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Foucher, Smith Lead 2011 Reebok CrossFlt Games

Carson, Calif., July 30, 2011—The 2011 Reebok CrossFit Games kicked off at 7 a.m. on July 29 at the Santa Monica Pier. A first for the CrossFit Games, Event 1 found athletes competing away from the main venue in a grueling test of fitness: a swim and beach run followed by a series of gymnastics movements and another run.

Navy SEAL Josh Bridges of CrossFit Invictus won the workout handily as he's no stranger to the sea and surf of California. The individual women hit the water shortly after, and back at the Home Depot Center, the main venue for the CrossFit Games, 44 teams and 148 masters athletes started their competitions. All told, three individual, two team and two masters events took place, with the opening ceremonies falling at 6 p.m., just before the final individual event of the day.

The entire event is being streamed live on the Internet at Games.CrossFit.com, and a three-hour show was aired live on at 6 p.m., with additional ESPN3.com broadcasts set for tonight at 6 p.m. and July 31 at 1 p.m.

At the end of Day 1, Ben Smith of Virginia was atop the men's individual standings after three events, and Julie Foucher of HyperFit USA in Michigan was the top woman. Defending champion CrossFit Fort Vancouver from Washington state was the top team after two events. For complete results, visit http://games.crossfit.com/finals/scoreboard/male.

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Now in their fifth year, the CrossFit Games are an annual fitness competition—the Sport of FitnessTM—where elite athletes compete to be crowned the Fittest on EarthTM. At the Games, individuals and teams are faced with a wide variety of athletic challenges announced shortly before the events. CrossFit movements are selected from gymnastics, powerlifting, Olympic lifting, running, rowing and beyond. Athletes might perform snatches, squats, deadlifts, kettlebell swings and many other activities including climbing ropes, scaling obstacles and pure grunt work such as getting sandbags over a wall.

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