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Lucais MacKay and Mike Powers Win at Ben Brown Invitational Matt Carter, Desi Burt, and Jamil Smith place 2nd in Season Debuts

FULLERTON, CA—The marathon **Ben Brown Invitational** at Cal State Fullerton, a 2-day “track fest” that attracts more than 3,000 of Southern California’s community college, university, and open athletes, featured the 2009 season debut of several VS Athletics members. Among those were new VS hammer thrower **Lucais MacKay** who threw **221’ 2”/67.4m**. Throwing in Friday’s open section, that throw was **70-feet further** than 2nd place, and **11-feet further** than the best mark in Saturday’s invitational section.

Other VS field event specialists making their 2009 season debuts were a late-arriving **Matt Carter**, who placed 2nd in the high jump at **6’10 ¾”/2.10m**, and **Jamil Smith** who placed 2nd in the triple jump at **50’ 5 ¼”/15.37m**—better than he jumped in all of 2008.



Lucais MacKay



Mike Powers



Matt Carter



Desi Burt



Jamil Smith

On the women’s side, **Melissa Genisauski** opened her season with 5th place in the discus at **138’ 5”/42.19m** and 4th place in the hammer with a very good early season mark of **170’ 6”/51.97m**. The Kraychir sister tandem of **Katie Kraychir** and **Casey Kraychir** (a high school sophomore and junior respectively) also made their 2009 debuts, placing 4th and 5th in the field of 43 collegiate and open athletes with encouraging marks of **167’ 3”/50.97m** and **166’ 7”/50.77m**. However, the best placings of the day came from **Kendra Lilly** who was 3rd in the discus with a season best **149’ 2”/45.48m**, and also 3rd in the shot put.

On the track, **Mike Powers** made his season debut in his specialty event, winning the 3000m steeplechase in **9:14.70**, while new VS member **Daniel Sorenson** placed 4th in **9:38.2**. Decathlete **Desi Burt** also ran the 110m hurdles for the first time in the 2009 campaign, placing 2nd in the invitational heat in **14.73** into a -0.4mps head wind. In the men’s 800 meters, **Ben Auerbach** finished 7th in **1:54.67**.

Other VSA performances at CS-Fullerton:

Men’s Long Jump: 11th Matt Carter 21’ 10 ¼”/6.66m
Men’s 800m: Heat 1-11th Jon Collins 2:00.75, Heat 2-7th Dennis Drisdorn 1:58.27
Men’s 4x 400m Relay: Heat 2- 6th 3:22.40
Men’s 5000m: Heat 1-5th David Ojeda 16:01.28
Women’s 5000m: Heat 1-21st Shawna Burger 17:54.47

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