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Mackay, Foucher Lead 2012 Reebok CrossFit Games After Three Events

Carson, Calif., July 12, 2012—The 2012 Reebok CrossFit Games kicked off on July 11 at 8:10 a.m. at Camp Pendleton, home to the United States Marine Corps. The federal installation's beaches, rugged hills and obstacle course provided the setting for the first day of competition for individual athletes.

The first event was a 700-meter ocean swim, 8-kilometer bike ride and 11-kilometer trek through Pendleton's back country. Two scoring opportunities were available on the first event: one just after the bike-run transition, and one at the final finish line.

In Pendleton 1, Iceland's Numi Snaer Katrinarson finished first (42:13), Australia's Chad Mackay (43:04) was second, and Denver's Matt Chan (43:58) was third. For the women, New Zealand's Ruth Anderson Horrell (48:14) was first, Michigan's Julie Foucher (49:18) was second, and California's Annie Sakamoto (49:20) was third.

The athletes then completed the three-part event by running across the finish line just beside Camp Pendleton's obstacle course. In Pendleton 2, which was the total time to complete the course, Mackay (1:57.33) flipped places with Katrinarson (1:59.16), while Kyle Kasperbauer of Omaha moved into third (2:01:54). On the women's side, Foucher

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finished on top (2:05.12), with Christy Phillips (2:05.33) of Washington, D.C., finishing 1 second ahead of Horrell (2:05.34).

After a break and briefing, the athletes went into a bracketed elimination competition on Pendleton's obstacle course. Athletes had to get up and over a series of obstacles including low and high log hurdles and parallel bars.

After the three-round competition, Spencer Hendel of North Carolina was first (33.10), Kenneth Leverich of California was second (34.78), and defending Games champ Rich Froning Jr. of Tennessee was third (36.51).

In the women's bracket, Talayna Fortunato of Florida was first (43:39), 2010 CrossFit Games champ Kristan Clever of California was second (43.94), and defending Games champion Annie Thorisdottir of Iceland was third (45.92).

The overall standings after three scoring opportunities are as follows:

Women

1. Julie Foucher (275 points)
2. Christy Phillips (235 points)
3. Talayna Fortunato (228 points)

Men

1. Chad Mackay (242 points)
2. Kyle Kasperbauer (241 points)
3. Numi Snaer Katrinarson (219 points)

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

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