer touched the wall in a record-breaking time of 2:18.95.



Tatjana Schoenmaker - Source: Getty

The previous world record, set by Denmark's Rikke Moller Pedersen at the World Championships in 2013, was 2:19.11.

American, Lilly King took silver in 2:19.92 while American, Annie Lazor came in third with a time of 2:20.84. South Africa's Kaylene Corbett finished fifth in a time of 2:22.06.



Swimmer Tatjana Schoenmaker and surfer Bianca Buitendag both win silver at Tokyo Olympics

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Her win takes Team SA's medal tally in Tokyo to three after she won silver in the women's 100m breaststroke earlier this week, while surfer Bianca Buitendag also won a silver medal on Tuesday.

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