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Froning, Jennifer Smith, Mayhem Win Regional

Columbus, Ohio, June 9, 2013—Two-time CrossFit Games champion Rich Froning Jr. set a world record on Sunday and in the process won the Central East Regional by 15 points. The Region's top five men qualified for the Games since both Froning and Graham Holmberg, who finished fourth, are past Games champions. Froning's affiliate, CrossFit Mayhem, took top honors in the team competition. Jennifer Smith, who has competed at the Games as part of a team in the past, took the No. 1 spot in the women's competition. Perennial Games competitor Lindsey Smith finished fourth with 52 points and did not qualify.

All told, individuals completed two events on the second of the three-day competition, as did teams.

For the individual athletes, the morning brought Event 6, which was 100 doubleunders, 50 handstand push-ups, 40 toes-to-bar, 30 shoulder-to-overhead with an axle at 100 lbs. for the women and 160 lbs. for the men, and then a 90-foot walking lunge with the same axle in the front-rack position for time. The final event of the competition was four rounds for time of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents, a 100-foot sprint, four squat cleans at 135 lbs. for the women and 225 lbs. for the men, and another 100-foot sprint.

Organizers structured the team events similarly with a curveball. Event 6 for the squads was for time: one man and one woman complete 100 double-unders (50 each), 50 handstand push-ups while partner holds a handstand, 50 toes-to-bar

while partner hangs from the bar, 50 shoulder-to-overhead with the axle (100 lbs. and 160 lbs.) while partner holds axle in the front-rack position. Then both partners take a 90-foot walking lunge with the same axles in the front-rack position. And finally, the last team event was: one male and one female complete three rounds of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents and two squat cleans (135 lbs. and 225 lbs.), then one male and one female each complete three rounds of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents and three squat cleans, then one male and one female each complete three rounds of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents and three squat cleans, then one male and one female each complete three rounds of two 15-foot rope-climb ascents and four squat cleans.

At the end of the day, the overall standings were as follows:

Men

- 1. Rich Froning (15 points)
- 2. Scott Panchik (30 points)
- 3. Dan Bailey (32 points)
- 4. Graham Holmberg (33 points)
- 5. Marcus Hendren (44 points)

Women

- 1. Jennifer Smith (26 points)
- 2. Michelle Kinney (29 points)
- 3. Lindy Wall (39 points)

Teams

- 1. CrossFit Mayhem (42 points)
- 2. Indy North Black (45 points)
- 3. CrossFit New Albany (45 points)

For complete results, visit <u>http://games.crossfit.com/leaderboard</u>.

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