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T&T'S RISING CRICKET STAR



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ATHLETICS

IAAF World Indoor Championships in Athletics
12-14 March • Doha, Qatar

IAAF World Cross Country Championships
28 March • Bydgoszcz, Poland

IAAF World Race Walking Cup
15-16 May • Chihuahua, Mexico

IAAF World Junior Championships in Athletics
7-24 July • Moncton, Canada

21st Central American and Caribbean Games
17 July - 1 August • Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

IAAF Continental Cup (Formerly World Cup in Athletics)
4-5 September • Split, Croatia

2010 Commonwealth Games
3-14 October • New Delhi, India

IAAF World Half Marathon Championships
16 October • Nanning, China

BASKETBALL

FIBA Under 17 World Championship for Men
2-11 July • Germany

FIBA Under 17 World Championship for Women
16-25 July • France

21st Central American and Caribbean Games
17 July - 1 August • Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

FIBA Commonwealth Championship for Men
3-8 August • India

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

FIBA World Championship for Men
28 August - 12 September • Turkey

FIBA World Championship for Women
23 September - 3 October
Czech Republic

BOXING

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto International Boxing Tournament
1-9 January • Karachi, Pakistan

IBO World Junior Middleweight Title
11 January • Australia

IBO World Junior Flyweight Title
27 February • Kempton Park, South Africa

IBO World Heavyweight Title
20 March • Germany

AIBA World Youth Championships
12-25 April • Baku, Azerbaijan

21st Central American and Caribbean Games
17 July - 1 August • Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

AIBA World Women's Championships
7-19 September • Bridgetown, Barbados

2010 Commonwealth Games
3-14 October • New Delhi, India

CRICKET

ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup
15-30 January • New Zealand

ICC World Twenty/20
30 April - 16 May • West Indies

CYCLING

Tour de France
3-25 July
Starting in Rotterdam, Netherlands

21st Central American and Caribbean Games
17 July - 1 August • Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

2010 Commonwealth Games
3-14 October • New Delhi, India

FOOTBALL

FIFA World Cup
11 June - 11 July • South Africa

FIFA Under 20 Women's World Cup
13 July - 1 August • Germany

21st Central American and Caribbean Games
17 July - 1 August • Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup
5-25 September • Trinidad

GOLF

World Golf Championships - Accenture Match Play Championship • 18-21 February
Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Arizona

World Golf Championships CA Championship • 9-14 March
Doral Golf Resort, Florida

The Masters • 5-11 April
Augusta National Golf Club, Georgia

US Open • 14-18 June
Pebble Beach, California

British Open • 12-18 July
St. Andrews Golf Club, Scotland

PGA Championships • 9-15 August
Whistling Straits, Wisconsin

HOCKEY

Pan American Club Championships
14-21 February • Buenos Aires, Argentina

12th Men's World Cup
28 February - 13 March • New Delhi, India

1st Pan American Youth Championship
13-21 March • Montevideo, Uruguay

21st Central American
and Caribbean Games
17 July - 1 August • Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Pan American Indoor Cup
11-15 August • Barquisimeto, Venezuela

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

12th Women's World Cup
30 August - 12 September
Rosario, Argentina

2010 Commonwealth Games
3-14 October • New Delhi, India

NETBALL

The Co-operative
International Netball Series
19-23 February
Liverpool, Great Britain;
Nottingham, Great Britain

2010 Commonwealth Games
3-14 October (New Delhi, India)

SAILING

ISAF World Cup
Rolex Miami OCR
24-30 January
Biscayne Bay, Miami

Trofeo SAR Princesa
Sofia MAPFRE
27 March - 2 April
Palma de Majorca, Spain

Semaine Olympique Francaise
23-30 April • Hyeres, France

Delta Lloyd Regatta
26-30 May
Medemblik, Netherlands

Kieler Woche
19-27 June

Kiel, Germany

Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta
9-14 August
Weymouth & Portland, Great Britain

ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship
8-17 July • Istanbul, Turkey

21st Central American and Caribbean
Games
17 July - 1 August
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

SHOOTING

ISSF World Cup - Rifle and Pistol
20-28 March • Sydney, Australia
15-25 April • Beijing, China
22-31 May • Fort Benning, USA
23-30 June • Belgrade, Serbia

ISSF World Cup - Shotgun
1-10 March (Acapulco, Mexico)
15-25 April (Beijing, China)
11-20 May (Dorchester, Great Britain)
7-16 June (Lonato, Italy)
16-23 September (Istanbul, Turkey)

21st Central American and Caribbean
Games
17 July - 1 August
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

ISSF World Shooting Championships
29 July - 11 August
Munich, Germany

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

2010 Commonwealth Games
3-14 October • New Delhi, India

SWIMMING

21st Central American
and Caribbean Games
17 July - 1 August • Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

FINA Men's Water Polo World Cup 2010
27 July • Oradea, Romania

FINA World Masters Championships
28 July • Gothenburg & Boras, Sweden

FINA World Junior
Swimming Championships
2 August • Lima, Peru

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

FINA Women's Water Polo World Cup 2010
17 August • Wellington, New Zealand

FINA World Swimming Championships
15 December • Dubai, U.A.E.

TENNIS

Australian Open
18-31 January
Melbourne, Australia

French Open
24 May - 6 June • Paris, France

Wimbledon
21 June - 4 July
London, England

21st Central American
and Caribbean Games
17 July - 1 August
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

US Open
30 August - 12 September
Queens, New York

2010 Commonwealth Games
3-14 October
New Delhi, India

VOLLEYBALL

21st Central American and Caribbean
Games
17 July - 1 August
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

2010 Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August • Singapore

World Grand Prix
25-29 August • Ningbo, China

World Championship
29 October - 14 November • Japan

Editor's Letter

Welcome to the first edition of the SPORTT magazine; a publication dedicated to the stories that are not always found in the mainstream media. In this edition, we take a candid look at young batting sensation Adrian Barath, who many say is the future of the West Indies Cricket. We stay on the pitch to have a candid interview with TTCB President Azim Bassarath. The emerging social marketing concept is also explored while we look at emerging training techniques in netball and golf.

This magazine is for sport and about sport and looks at the work that the Sport Company is doing to facilitate sport's contribution to the sustainable development of Trinidad and Tobago. The editorial team welcomes your feedback, contributions and letters. This magazine is dedicated to the true supporters of sport: the administrators, coaches, athletes, sponsors for the people whose daily lives both on and off the field is dedicated to their passion.



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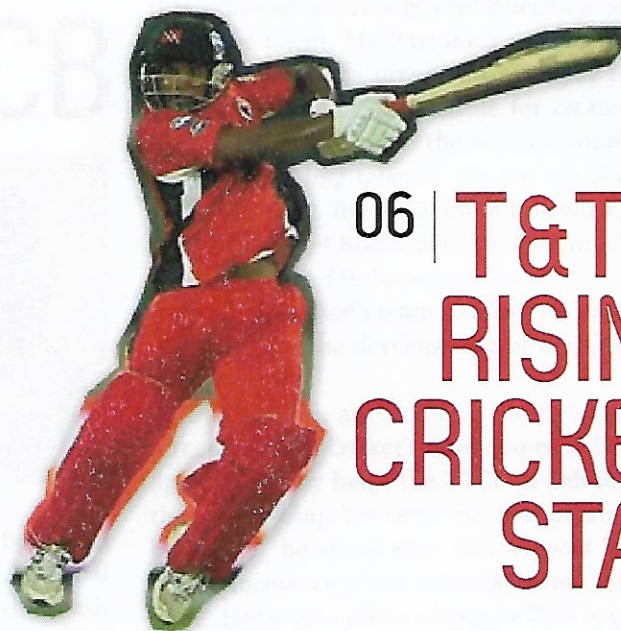
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A MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE IN THE TTCB

On the 31st of October 2009, Azim Bassarath, formerly first vice-president of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board (TTCB), became president as the Movement for Change won the TTCB election by a margin of three votes. This appointment is the culmination of a lifetime of hard work in the service of cricket in T&T.



Coming out of St. Mary's in Moruga, Mr. Bassarath began as a Road Officer II with the Penal Debe Regional Corporation before commencing his career with the South East Zone. Starting as a zonal council member, he worked his way up, eventually becoming vice-chairman and finally chairman of that Zone. It was from this position that he worked tirelessly to breathe new life into the South East, which ultimately became one of the country's best run zones. Under his guidance, cricketers of regional quality were produced, and St. Mary's Superstars Cricket Club, which he helped found, rose to the highest levels of play.

It was ten years prior to his most recent victory that Mr. Bassarath joined the TTCB; first under the administration of Alloy Lequay, then under that of Ellis Lewis, and finally, Deryck Murray. Today, Mr. Bassarath has become the head of local cricket, and, during an interview for SPORTT Magazine, he revealed great plans for the ongoing development of the sport.

Pleased with the TTCB's current development programme, Mr. Bassarath expressed admiration of the caliber of talent that has been produced thus far. He declared that Trinidad and Tobago has the number one regional team in the Caribbean, citing limited-overs matches such as the Airtel Champions League and the President's Cup, both of which were triumphs for our local boys. In speaking of those recent performances, Mr. Bassarath praised

the "drive and pride" that our players exhibit: "Every time they go on tour, they do so with the awareness that they represent our nation"; they play as ambassadors of Trinidad and Tobago.

Of course, the incumbent TTCB president is not planning to rest on the laurels of the team's recent successes. To sustain this positive trend in local cricket and ensure that Trinidad and Tobago continues to produce world-class cricketing talent, Mr. Bassarath aims to "work very closely with the 184 clubs presently associated with the TTCB". These clubs will be responsible for creating development programs that appeal to the nation's youth while cultivating their budding talents. He has big plans for women's cricket, as well. The TTCB intends to work closely with the Women's Cricket Board, which will eventually be integrated into the TTCB. Mr. Bassarath revealed an aim to "see each club have a women's team attached by 2013", which will no doubt ensure the development of our current and future lady cricketers.

Mr. Bassarath also stressed the fact that support is an integral part of cricket's development. Declaring that the Sport Company helps the TTCB "a hell of a lot", and that the relationship between the two organizations "cannot be better", he states that this support has a bearing on the performance of our national teams. Still, more can be done. He issues a call to corporate T&T to get involved with cricket in this country, insisting that corporate sponsorship will benefit society by offering a viable alternative for the youths of the nation to participate in something that uplifts the nation while giving them an opportunity to better themselves.

Naming Brian Lara as his favourite cricketer, because he is "the best batsman who has ever graced the face of the earth", Mr. Bassarath also looks ahead to the up-and-coming players who follow in the footsteps of "The Prince of Port-of-Spain". He notes that Adrian Barath, currently batting for both the T&T and West Indies teams, has the potential to reach as far as that legendary player. Of course, such talented players are the result of the development programmes currently in place, and our new TTCB president aims to ensure that we produce this caliber of talent for many years to come. □

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T&T'S RISING CRICKET★STAR!



An inspiration to aspiring cricketers, Adrian Barath is arguably one of the most prolific players in recent West Indian history. Though still at the beginning of his career, he holds several records, rivaling both his predecessors and his more experienced colleagues for achievements. SPORTT Magazine profiles a rising star in the cricket cosmos of Trinidad and Tobago.

IN 2007, AT THE AGE OF 16, Adrian Barath became the youngest West Indian player to make a first-class debut since Ramnaresh Sarwan. In this debut, he scored 73 runs against Guyana and 170 runs while partnered with captain Daren Ganga, garnering the record for T&T's highest opening partnership in first-class cricket. Barath then went on to score his maiden century in his second match, which gave him the record for being the youngest Caribbean player to score a century in first class cricket. He scored his second century in the following match. His T20 debut came in 2009 during the Airtel Champions League Twenty20,

where he scored 63 runs off 41 deliveries against the Diamond Eagles. In November of 2009, at just 19 years old, Barath was selected to join the West Indies in facing off against Australia. He led his team in the second innings, scoring 104 runs and breaking George Headley's record by becoming the youngest West Indian player ever to score a test century. An admirable list of accomplishments for any player, let alone one under 20, these feats illustrate just why so many personalities in the world of cricket name Adrian Barath as the player to watch.

Ironically, despite his remarkable success, Barath did not always dream of being a professional cricket

player. "I always loved the game of cricket," he says, "but it was a hobby." Still, the game held a certain fascination for him. "I used to play for fun in the back yard; I used to watch it on TV". Looking up to the top players of that time, he enjoyed the game but did not yet see himself playing it professionally. It was only when his father took a special interest in his playing that he realized that he might have a future in this exciting sport. "My father saw my talent, saw me playing the ball straight, which was unique" for such a young player. Recognizing his son's potential, the elder Barath began teaching him the basics of the game, encouraging him towards his triumphant future. Barath credits his father's coaching and support with helping him to develop the necessary drive and passion to excel in cricket.

By age 11, Barath was playing for Enterprise Government Primary School. "I was never dismissed that whole year", he muses, recalling the year he led the team to their first national primary school title. From there, he went on to play for the national Under-13 team in 2001, which was the first time he represented his country. Participating in every age group, Barath was on the Under-15 team by 13, and made the national senior team at 16 while still on the Under-19 team. Thus began his astounding collection of records, the most recent of which are undoubtedly just the beginning. Barath recognizes the importance of his participation in the various stages of play. "Coming through all the age groups played a part in my development into a national cricketer." Alluding to other cricket programs available for budding athletes, he suggests, "Even those who don't represent the nation can play at the club level and get the experience of playing". Encouraging participation in cricket and other athletic activities, Barath declares cricket to be "a good career", one in which youths should aim to be elite athletes. Naturally, he reminds his fans of the importance of academics, advising that they "balance sporting activities with academics to be a well-rounded athlete".

Himself a well-rounded individual, Barath's commitment to cricket shows in his daily life. His fitness regime extends outside of team training and practice. Aside from the usual gym work, and strength and conditioning training, he runs

every morning and evening. This routine enables him to maintain his fitness level during tournaments. His preparation for a match is mental as well as physical. "The brain is a muscle too", he says, and it needs training just as much as the body. The night before a match, Barath focuses on assessing the opposition. Making sure that he knows the key players, he creates a mental picture of how he'll approach his innings, how he'll score his runs. He ensures that he knows which bowlers will be relatively easy to handle and which ones will be tough. With all of this arranged in his mind, he gets a good night's sleep, in order to be well-rested for match day. The following morning is low-key. No stress, no anxiety; he avoids tiring himself out mentally. This strategy, he says, gives his mind time to recuperate before the match. Given his record, there is no doubt that it is a winning one.

Though Barath is clearly intent on maintaining his current success in cricket, he is more than just a cricket player. Having spent so much of his time playing abroad, he values the time he gets to relax and chooses to spend it at home, with his family. "Being away for so long," he says, "I use most of my free time to be with my mother, father, brother, and sisters." The youngest of the group, he enjoys catching up with his older siblings who, no doubt, miss their "little brother" when he is off representing his country. Of course, he also makes sure to spend time with his friends and others who have supported him throughout his stellar career. His hobbies, when he has time to indulge, include listening to music (he likes all kinds) and catching up on the latest movies. Currently an Upper Six student at Presentation College Chaguanas, he also aims to further his studies, and is currently considering his options in that direction.

As for his future, Barath aims to continue fulfilling the dream he discovered at age 10. He hopes to continue playing the sport he loves and representing the nation and region he loves, for as long possible. His meteoric rise through the ranks of cricket signals his intention to perform at his best for his team in order to one day see "West Indies cricket back at the top where it belongs". □

A.S.A.T.T. ACHIEVEMENTS APPRECIATED

Young Swimmers Honoured at the Amateur Swimming Association's Awards

Only winners could be found at the Naparima Bowl on the afternoon of Sunday 17th January, when the Amateur Swimming Association of T&T (ASATT) held their annual awards function. Swimmers, water polo players, coaches, parents, and administrators turned out to support the up-and-coming stars of the swimming world in a ceremony that was both enlightening and entertaining for all included.

The afternoon began with a skillful rendition of the national anthem played on the tenor pan by a member of the Exodus Junior Steel Orchestra; more familiarly known as the Exocubs. This talented band of youngsters, one of whom is a national swimmer herself, entertained the audience throughout the afternoon with musical numbers ranging from Whitney Houston to Michael Jackson songs. Popular Soca artist Rizon also made an appearance, in a performance that was thoroughly inspirational and enjoyable. Advising the talented youth in his audience to never give up their dreams, he performed a moving rendition of his hit, "Reach", which had the audience singing and clapping along with him.

The welcome address was made by Mr. Gregory Collymore, President of ASATT, who reminded the audience that sport is "the key change agent in the development of a nation". As such, he advocated investment in sport in general and swimming in particular, as it will engage these talented children, providing them with opportunities for the future while uplifting the nation as a whole. Sport, he said, "is always money well spent". Our own Dimelon Westfield, Sport Service Officer for ASATT, offered greetings. He praised the athletes for their stellar performances in the past year, while noting that the Sport Company, in its campaign to support the national policy of "sport for all", has been "the driving force behind sporting development in Trinidad and Tobago". Mr. Larry Romany, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC), also spoke, lauding the fact that 58 national records had been broken in the past year, in part by the swimmers in that very room. Displaying his appreciation of the swimming fraternity, he noted that sport's record for being at the "pinnacle of performance" for many years now. Mr. Romany advised that dedication is necessary to maintain that status. Commending the parents of these budding swim champions for their commitment, he declared that such support and resolve is required for the youth to succeed.

Following those speeches, the awards distribution underscored the preceding words of praise. Awestruck, the audience listened as the presenters listed the accomplishments and records of such swimmers as Kimberlee John-Williams, Dylan Carter, Sharnelle McClean, Joshua McLeod, Kristen Julien, Christian Homer, and George Bovell III. Carter alone was responsible for breaking 17 records in 2009, a feat that left the audience murmuring in

amazement as his records were read. Along with the other rising stars of the swim world, he made numerous trips to the stage, collecting many well-deserved awards. To an enthusiastic round of applause, Kimberlee John-Williams and George Bovell III were presented with the Swimmer of the Year awards. During his acceptance speech, Mr. Bovell III offered encouragement for those following in his footsteps. "For those with big goals", he declared, "what matters is how bad you really want it". Coming from him, and highlighted by the successes celebrated by the ceremony itself, those were very powerful words.

look who stopped by



Champion swimmer, George Bovell III passed through the SPORTT building for a meeting with our Chairman, Mr. Charles. While here, he took time out to sign his portrait, which is one of the many photographs of Trinidadian athletes decorating our offices.

SOUTH WEST SUPER LEAGUE

Sunday 6th December 2009 marked the final of the SPORTT-sponsored South West Super League in which Newcomers FC of Fyzabad clashed with Los Bajos United of Palo Seco at Fyzabad Recreation Ground. Newcomers, Fyzabad League winners, and United, Santa Flora League winners, faced off for a \$10,000 prize provided by Alutrint.

Proving to be a defensive battle, the game remained tied at zero at half-time. The second half saw Los Bajos United on the attack, however their efforts were hampered by their inability to finish. Newcomers resorted to counterattack, but their attempts also proved futile as their shots constantly sailed over the bar, rarely testing the goalkeepers. In



The game in progress, Los Bajos attacking, one of many raids but they failed to score.

the end, however, penalty kicks decided the game, with Los Bajos prevailing over Newcomers 4-3, becoming the first-ever South West Super League Champions.

The event itself was a thoroughly enjoyable community affair. Incorporating various minor leagues from Palo Seco, Fyzabad, La Brea,

and Pt. Fortin, the Super League was conceived by former T&T football manager Mr. Richard Braithwaite and organized by the La Brea Sport Foundation. SPORTT provided both financial support and equipment, all of which turned out to be a worthy investment in the community and in sport. At least 300 people from all walks of life came out to support their teams and even Mr. Hasely Crawford himself, introduced by the announcer as "ah wi boy", put in an appearance. The passionate fans were an inspiring sight, giving "picong" and literally falling out of their seats while rooting for their community teams. All in all, it was another successful partnership between SPORTT and the community.

LA BREA SPORTS FOUNDATION ANNUAL AWARDS FUNCTION

After a fun-filled year of activities, the La Brea Sports Foundation held their annual awards function and dinner on Wednesday, 16th December 2009. On this day, the foundation came together to honour their athletes and long-standing members. They also took time to pay tribute to many of their supporters, including the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs (MSYA) and The Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SPORTT), who have provided them with important programmes within the past year.

One of these programmes was the T&T Youth Sport Camps, during



which the children of La Brea had the opportunity to learn new skills and discover hidden talents while engaging in athletics at the Sobo Village Recreation Ground, and playing football, netball, and basketball at the Pt. Dor Recreation Ground. The MSYA and SPORTT also provided assistance with the first-ever South West Super League, in which the

top teams from La Brea competed with those from communities such as Point Fortin, Palo Seco, and Fyzabad. The League, which is the first phase of the MSYA's Building Communities Through Sport community development project, was won by Los Bajos United.

SPORTT also looks forward to partnering with the La Brea Sports Foundation in the future. Plans are already in place for a 20/20 competition and a windball competition in the coming year, guaranteeing that 2010 will be another enjoyable sporting year for the residents of La Brea.

CLARKE ROCHARD WINDBALL CRICKET LEAGUE

A community affair in every sense of the word, the Clarke Rochard Windball League has been and will continue to be an important feature of life in Clarke Rochard, Penal. Consisting of primarily community teams, the League draws hundreds of spectators who come out to show their support. This club is striving for excellence through their youth. Two of their local players, Stephen Katwaroo and Vaaroon Samaroo, have recently been selected to play on the T&T "A" Team tour to South Africa, which is a tribute to Clarke Rochard's developmental programme. This promising club aims to gradually move up the ranks in domestic cricket and to eventually become the best cricket club in the country. This is an ambitious goal that seems to be within reach, given the heart, intelligence, and work ethic of their leaders.

SPORTT has sponsored the Clarke Rochard Windball League this year to the tune of \$15,385.00. There were over 10 teams participating in high quality cricket. The players were uniformed, disciplined, and their skill level belied the idea that windball cricket is a "voopers" game. Congrats to the Clarke Rochard Cricket League on a job well done.



Mrs. Zobida Nandlal (Clarke Rochard Sports Club - Secretary) receiving a sponsorship cheque Mr. Richard Baboolal (Community Sport Specialist - SPORTT)

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WHAT'S NEW IN SPORT

S.N.A.G.

Developed in the nineties by two PGA Tour professionals after years of research, SNAG (Starting New at Golf) is a comprehensive system meant to create an easy means of teaching golf to beginners. Containing the basic elements of golf, SNAG is modified in order to add fun to the learning and playing experience. The SNAG system features simplified rules, creating a game that moderates between miniature and regulation golf. Players are allowed full shots, pitching, chipping, and putting at a maximum distance of 50 yards and using only the "Launcher" or "Roller" clubs. Unlike in miniature and regulation golf, the target is not a hole or cup, but rather the "Flagsticky", which is an above-ground weighted cylinder. The SNAG ball, which is only slightly smaller than a tennis ball, sticks to the "Flagsticky" with Velcro. The portability of this system means that it can be played just about anywhere, requiring a minimum of space.

In late 2008 and with the help of the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago (SPORTT), the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs (MSYA), and the Ministry of Education, the

Trinidad and Tobago Golf Association (TTGA) began using this innovative system to introduce golf to schools across the country. In so doing, the TTGA can begin developing the raw talent already present in the youth of Trinidad and Tobago. The response has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic, with the children having a great time while gaining exposure to a new sport.



With funding from its supporters, the TTGA has taken the program one step further, inviting the inventor of SNAG, also known as the SNAG Daddy, to train local Physical Education teachers who will then use the SNAG system to introduce their students to the world of golf. This enhancement will ensure that as many children as possible are given the chance to engage with golf in a novel way. The admirable project is beneficial to the TTGA as well, as it gives them the opportunity to identify Trinidad's next potential Stephen Ames and ensure his or her development into an athlete who can compete at the international level.

FAST NET

A new version of netball is taking the world by storm. Designed to cultivate the interest of a wider audience and increase participation, similar to the advent of Twenty20 cricket, Fast Net condenses the game into a shortened and faster-paced version meant to challenge players in the areas of fitness and skill. It provides a challenge for the umpires as well, as they have to keep up with a brisk rate of play.

Unlike netball, which is played in 15-minute quarters, Fast Net will consist of 6-minute quarters with 2-minute breaks. Coaching will be allowed during play, as will unlimited rolling substitutions. Similar to ODI and T20 cricket, each team can separately choose a "power play" quarter, in which each goal scored by that team will be worth double points. Like in basketball, the Goal Shooter and Goal Attack positions will be allowed to shoot from outside the shooting circle, and these goals will count for two points

during regular play and four during a power play quarter. Centre passes will be taken by the team that conceded the last goal, and the teams will alternate taking the first centre pass of each quarter, rather than as a



result of a coin toss, as in standard netball. In the case of a tie, rather than continuing until one team wins in extra time or accomplishes a two-goal advantage, penalty shoot-outs will be the deciding factor.

These new rules, employed in the World Netball Series are meant to raise the profile of netball. They will hopefully attract more attention to the sport, thereby widening the pool of potential athletes while simultaneously garnering the much needed support and spectatorship that will keep netball programmes going for many years to come.



A Night to Remember

On the 15th of January 2010, SPORTT invited members of the media to come party with us. That Friday night, we held our annual Media Lime in the recently renovated Hasely 76 Gold VIP Room at the Hasely Crawford Stadium.

Lavishly decorated and well-stocked with great food and delicious drinks, the VIP Room was transformed into a cozy but exciting venue for us to socialize with those individuals responsible for publicizing all the good work we do throughout the year. We were joined by members of various media houses and radio stations, all of whom have written or spoken about the Sport Company on several occasions.

Also present were the Hon. Gary Hunt, Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, and the Hon. Mustapha Abdul-Hamid, Minister of Public Utilities. Minister Hunt took time to honour two legends in sport media, Mr. Valentino Singh, of the Trinidad Guardian, and Mr. David Lamy, formerly of

TV6. These pioneers were presented with beautiful crystal plaques in appreciation of their accomplishments in and contributions to the field of sport journalism.

Good food, good drinks, and good music ensured that everyone had a great time. Mingling, talking, and laughing, our guests seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. By the end of the night, the food and drinks were gone, but several guests remained, proving that the SPORTT Media Lime of 2010 was an event to remember. ☐

ON THE SPORTT TEAM

EVERY MEMBER OF TEAM SPORTT HAS AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY. IN EACH ISSUE, WE WILL GIVE YOU A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUALS THAT PLAY AN INTEGRAL PART IN HELPING US REACH OUR GOALS.

THIS TIME WE INTRODUCE A MEMBER OF OUR SPORT PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT (SPDU).



Player: Mario Davis
Team SPORTT Position: Sport Specialist
Sport: Basketball
Team: Straker Nets
Position: Shooting Guard/Forward

Our Sport Specialists are responsible for liaising with the National Sporting Organizations (NSOs) that are affiliated with the Sport Company. They work in tandem with these NSOs, helping them to create their yearly plans, development programmes, sporting events, etc. They also help them to negotiate funding and act as bridges between the NSOs and the Sport Company to secure said funding.

As a Sport Specialist, Mario is responsible for the Tennis Association of Trinidad & Tobago (TATT), the Trinidad and Tobago Football Federation (TTFF), and The Trinidad and Tobago Volleyball Federation (TTVF). Partnered with these organizations, Mario works hard to en-

sure the development of these sports within the national community.

Mario is more than just a member of Team SPORTT, however; he is also personally invested in basketball, a sport with which he has a long history. Growing up in Muskogee, Oklahoma, he played all through school. He went on to Connors State Junior College, and then Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, where he eventually coached the basketball team. After meeting his wife, a member of the national netball team, he moved to Trinidad, where he began working with the National Basketball Federation of Trinidad and Tobago (NBFTT). He played for the Maloney Pacers and then for the national team, for whom he competed in an invitational tournament in Guyana. His talents eventually caught the attention of European teams, but he has elected to remain here in T&T, working to aid the development of sport on a national level.

Mario is currently the Shooting Guard for the Straker Nets, which topped Division 2 of the North Zone in 2009. Team SPORTT is lucky to have him.

»» KUDOS CORNER

Team SPORTT congratulates Afka Jemmott, our Administrative Officer, on her recent graduation from the University of the West Indies. Afka is now the proud holder of a B.Sc. in Government with a Minor in International Relations.



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NAME OF ORGANISATION	ADDRESS	OFFICE NUMBER	EMAIL
BASKETBALL National Basketball Federation of Trinidad and Tobago	Maloney Arena Indoor Sport Facility Maloney	646-1663 / 646-5981 Fax: 646-1663	info@nbftt.org
BOXING Trinidad and Tobago Amateur Boxing Association	#149 St. James Street Battoo Avenue, Marabella	Fax: 658-0520	ttamabox@hotmail.com
CRICKET Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board	Sir Frank Worrell Development Centre, Clifford Roach Drive Balmain Couva	636-4745 679-6551 (Oval) Fax: 679-4638	ttcricketboard@mail.tt
CYCLING Trinidad and Tobago Cycling Federation	#5 Yard Street Chaguanas OR P.O. Box 371 Port of Spain	671-8823 Fax: 623-9567 (Pres) Fax 672-1883	ttcyclingfederation@yahoo.com
FOOTBALL Trinidad and Tobago Football Federation	#43 Dundonald Street, Port of Spain	623-7312 625-0611 Fax: 623-8109	ttff1908@yahoo.com
GOLF Trinidad and Tobago Golf Association	c/o St. Andrews Golf Club P.O. Box 3403 Moka, Maraval Eastern Regional Complex, Orange Grove Road Tacarigua	Admin Assistant Nelaja Alphonso-Sheppard 785-7520 629-7127	ttga@tstt.net.tt
HOCKEY Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board	P.O. Box 3240 Diego Martin	640-5544	ttbhpres@tstt.net.tt ttbsec@tstt.net.tt
NETBALL Trinidad and Tobago Netball Association	Building 1 Apt. 4D El Dorado Heights Target Road Tunapuna	Victoria Admin Assistant 625-6758 Fax: 627-2752	ttnetball@yahoo.com

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RIFLE Trinidad & Tobago Sporting Shooting Confederation	#13, Lime Avenue, Petrotrin, Pointe-a-Pierre	Fax: 658-1813	paul@kissbaking.com kenneth.oliver@petrotrin.com
SAILING Trinidad and Tobago Sailing Association	P.O. Box 3140 Carenage	634-1216 634-4519 634-4210 Fax: 634-4376	youthsailing@tsstt.net.tt
SWIMMING Amateur Swimming Association of Trinidad and Tobago	#3 Henry Pierre St. Woodbrook	Fax: 622-0005	asattaquatics@yahoo.com
TENNIS Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago	#5 Fitt Street Woodbrook, Port of Spain	Phone & Fax: 625-3030	tennistt.tatt@gmail.com
TRACK AND FIELD National Amateur Athletic Association of Trinidad and Tobago	#55 Southern Main Road Curepe	645-6976 Fax: 645-4247	tri@mf.iaaf.org
VOLLEYBALL Trinidad and Tobago Volleyball Federation	Apt #5, Bldg8 Olera Heights St Joseph Village San Fernando	350-7547 657-2095 Fax: 657-6013	tntvolleyball@gmail.com
WOMEN'S CRICKET Trinidad and Tobago Women's Cricket Board of Control	Diego Martin Main Road, New Yalta Diego Martin	625-5880 Fax: 637-8053	gayleworrell@yahoo.com moniq@cablenet.net
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO OLYMPIC COMMITTEE	#63 Dondonald Street Port of Spain OR P.O Box 529 Port of Spain	625-5880 Fax: 637-8053	ttoc@wow.net olympic@wow.net
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SPECIAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE	P.O. Box 1203 Port of Spain	-	hrhona@hotmail.com
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ALLIANCE FOR SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	#312 Soogrim Street Gulf View, La Romaine	Fax: 657-1283	ttaspe@tsstt.net.tt