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V.I. National Junior Track and Field Team off to CARIFTA XXXVIII 2009 St. Lucia

The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation (VITFF) announced today that the Virgin Islands National Junior Track and Field Team is entered in the XXXVII 2009 CARIFTA Championship at the GEORGE ODLUM STADIUM in Vieux Fort, St Lucia April 9 to 15.

Fourteen athletes make of the V.I. team of sprinters, middle distance runners, hurdlers and throwers. The athletes will compete in two age-groups (under 20 and under 18). It will be the first time that the V.I. has entered hurdlers and a larger complement of throwers. The team combines experienced (those who have competed in CARIFTA before and those in college) as well new coming athletes (one under 17 sprinter and male and female shot put, discus and javelin throwers).

**Allison Peter** a three-time medal winner and two-time IAAF World Championships competitor (youth and junior) leads the group. Last year she won a gold medal in the 200m and a silver medal in the 100m. This year she moves up to the under 20 category. She is a student/athlete at the St. Croix Educational Complex High School and runs for the Jr. Barracudas Track Club.

**Leslie Murray** a Nike Nationals finalist and IAAF World Junior Championships (junior) in the 400m hurdles is also the V.I. National Record Junior and Senior holder in the 400m hurdles. He is a freshman at Delaware State University. This is his first CARIFTA

**Ninfa Barnard** is veteran finalist at CARIFTA in the middle distances. She will run the 800m, 1500m, 3000m. She is a senior at the St. Croix Educational Complex and runs for the St. Croix Track Club.

**Seymore Walters** is also a veteran of CARIFTA and finalists. He will compete in the middle distances and relays. He is a student/athlete at the St. Croix Educational Complex High School and runs for the Jr. Barracudas Track Club.

**Kyron Correa** will run the middle distance and relay races. He is a student/athlete at The Charlotte Amalie High School and runs for Cheetahs Track Club.

**Andrea Wynter** is a shot put and discus thrower and veteran at CARIFTA. She is a student/athlete at The St. Croix Central High School and competes with the St. Croix Track Club.

**Jerome Bute**, a sprinter is a veteran of CARIFTA and will run the 400m and relays. He is a student/athlete at The Charlotte Amalie High School and runs for Cheetahs Track Club.

**Shenelle Soanes** is a sprinter and will compete for the first time in the 100m and relays at CARIFTA. She is a student/athlete at the St. Croix Educational Complex and runs for the Jr. Barracudas Track Club.

**Stephanie Jerson** runs the 400m and relays. She is a student/athlete at The Charlotte Amalie High School and runs for the Junior Barracudas Track Club.

**Shamica Thomas** will run the 100m and relays. This is her first CARIFTA. She is a student/athlete at The St. Croix Central High School and runs for the V.I. Express Track Club.

**Stephen Clarke**, (discus, javelin); **Kason Miller**, (shot put, discus); **Duryan Ebbesen** (shot put, discus). All are student/athletes at The St. Croix Educational Complex and compete with the Jr. Barracudas Track Club. This will be their first CARIFTA.

**Devon Peters** (Jr. Barracudas Track Club and St. Croix Educational Complex) is the Head Coach; **Dale Joseph** (Cheetahs Track Club and Charlotte Amalie High School) Coach; **Jason Woodard**, St. Croix Educational Complex is the Field Events Coach; **Linda Garraway** is the Team Leader. The team is joined by a group of coaches and supporters from the Virgin Islands, including: **Keith Smith Sr, Mireille Sankatsing-Smith; Agatha Cazaubon, Rex Cazaubon**, from the St. Croix Track Club and **Earthla Augustin**, a teacher at the St. Croix Educational Complex and **Gloriana Jerson**, a Massage Therapist from the Cheetahs Track Club.

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