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V.I.'s Murray takes Bronze at CARIFTA St. Lucia...sets V.I. Junior Record...

Leslie Murray was on a computer online chat with his mom who was hundreds of miles away early Saturday morning to share his experience in his first CARIFTA. She said he wasn't too happy with his qualifying mark in the prelims...she told him to "stay positive and give his best". He told her not to worry, he would "bring home a medal one way or another". That he did and against the top junior runners in the Caribbean. His time of 46.74 establishes a personal best and a V.I. National Record. With a slight ankle injury he has hopes that it won't hold him back from being in the mix in the 400m hurdles, the event he represented the V.I. in the IAAF World Jr. Championships last year in Poland. It took two incredible performances from Grenadians Kirani James (45.45 and Rondell Bartolomew 45.58) who broke the CARIFTA record to beat Murray in the race who's time was just shy of the established CARIFTA record.

38th Carifta Games Championship - 4/10/2009 to 4/13/2009
St. Lucia National Stadium
Vieux Fort, St. Lucia, B.W.I.

Event 36 Men 400 Meter Dash Under 20

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World: W 43.18 8/26/1999 Michael Johnson, USA
World Junior: J 43.87 9/28/1988 Steve Lewis, USA
Carifta: C 46.35 4/19/2003 Usain Bolt, Jamaica
W. Youth Qul: % 50.50

Name	Year	Team	Finals
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Finals			
1 James, Kirani		Grenada	45.45C
2 Bartolomew, Rondell		Grenada	45.58C
3 Murray, Leslie		U.S.V.I.	46.74%
4 Norgrove, Fabian		Barbados	47.09%
5 Mathew, Jevon		Trinidad & Tobago	47.83%
6 Miller, Brandon		Bahamas	47.98%
7 Smith, Kadeem		St. Kitts & Nevis	48.20%
8 Powell, Ricardo		Jamaica	48.45%