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VS ATHLETICS MEN WIN USATF WEST REGION TEAM TITLE WHILE VS ATHLETICS WOMEN PLACE 2ND

LOS ANGELES, CA—The **2007 USATF West Region Championships** saw the VS Athletics Track Club win the Men's team title, while the VS Women's team placed 2nd in the overall team standings. Held in conjunction with the **22nd annual Jim Bush Southern California USATF Championships** at Occidental College, the West Region Championship is a scored competition among USATF clubs from the following 18 Western State Associations: *Alaska, Arizona, Border (SW Texas), Central California, Colorado, Hawaii, Inland Northwest, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Pacific (Northern California), Pacific Northwest, San Diego-Imperial, Snake River (Southern Idaho), Southern California, Utah, and Wyoming.* Regional Championships are also being contested in the North, South, and Eastern United States prior to the **2007 USATF National Club Track & Field Championships** on July 13-14 at Icahn Stadium in New York City.

Led by wins in the Pole Vault and Triple Jump by **Jeff Ryan** (17' 6½") and **John Temidara** (49' 11"), the combined efforts of the VS Men produced an extraordinary team effort that resulted in a 195 to 56 victory over the 2nd place Oregon Track Club. A total of 21 West Region clubs scored in the meet.

Collectively, the VS Athletics Track Club amassed 168 points in the field events (with 92 in the four Throws and 76 in the four Jumps) and 27 points on the track. Individually, Decathlete **Chris Richardson** led all VS scorers with 26 points in the 110m Hurdles, Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump, and Javelin, while multi-talented jumper **John Temidara** scored 22 points in the High Jump, Long Jump, and Triple Jump. Four other VS athletes—**Grant Dennis, Tomas Fajardo, Sam Lightbody, and Nick Garcia**—contributed double-digit points in multiple events. En route, the 20-man VS contingent produced 8 season bests and two PR's.

In the Women's competition, seven VS Athletics athletes scored 48 points on the track and 18 in the field to place 2nd to the Cheetahs International 66-76 in a field of 16 scoring USATF clubs. The VS contingent consisted of **Roseline Agboke** (800m), **Alexandria Anderson** (100mH/400mH), **Chris Gentile** (800/1500m), **Genevieve Graff-Ermeling** (5000m), **Casey & Katie Kraychir** (Hammer), and **April Panteau** (400m). Earlier in the day, Alexandria and April—the newest members of the VSATC Women's Team—had attended their graduation exercises at Cal State Dominguez Hills where both won conference championships and Alexandria earned NCAA Division-II All-America honors.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Thursday, June 7: **USATF High Performance Distance Meet** at Mt. SAC
- Saturday, June 16: **Road Runner Sports San Diego vs. So Cal Distance Challenge Cup** at Patrick Henry H.S., San Diego

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