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Adrian Durant wins NCAA Northeast Coach of the Year!



The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation congratulates V.I. National Track and Field Team Coach and Head Track and Field Coach at Cornell University Adrian Durant on being selected NCAA Northeast Region Coach of the Year.

EUGENE, Oregon - Regional Athletes and Coaches of the Year for the 2016 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field season were announced Monday by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Each of the nine regions - which are the same as those used during the cross country season - honored both genders' top track athletes and field athletes, and the top men's and women's head coaches and assistant coaches.

Award winners were determined by a vote of USTFCCCA member coaches. Only those individuals from USTFCCCA member programs are eligible for awards.

NORTHEAST REGION - ADRIAN DURANT - CORNELL

Durant, in his first year as head coach of the Big Red, led his men to a dominant win at the Ivy League Championships. Cornell scored a meet record 211 points and won 11 events throughout the proceedings. The Big Red were ranked No. 1 in the Northeast Region according to the USTFCCCA. Cornell has five qualifiers at the NCAA Finals.

VITFF stated that "Durant a member of the Hounds & Foxes Track Club from childhood and coached by V.I.National Track and Field



Team Coach Charles Golphin, became a V.I. National Track and Field Team Member and won the Bronze Medal in the CARIFTA 200m in a race with Jamaica's Husain Bolt Gold and Daniel Bailey Silver in Trinidad & Tobago in 2003. He earned All-American honors at the University of South Carolina under coach Frye. Also as an athlete he represented the Virgin Islands in IAAF World Junior Championships; IAAF World Indoor Championships; IAAF World Championships; multiple CAC Track and Field Championships; CAC Games, Pan American Games and the 2004 Olympic Games. He set a number of junior and senior national records for the Virgin Islands in the sprints including the 4 x 100m relay in Havana, Cuba in 2008 which still stands. After retiring from competition he was hired as assistant coach by Nathan Taylor, then Cornell Head Track and Field Coach and on his retirement in 2015 moved to the Head Coach position at his fourth year at Cornell.

He will join Nathan Taylor now the Track and Field Coach at SPIRE Track and Field Academy and Olympic Training Center as the 2016 Rio V.I. Olympic Track and Field Coach and is now eligible for NCAA National Coach of the Year.

Federation officials Ronald Russell, President and Wallace Williams, General Secretary expressed their praise for Durant and his continued success as a member of the VITFF family.

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