

## **WORLD CLASS ATHLETES RACE TO INSPIRE HAWAII'S YOUTH**

On February 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with UH Manoa's Sunset Track and Field Meet (Feb 5-6) there will be an *Elite Distance Carnival* featuring an *Elite Men's Mile Event* in an effort to break the **4 minute mile barrier**, followed by a highly competitive *Elite Women's 5000m Event*. Up until 1998 a similar event existed with Olympic caliber athletes racing down Kalakaua Avenue and it attracted hundreds of spectators. We are hoping to revive this old tradition and in the process *inspire young athletes in Hawaii by allowing them to witness world class athletes go head to head on the island.*

**Where:** The University of Hawaii at Manoa's T.C. Ching Complex (lower campus).

**When:** Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**Cost:** FREE!!!

Below are the athlete profiles of the runners that will be racing on Friday night.

### **Chantell Widney**

Birthday: 12/30/1979

Age: 30

Hometown: New Sarepta

Club: Edmonton Thunder

Coach: Glen Playfair

Hobbies: Reading

Personal Records:

800: 2:08

5000m Road: 16:50

10000 Road: 34.23

Major competitions or accomplishments: 2nd at the Vancouver Sun Run 10km, 2007,2009,2010 National Team Member

### **Kirsty Smith**

Birthday: 12/12/1983

Age: 26

Hometown: North Vancouver BC

School: Villanova Alum 2005

Club: Prairie Inn Harriers

Coach: Richard Lee

Hobbies: Snowboarding, XC Skiing

Personal Records:

1500: 4:26.10

3000: 9:23.65

5000: 16:27.10

10k road: 34:11

Half Marathon: 1:16

Major competitions or accomplishments:  
Represented Canada at the 2006 World XC Championships  
Won Vancouver First Half Marathon 2008  
Third Place Overall in 2008 Sun Run

### **Lisa Harvey**

Birthday: 2/7/1970

Age: 39

Hometown: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Occupation: Teacher

Club: Calgary Spartans

Coach: Mike VanTighem/Steve Adams

Hobbies: Swimming, Cycling, Reading

Personal Records:

1,500m: 4:22

3,000m: 9:04

5,000m: 15:51

10,000m: 32:40

1/2 Marathon: 1:14

Marathon: 2:48

Major Competitions and Accomplishments: '92 Olympian, 2 Time World Outdoor Track Champs Team Member, 10 World Cross Country Champs. (placed 6th as a junior and 32nd as a senior), Pan Am Games Silver Medalist at 10,000m.

### **Chantelle Wilder**

Birthday: 12/03/1985

Age: 24

Hometown: London, Ontario, CANADA

School: University of Hawaii at Manoa

Club: London Runner

Coach: Brandon Laan

Hobbies: reading, going to the beach

Personal Records: 800: 2:16

1500: 4:38

3000m: 9:55

5000m (indoor): 17:03

5k road: 17:19

10,000m: 36:30

Major competitions or accomplishments: Team Canada NACAC/World XC Championships 2009

### **Eri MacDonald**

Birthday: 1/13/81

Age: 29

Hometown: Kailua

School: The University of Oregon

Personal Records:

800: 2:04

### **Michael McGrath**

Birthday: 3/17/1985

Age: 24

Hometown: Portland, OR

School: University of Oregon Alumni

Hobbies: Running, Basketball, Cooking, Traveling, Reading.

Personal Records:

800m: 1:47.62

1500m: 3:42.44

Mile: 3:59.25

3000m: 8:10.80

Major competitions or accomplishments:

Member of Several Pac-10 Team Championship for U of O Ducks. Cross Country and Track and Field

Oregon Gatorade Athlete of the Year Award

US Bank Student Athlete Award

Track and Field News All-American

Multiple-time NCAA Indoor and Outdoor National Qualifier

### **Jon Rankin**

Birthday: February 9th, 1982

Age: 27

Hometown: Lafayette, CA

School: UCLA

Club: Bay Area Track Club

Coach: John W. Rankin

Hobbies: reading, playing trumpet, walking

Personal Records:

400m: 48.0,

800m: 1:47.01

1500m: 3:35.26

1-mile: 3:54.24

Major competitions or accomplishments: 2nd place at USATF 1-mile Road

Championships, 6th place in 1500m at 2008 USATF Olympic Trials, 2007 Emsley Carr

Mile Winner

### **Sean Brosnan**

Birthday: 03-12-1977

Age: 32

Hometown: Lafayette, Ca

School: Adams State College and Cal State San Marcos

Club: Sponsor: Mizuno

Coach: self

Hobbies: running, writing,

Personal Records:

400: 48.91,

800: 1:48.98,

1500: 3:43.33,

Mile: 400.80

Major competitions or accomplishments: 9x All- American in College, USATF Qualifier 1500.

### **Steve Sherer**

Birthday: 5/5/82

Home Phone:

Age: 27

Hometown: Lafayette CA

School:

Club: New York Athletic Club

Coach: Chris Pupiono

Hobbies: Everything under the sun! :)

Personal Records:

400m: 49.6,

800: 1:47.6

1500: 3:36.8

Mile: 3:56.00

3k: 7:59

Major competitions or accomplishments: Olympic Trials Finals 2008, 3rd place 1500  
USA Indoor Championships 2008/09

### **Wil Fitts**

Birthday: 09/18/1983

Age: 26

Hometown: DeSoto, Texas

School: Baylor University

Club: Unattached

Coach: Steve Connell

Hobbies: Traveling, Reading, and Hunting

Personal Records:

400m: 46.3

800: 1:47.37

Major competitions or accomplishments: NCAA 4x4 National Champion; Several time  
4x4 All-American; Several time Big 12 Champion in 4x4 and 600 meters; 2 time NCAA  
800 All American

### **Brandon Laan**

Birthday: 11/13/1983

Age: 26

Hometown: London, Ontario, Canada

School: The University of Western Ontario & Hawaii Pacific University

Coach: Steve Weiler

Hobbies: Traveling, Surfing, Writing

Personal Record:

800: 1:53

1500: 3:52

Marathon: 2:25:41

Major competitions or accomplishments: 6<sup>th</sup> place overall at the 2009 Honolulu  
Marathon, Olympic Trials Competitor.