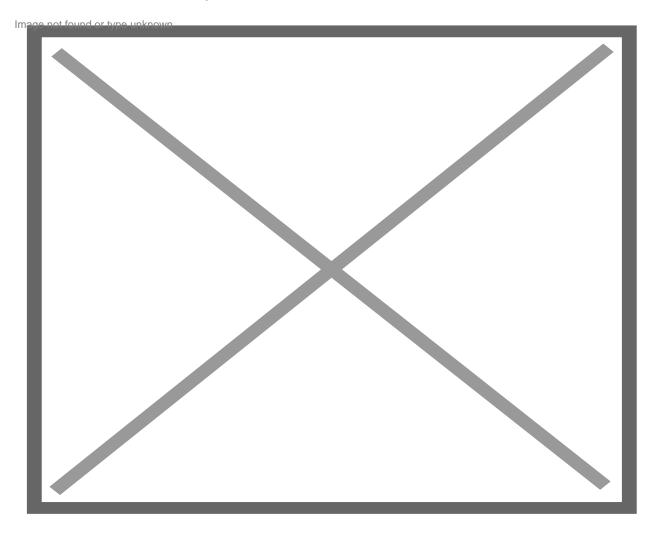
## Virgin Islander Yashira Rhymer-Stuart Beats Competition to Win High Jump Event in Puerto Rico; Mikaela Smith Nabs First Place in 800m Collegiate Level Run

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Yashira Rhymer-Stuart outperformed her competitors to win the High Jump Competition at the 15th Spring Break Classic held in Carolina, Puerto Rico. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS TRACK & FIELD FEDERATION

The Virgin Islands Track & Field Federation (VITFF) announced Sunday that Yashira Rhymer-Stuart outperformed her competitors to win the High Jump Competition at the 15th Spring Break Classic held in Carolina, Puerto Rico. On the collegiate level, St. Croix runner Mikaela Smith started her outdoor season with a first-place finish.

The high jump competition was held from Thursday March 18 to Saturday, March 20, according to the release. Other senior athletes attending were Malique Smith and Brian Slater. Smith could not finish his event due to an injury. He is, however, hopeful to return to competition in four to five weeks.

Slater competed in the 200m but did not make the top eight finish. VITFF expressed gratitude for the support its senior athletes have received from the VI Olympic Committee.



## Mikaela Smith (Credit: VITFF)

On the collegiate level, Mikaela Smith who attends Austin Peay University, started her outdoor season with a first-place finish in her heat by four seconds and second overall by eight tenths of a second for the 800 meters, according to VITFF.

Smith also ran on Austin Peay's four by four-hundred-meter relay to help her team finish 1st overall in that event. "We congratulate our athletes as they strive to represent us well," said the track and field federation.

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