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VS ATHLETICS MEN PLACE 3RD AT NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nick Garcia, Jeff Ryan & Roseline Agboke Win Individual Titles

New York, NY—In just its second year of existence, the VS Athletics Track Club Men's Team placed third at the **2007 USATF National Club Track & Field Championships** with 110 points. The New Jersey's Shore AC won the Men's and Women's team titles with New York's mega-club, the Executive Track Club, placing 2nd in both divisions. Held at spectacular Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island in New York City, the meet featured 618 athletes representing 62 clubs from 27 States.

Led by wins by **Nick Garcia** (Shot Put) and **Jeff Ryan** (Pole Vault), the VS men scored in each of the 17 events in which they were entered. Nick was one of only 5 athletes who were able to defend their 2006 titles in the meet's 38 individual events. In addition to Nick and Jeff's gold medals, the VS men had 8 silver and 5 bronze medal winners.

Multiple medals winners were **Tomas Fajardo** with silver in the Shot Put and bronze in the Discus, **Ozzie Piña** with silver in the 1500 and bronze in the Distance Medley Relay, and **Paul Rupprecht** and **Larry Carr** with silver in the 4x 800m Relay and bronze in the Distance Medley. Others winning silver were **Chris Richardson** (Javelin), **Ben Clark** (400m Hurdles), and **Jon Collins & Dennis Drisdorn** (4x 800m Relay), while **John Temidara** (High Jump) and **Alex Lohman** (Distance Medley) won bronze. Also scoring for VSA were **Ozzie Piña** (4th 5000 meters), **Kasey Burlingham** (4th Pole Vault), **Chris Richardson** (5th Long Jump with a PR 25'2" [7.76m]), 6th in the 4x 400m Relay, 8th in the 110m Hurdles), **John Temidara** (5th Triple Jump), **Paul Rupprecht** (5th 1500 meters), **Trevor Kraychir** (6th Hammer Throw), **Nick Garcia** (6th Discus), and **Jon Collins, Dennis Drisdorn, and Ben Clark** (6th 4x 400m Relay).

In the Women's team competition, the VSA women scored in 10 events and placed 7th led by **Roseline Agboke's** gold and bronze medal performances in the 800 meters and 1500 meters, **Katie Kraychir's** silver in the Hammer, and **Genevieve Graff-Ermeling's** bronze in the 5000 meters. Katie, just an 8th grader, became the youngest athlete ever to medal in the National Club Track & Field Championships. Other VSA scorers were **Casey Kraychir** (4th Hammer), **Alexandria Anderson** (5th in the 100m Hurdles), **Dinah Clark** (6th in the 100m Hurdles and 8th in the 400m Hurdles), **Genevieve Graff-Ermeling** (8th in the 1500 meters), **April Panteau** (8th in the 400 meters).

"Despite some bad luck, we had a great meet, says VSA Director Skip Stolley. **Grant Dennis** fell over a hurdle kicked into his lane in the 110 prelims and broke his collarbone, costing us points in the Javelin, and **Alex Lohman** no-heighted in the Pole Vault. **John Temidara** strained a groin in the Triple Jump, yet still jumped 51'0" (15.54m) for 5th, and then cleared 6'10 ¾" (2.10m) in the High Jump to get 3rd—but he couldn't go in the Long Jump the next day. And **Josh Muwwakkil** just missed making the finals in all three jumps. However we scored in 17 of the Men's 22 events and had 15 gold/silver/bronze medalists. All seven of our women scored in the meet and won 4 National Championship medals. Both our coaches and our Club's outstanding support team at VS Athletics Inc. are very proud of how we performed here. VS Athletics had a major presence on both the track and the field in 27 events and we'll build on that heading towards the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials and 2008 National Club Championships."

FINAL MEN'S TEAM SCORES:

1) Shore AC	153	12) Walk USA	16	26) Primetechniques	5
2) Executive Track Club	147	15) Newburgh Elite TC	12	26) Mission Valley TC	5
3) VS Athletics Track Club	110	16) Park Racewalkers	11	26) Clifton Park Track Club	5
4) Greater Boston TC	55	16) Kansas City Smoke	11	26) Emerging Elite Athletes	4
5) Club Northwest	50	18) New Balance Boston	10	30) Breakneck Track Club	3
6) Nike Central Park TC	45	18) Willow Street AC	10	31) Jacksonville Track Club	2
7) U.S. Elite International	39	18) New York AC	10	32) Musketeers Track Club	2
8) Westchester Track Club	36	21) Zenith Velocity	9	32) Dominion Track Club	1
9) Southwest Sprinters TC	20	22) Syracuse Chargers	8	35) Synergy Track Club	1
9) ConnQuest	20	23) LeMans Track Club	7	35) NTC Break Away	1
9) Norfolk Real Deal	20	24) Philadelphia Panthers	6	35) Quick Silver Track Club	1

12) New Horizon TC	16	24) Bellmore Striders	6	35) Track Stars Club	1
12) Monmouth Track Club	16				

FINAL WOMEN'S TEAM SCORES:

1) Shore AC	123	9) Dragons Elite TC	28	16) Dominion Track Club	9
2) Executive Track Club	119	10) Cheetahs International	27	18) Walk USA	8
3) Nike Central Park	94	11) ConnQuest	24	18) Club Northwest	8
4) Greater Boston TC	87	12) Pacers/Brooks	23	18) Awesome Power Track	8
5) Norfolk Real Deal	76	13) Syracuse Chargers	16	21) Infant Jesus Track Club	5
6) LeMans Track Club	49	14) Emerging Elite Athletes	13	21) Peninsula Distance Club	5
7) VS Athletics Track Club	45	15) South Texas Walkers	10	21) Newburgh Elite TC	2
8) U.S. Elite International	30	16) Brockport Dist Project	9	24) Merrimack Striders	1

Nick Petrucci Wins the Discus at the NACAC Championships

While VS Athletics was competing for team honors at the National Club Championships in New York, team member **Nick Petrucci** was in a discus ring some 8,000 miles away wearing a USA uniform at the **North America-Central American-Caribbean Championships** (NACAC) in San Salvador, El Salvador. The United States dominated the competition winning 43 medals (28 gold, 9 silver and 6 bronze)—one of the golds belonging to Nick after winning the Discus with a throw of **184'3"** (56.7m). Many of the 300 participating athletes from 26 nations used the NACAC Championships as a tune-up for the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on July 22-29.

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