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VS ATHLETICS HAS FOUR FINALISTS AT THE 2007 USA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIANAPOLIS, IN—At the **2007 AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships**, all but one of the four qualifiers from the VS Athletics Track Club reached the finals. The meet was held at Carroll Stadium on the campus of Indianapolis University.



In the Men's Pole Vault, **Jeff Ryan** tied for 11th at **17'8 ¼"** (5.40m) as swirling cross winds played havoc with the competition. A week prior to the Championships, Jeff had jumped a PR **18'4½"** (5.60m). In the Men's Decathlon, **Chris Richardson** finished 9th with a score **7542 points**. Despite being drenched with rain at various times on both days, Chris had 3 decathlon PRs (shot put, hurdles, pole vault) and won the javelin competition en route to being selected for the USA vs. Germany team in late August. In the Men's Triple Jump, **Ronald Carter** strained a quadriceps muscle on his first jump (a big foul near 53') and was forced to withdraw from the competition. In the Men's Discus, **Nick Petrucci** negotiated the rain-soaked ring to throw **188' 1"** (57.34m)—good for 8th place.

Said Club Director Skip Stolley, "This was the first trip to the big show for Jeff, Chris, and Ron—and Nick came back from an early season injury to get himself back in the hunt. We are very proud of all of them. We don't yet know the extend of Ronald's injury, but all four have a chance to continue to improve this summer as we focus on the USATF National Club Championships in mid-July. They did a great job getting here and competed well in weather conditions that were less than ideal. Its one thing to run on a wet track, and quite another to try to hurdle, jump, and throw off wet surfaces." This was good preparation for the U.S. Olympic Trials next summer in Eugene, Oregon where are even more likely to have rainy conditions."

WHAT'S NEXT

- Wed, July 27: **Southern California USATF Summer Grand Prix Meet**, Birmingham HS, Van Nuys
- Sunday, July 8: **Trojan Invitational** at USC
- Fri-Sat, July 13-14: **USATF National Club Track & Field Championships**, New York City, NY

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