



V.I.Pace Runners Bulletin: October 5, 2011

Cross-Country season underway...



The Virgin Islands Pace Runners/4-H Cross-Country Series got underway at the University of the Virgin Islands St. Croix Campus on Wednesday afternoon. A little less than 200 runners, mostly school student/athletes took part in races of one to 3.1 miles.

The first race of the day over the distance of one mile was for elementary school girls. There fifty two participants. Mikaela Smith of Good Shepard School and the St. Croix Track Club took first place with a time of 6:33; Stefanie Matthew

of Eulalie Rivera School and SCTC was second in 7:04 and Annika Benders of ERS/SCTC was third in 7:39

The second race was over the distance of one mile for elementary school boys. There were sixty participants. Valance Modeste of Ricardo Richards School/SCTC took first place with a time of 6:35; Phar-I Merchant RCS was second in 6:45 and Emanmanuel Rojas of Claude O. Markoe School was third in 6:45.

The third race was for boys and girls under 16 and cover the distance of two miles.

Malique Smith of the ECHS/SCTC took first place with a time of 12:00; Adriel Sanes of Good Hope School/Hounds and Foxes Track Club was second in 12:45 and Rodney Griffin was third in 13:12

Britney Sage of St. Croix Educational Complex/SCTC was first with a time of 17:26; Sativa Phillip of ECHS was second in 18:06 and Maisha Martin was third in 18:07

The fourth event of the day was the male and female under 20/open 3.1 miles.

Alex Rodriguez of the St. Croix Central High School took first place for males with a time of 19:45; Malcolm Martin of ECHS was second in 20:55 and Jeremy Kariah of Good Hope School/SCTC was third in 21:06.

Stephanie Rhoden of Manor School was the first female in 25:54; Jazmine Willock of Good Hope School/SCTC was second in 26:22 and Amanda Joseph of St. Croix Central High School was third in 31:26.

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NOTES:

1] Cross-Country in the Virgin Islands is run in St. Croix and is hosted by the 4-H Program of the Cooperative Extension Service of the Virgin Islands. It is organized by the Virgin Islands Pace Runners and The St. Croix Track Club in cooperation with the St. Croix Inter-scholastic Athletic Association.

2] Cross-Country in St. Thomas is hosted by the University of the Virgin Islands St. Thomas Campus and is organized by the Inter-Scholastic Association and the Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation.

3] The University of the Virgin Islands fields a cross-country team which competes in the Liga Athletica Interuniversitaria de Puerto Rico.

4] A qualification meet for the Liga Athletica Interuniversitaria de Puerto Rico hosted by the University of the Virgin Islands St. Croix Campus was scheduled for 2010 was canceled due to student strike of Puerto Rico university students. The meet was to be held also in October of 2011 and has been canceled due to transportation challenges for the volume of athletes, coaches and officials anticipating the trip to St. Croix.

5] Championship events will be held over the cross-country series to determine category winners. The annual Virgin Islands National Cross-Country Championships will be held in conjunction with the Veterans Day 5K in November. The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation sanctions cross-country and will consider individual performances in effort to select a national cross-country team for the NACAC Cross-Country Championships to be held in March in Trinidad and Tobago and potentially the IAAF World Cross-Country Championships held in the spring also.

6] There is an average 200 registered participants for St. Croix Cross-Country each week. There is an average of 200 registered participants for the St. Thomas/St. John weekly races

6] For Cross-Country Schedules logon to:

<http://virginislandspace.org/calendar2011-2012.htm>