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HIGH SPIRITS AND BOUNDLESS ENERGY AT 34th ANNUAL COLGATE WOMEN'S GAMES OPENING MEETS

Nation's Largest Amateur Track Series Opens 2008 Season

Brooklyn, NY— Girls and young women from all over the East Coast met at Brooklyn's Pratt Institute this weekend to compete in the opening preliminary meets of the **34th Annual Colgate Women's Games**, the nation's largest amateur track and field series.

After suffering an injury over the summer, Colgate Women's Games veteran **Whitney Fountain** of the Bronx's Pelham Prep returned to win the first High School 55 Meters race in 6.9 seconds. **Zoey Russell** of Douglass, NY won in both the High School 200 Meters (25.4) and the High School 400 Meters (58.5). Neptune, NJ Middle School newcomer **Ajee Wilson** took first in two races in her division: the 1500 Meters (4:56.7) and, in a tie with St. Clare's **Olicia Williams**, the 800 Meters (2:27.7). In college action, Lehman College student **Lauren Lourick** cleared 5'2" in the High Jump event.

"There's enough energy to light up a city here," said Meet Director **Fred Thompson**, as excited kindergarten students took their marks in a 200-meter race on Sunday. "It's great to see children excited about sports and physical fitness at such a young age," said Thompson. "We hear so much about childhood obesity on the news. I strongly believe that it's programs like the Colgate Women's Games that combat childhood health problems best," he added.

The Colgate Women's Games attract more than 11,000 participants each year. Every weekend in January, girls and young women from elementary school through college and beyond compete in sprints, hurdles, distance runs, high jump and the shot put. Athletes compete against peers in one of six divisions: Elementary School A, Elementary School B, Middle School, High School, College and 30+.

This weekend was the first of four weekends of preliminaries held at Pratt Institute's indoor track, that lead up to a semi finals of all top point scorers. The semi finals determine who will compete at the world's most famous arena, Madison Square Garden, on Saturday, February 2 for trophies and educational grants-in-aid from Colgate-Palmolive Company. Follow scores of all top competitors at www.colgategames.com

To request photos of Colgate Women's Games athletes or press passes to any of the events, please contact Eva Dilmanian at 646.654.9324 or eva@buzzwordpr.com.



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