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Eddie Lovett Performs Well at World Championships...



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Note: *The 110 meters hurdles (see Eddie Lovett 5th from the left in IAAF World Championships round 1) is perhaps the most technical running event in track and field. The athlete must, from a full start, negotiate while at full sprint speed, 10 hurdles approximately 3 feet in height 10 meters apart over the distance of 110 meters with the winner usually decided among 8 runners with only hundredths of a second separating them...all done between 12 and 13 seconds!*

2017 IAAF World Championship...London, England

Eddie Lovett represented the Virgin Islands in the IAAF World Championships in London this past weekend and became the first V.I. 110meter hurdler to advance to the semi-finals with a season best of 13.41 he finished third in his qualifying heat and fifth in his semi-final heat. Of the 200 plus countries competing in the competition he finished 18th he finished fifth among



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Caribbean countries, he finished 8th among North America, Central America and Caribbean Countries and he finished 8th among Pan American Countries.

He had strong indoor and outdoor seasons where he received high world ranking in 110m hurdles. It was his second World Championships. Lovett is a Rio Olympian, a two-time IAAF World Championships Competitor, a World University Games Gold Medalist, a 7th place finisher in the IAAF 2016 World Indoor Championships, he is a multiple NCAA indoor hurdles national champion, a Univ. of Florida multiple NCAA All-American leading his team to multiple NCAA national team championships, he ranks on the all-time world lists for indoor and outdoor hurdles, he is number 2 on the all-time Univ. Florida 110mh list, he is the V.I. national record holder in the 60m, 110m hurdles. He is the third V.I. National Track and Field Team Member to compete in the Olympics 110m hurdles including: Franklyn Blyden 1968 Mexico and Jeff Jackson 2000 Sydney. He is the only 110m hurdler to compete in and advance to the semi-finals. Leslie Murry won the bronze medal 400m hurdles in the IAAF World Junior Championships in 2010, the only V.I. National Track and Field Team Member to win an IAAF medal. Lovett's current season has included competition in Pennsylvania, where he is based, Florida, New York, California, Montreal, Canada, Bridgetown, Barbados, Lucerne, Switzerland, London, England.

His comment to VITFF officials after he was congratulated for his fine effort..."thanks...wish I could do more but I'm not at that level yet." In the opinion of most that's an understatement.

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