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Umoja Claims the Boys and Overall Team Titles at the 3M Track Club Invitational



UNION CITY, CA (May 17, 2009) – The 14th Annual 3M Invitational Track and Field Meet was held on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17 at James Logan High School in Union City, CA. The event served as a superb showcase for many of Pacific Association's finest youth talent, over 40 teams and 800 athletes.

For the girls Cynthia Smith and Sarah Williams were the top medalist, each winning two medals for top three finishes. The relay teams claimed four medals. However, Jade Baynard's performance in the Midget Girls 400m was the girls' highlight. Jade raced to a 61.60 seconds finish placing her time tops in the Pacific Association and easily in the top 20 nationally. The Umoja girls finished a close third in the race for the Girls title.

The boys relay teams claimed six medals. Two of the relays were powered by the speed of Michael Pinal and Jalin Williams. They were the stars of the boys team, each winning four medals. Along with Jerrald Belong of ISC, Michael and Jalin put on the most exciting race of the meet in the Youth Boys 100m. The runners finishing times were within a tenth of a second, Jalen just edging Michael for the top spot. The Umoja boys claimed the Boys title. Combining the boys and girls points, the Umoja Track Club were overwhelmingly crowned the Overall Team champion.

The Umoja Track Club, a non-profit organization, was established in 2001 to provide a supervised after school program of training and competition in Track and Field for children ages 6 to 18. The Umoja Track Club has been a Pacific Association member of the USA Track and Field Association (USATF) for eight years. It is the goal of the Umoja Track Club to provide a meaningful learning and character-building environment to promote self-esteem, personal commitment, responsibility, and respect for others. Furthermore, the Umoja Track Club has a strong commitment to getting kids more physically active; to getting kids involved in the teamwork of sport; and to having real, positive and measurable impact. For more information about the Umoja Track Club, visit our **website**, <http://www.umojatrackclub.com>; **facebook**, **twitter**, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Umoja-track-Club/97761191952>; or **blog**, <http://umojatrack.blogspot.com>.