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JEFF RYAN JOINS THE VS ATHLETICS TRACK CLUB

VSATC Vault Coach, Brian Yokoyama, becomes USATF Pole Vault Development Chair

LOS ANGELES, CA—Director Skip Stolley has announced that former USC Pole Vaulter **Jeff Ryan** has joined the VS Athletics Track Club. Jeff currently owns and operates a successful company that provides educational tutoring. He was a CIF Champion and 15'8" pole vaulter at Huntington Beach High School (CA) before attending the University of Southern California.

While at USC, he improved his PR to 17'8 ½" and placed 5th at the 2003 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, helping the Trojans earn 3rd place team honors--their best performance at the Nationals in 26-years. Jeff was a member of the PAC-10 Conference Track & Field All-Academic team before graduating with a B.S. degree in Business.

Recently, Jeff joined the 18-foot club with an 18' ½" (5.50m) jump at the 2006 Mt. SAC Relays. "Jeff is on roll this season and has just scratched the surface of his potential, says VS Pole Vault Coach, Brian Yokoyama. He's stronger, faster, and holding higher than ever before...and he can jump a lot higher this season."

Jeff's athletic goal is to become a professional track & field athlete and a member of the USA Olympic Team. At this writing, he is en route to an international competition in Taiwan.

OTHER VS NEWS

VS Athletics Track Club pole vault mentor, **Brian Yokoyama**, has just been named the new Women's Pole Vault Development Chair for USA Track & Field's High Performance Committee. During his 16-year tenure as the Pole Vault Coach at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA, he has produced seven State Champions and more than 34 State Meet finalists. Brian is also a coach/consultant for such top national and international pole vaulters as 2004 Olympic Gold medalist Tim Mack, 2004 Mexican Olympian & U.S. Community College Champion Giovanni Lanaro, 2004 Japanese Olympic finalist Daichi Sawano, 3-time Canadian Champion Rob Pike, 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials Finalist Ebbie Metzinger, 1997 NCAA Champion and 5-time All-American, Jason Hinkin, as well as NCAA Division-I All-American and new VS Athletics team member, **Jeff Ryan**.

Brian is a member of the Board of Directors for the North American Pole Vault Association (NAPVA) and one of the organizers of the annual USA Track & Field National Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nevada.

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