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V.I. Track and Field Championships are historic...



David Walters leads 100m Photo by: Samuel James

The Virgin Islands National Track and Field Championships are held annually. For the first time in the Virgin Islands the venue was the new IAAF certified track at The Ivanna Eudora Kean High School in St. Thomas.

V.I. champions were declared in various disciplines for athletes of all ages and clubs. Every first-place finisher now

track and field record for the Kean track. The one-day meet saw individual performances which also amassed points for their clubs and in addition at least three clubs from the British Virgin Islands took advantage of the invitation to compete. There were a number of closely contested sprint events ranging from 11 and under to masters over 35 for boys and girls, men and women. The athletes ran in races ranging the distances from 100 meters to 5000 meters; they competed in field events including the long jump, triple jump, the throws including shot put, discus, javelin and baseball throw for the youths.

The awards made including those to invited athletes from the British Virgin Islands who while winning some of the events, did not count toward the Virgin Islands National Championship. Of the eight clubs competing, five of them representing the Virgin Islands, the St. Croix Track Club led the way for male and female clubs with totals of 168 points over 33 events for the males and 329 points for the females over 36 events. There were outstanding performances in each of the categories with medals awarded to the top three finisher in each age group.

The competition was very special to David Walters, a member of the 4 x 100m relay which holds the V.I. national record. He ran the fastest 100m for the day with a wind aided time of 10.44, he is graduate of Charlotte Amalie High School and coached by Dale Joseph the V.I. National Track and Field Championships Competition Director. He is a graduate of Langston University in Oklahoma, he was an All American. Shadquoy Stephens of the British Virgin Islands was second in 10.72 and V.I. National Track and Field Team Member and 2016 graduate of the Navy Academy, Jordon Sartor-Francis was second for V.I. third overall in 11.24. Sartor-Francis won the V.I. title in the 200m in 22.09 with Brian Slator taking second in 23.07.



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In a photo finish Nia Jack for the St. Croix Track Club and the Pan Am Youth Championships 100m champion had the fastest female 100m time of the day and track record in 11.96, she is a qualifier for the IAAF World Under 20 Championships coming up next month in Poland. Kala Peen of the Fast Lane Jr. Track Club of BVI was a close second also in 11.96.

Khadijah Clouden a junior at Virginia State University won the triple jump with a wind aided leap of 11.91 and finished second to V.I. National Heptathlon record holder Wanetta Kirby in the long jump. Her triple jump earned her a trip to the upcoming NACAC Under 23 Championships in El Salvador. Quashira McIntosh a sophomore at the University of Nebraska had a strong first place finish in the under 20 200m with a time of 24.40w.

Avery Joseph a Sophomore at Central Michigan Univ. is the V.I. Junior National Record holder for the Javelin and he took first place with a throw as did his Ahmed of the Cheetah's Track Club in the under 18 age-group. Lamar Miller of the St. Croix Track Club ran the fastest under 18 100m of the day with a time of 11.15. Tyrone Lake of the Hounds and Foxes Track Club had an outstanding day as he took first in the 200m, first in the Baseball Throw and third in the 100m for the under 11 boys age-group. His sister T'yannah took the title in the girls under 15 200m. The first medals of the day were awarded to a small group of 5000m runners in the longest race of the day with Evan Jones taking first place with a time of 17:48 and he came back later to win the 1500m with a time of 4:35; Shane Degannes won the masters title for the 5k and was second overall in 18:47. Brice Richards of Good Hope Country Day School won his first title in the under 11 800m with a time of 2:50, Christopher Griffith of the St. Thomas Track Club was second in 2:56. Kohun Eugene and Jamil Berthier of the Cheetah's Track Club took first and second in the under 20 100m male event.

Malique Smith, Mikaela Smith, Michelle Smith and Keith Smith (brother, sisters and father of the St. Croix Track Club) had outstanding performances to lead their club. Malique who just finished his award winning freshman year at Univ. of Arkansas Pine Bluff won an exciting race in the under 20 400m with his teammate Rodney Griffin as both are trying for the IAAF World Under 20 Championships qualifier. Malique's time was 48.42 Griffin also with SCTC and will join Malique at Univ. of Arkansas Pine Bluff was second in 49.10; Randy Antoine of Cheetah's Track Club was third for the V.I. in 57.51. Mikaela took first in the under 18 800m and the 400m in 2:30.51 and 62.89 respectively. Michelle Smith won the under 11 long jump and first for the V.I. in the 100m. The Smith's father Keith is the bronze medal winner for the V.I. in the 1991 Pan Am Games 4 x 100m relay, took second in the masters 100m. Barrymore Berley V.I. Express Track Club won the Masters 100m over Keith Smith St.Croix Track Club Joseph Lloyd and Willie Lewis. Ruth Ann David was the long female 5k runner as she took the title; her daughter Shiah took first in the under 13 girls 400m and 800m.

With several V.I. National Track and Field Team Members traveling from outside the territory to compete including: Brian Slator, Jordon Sartor-Francis, David Walters, Malique Smith, Tarique Abdul-Akbar, Ailile Brown, Wanetta Kirby, Quashira McIntosh. The competition ended with a series of relay events.



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