



First Citizens
Sports Foundation

**2024 SPORTS AWARDS &
2025 HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION**

**THE POWER
OF
PERSEVERANCE**



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OUR MISSION

To recognise and promote the culture of excellence in sport at all levels of society.

OUR VISION

1. To be a catalyst for encouraging wider participation in sport.
2. To facilitate the documentation of our sport achievements and history.
3. To recognise and encourage outstanding performances and sportsmanship.
4. To provide assistance to organisations involved in the delivery of “Sport for All” activities.
5. To create an environment for the integration of sport as a vehicle for positive social change.
6. To provide assistance to National Sport Organisations (NSO’s) in achieving their developmental, performance and administrative goals.

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Chairman's Remarks

THE POWER OF PERSEVERANCE

There is a Chinese proverb that states 'dripping water will eventually erode even the biggest rock'. When translated, this means that persistence and determination will eventually bring success, even in situations that first appear impossible.

A few years ago, when it was unthinkable for many of us to envisage a return to life pre-pandemic, it was the men and women who possessed strong faith, character and the power of perseverance, who found solutions to comfort an anxious world. And that's the power of perseverance—it is not giving up or giving in because we have encountered an obstacle that appears insurmountable.

Not to be mistaken with endurance, they are often used interchangeably, but note that there is significant difference. Endurance primarily refers to the ability to sustain prolonged physical and/or mental effort while perseverance is steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose or challenge, especially despite difficulties, obstacles and/or discouragement.

Like many institutions, the Foundation has not undertaken its work from 1962 to today, without challenges and difficulties. Yet, we have learnt the art of persevering, bringing value to our athletes, partnering with other stakeholders and existing long enough to witness many successes.

Perseverance ladies and gentlemen, requires a long-term effort and commitment way beyond our comfort zones. It is a kind of mental and emotional strength and focus that truly cannot be quantified. Thomas Edison failed many times before he could produce a light bulb, but he did not give up, he kept

going, failed experiment one after another, until eventually he created the lightbulb. As a result of his perseverance, we have light today.

Sometimes, all it takes is time. Consider the Niagara Falls—we look at its immense power today—it was always there, a natural wonder, but it took some time to harness and develop this resource. Similarly, we have immense potential in our young people, but we need the vision and the capability to harness this talent.

So on behalf of the First Citizens Sports Foundation, I want to take this opportunity to recognise and honour the many men, women, and institutions, who throughout the years have joined us in giving of their time, talent, and resources to help harness and nurture the talent of our athletes in every sporting discipline.

As I close, understand that in life and in sports, it is never about failing, losing or falling; it is always about getting back up after a fall. So I encourage every one of you, whatever your sport or career, do not be discouraged by setbacks—never give up—keep going, and as you prevail, you will triumph over what appeared to be impossible challenges. Remember perseverance is more than a word; make it a lifestyle.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen and congratulations to all of this evening's awardees and inductees.

Dr. Terry Ali
Chairman,
First Citizens Sports Foundation

Awards Criteria



SPORTSMAN & SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

This award is bestowed upon an outstanding male and female athlete who has contributed to the development and recognition of sport, not only in Trinidad and Tobago, but also at an international level.

Successful athletes in this category must:

- *Be a national of Trinidad and Tobago*
- *Have been outstanding in their sport at local, regional or international level.*
- *Have exceptional performances at national competitions that can be considered outstanding among other national athletes.*
- *Produce results that are easily verifiable.*
- *Have attained these achievements between January to December of the year under review.*
- *Youth nominees must turn 19 after the 31st December of the year under review.*

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The objectives of the Sports Hall of Fame are to recognise and encourage outstanding performances in sport, recognise and honour most outstanding achievements. Athletes, Administrators or Sports Officials, Coaches or Trainers and Match or Event Officials are all eligible for induction in to the Sports Hall of Fame.

Successful inductees must have met the following criteria:

- *Be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago.*
- *Consistently represented Trinidad and Tobago with distinction and excellence in local and international sport.*
- *If an All-Rounder, must have represented Trinidad and Tobago in at least two (2) sport disciplines.*
- *With the exception of Sports Administrators, must have retired from representing Trinidad and Tobago in sport for a period of at least three years after last representing T & T at a senior international level. However, in the case of posthumous inductions, the case of the three-year stipulation is not required and a deceased athlete can be inducted immediately.*
- *Administrators and Coaches can be considered while still in office and must have made significant contributions to the development of sport.*
- *Coaches and Trainers must have worked and Match/Event Officials must have officiated over a number of years at International Level.*
- *The Foundation reserves the right to not consider the nominee who has acted in such a manner as to bring their sport, team, club or country into disrepute.*



AWARDS CRITERIA



JEFFREY STOLLMAYER MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to a National Governing Sports Body, which has displayed initiatives and made significant improvements, not only in its Administration, but also towards the development of its athletes.

The Sporting Body must have met the following criteria:

- *It must have shown an acceptable degree of efficiency and effectiveness.*
- *It must demonstrate a strong sustainable development program.*
- *It must have a measurable level of growth within the sport over the period.*
- *It must demonstrate sound financial accountability.*
- *The measurables of the Sporting Body must be achieved between January to December of the year under review.*



THE LYSTRA D. LEWIS MEMORIAL AWARD

Named after a national sporting icon who achieved international recognition for her administrative competence and promotion of netball beyond national and regional boundaries.

This Award may be:

- *Given at the discretion of the First Citizens Sports Foundation Committee.*
- *Presented to an individual, team or group whose performance(s) have impacted significantly on the national sport landscape.*
- *An award that acknowledges excellence in any sporting sphere.*
- *Given for any time frame.*



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— 2024 & 2025 —
AWARDEES
LIST

2024 & 2025 AWARDEES LIST

SPORT	CATEGORY	FIRST NAME	SURNAME
1. Aquatics	Youth and Senior	Zuri	Ferguson
2. Aquatics	Youth	Liam	Carrington
3. Aquatics	Senior	Dylan	Carter
4. Archery	Senior	Joanne	Yates-Boopsingh
5. Archery	Senior	Peter	Kong
6. Athletics	Youth	Janae	De Gannes
7. Athletics	Youth	Kadeem	Chinapoo
8. Athletics	Senior	Leah	Bertrand
9. Athletics	Senior	Jereem	Richards
10. Automobile Sports - Karting	Youth	Naomi	Garcia
11. Automobile Sports - Karting	Youth	Alex	Sharma
12. Automobile Sports - Motorsport	Senior	Janelle	Albarado-Billouin
13. Automobile Sports - Circuit Racing	Senior	Frankie	Boodram
14. Badminton	Youth	Samiya	Karim
15. Badminton	Youth	Ethan	Ramcharan
16. Badminton	Senior	Chequeda	De Boulet
17. Badminton	Senior	Marc Reece	Marcano
18. Bodybuilding	Senior	Angela	Campbell
19. Bodybuilding	Senior	Kristion	Copilah
20. Boxing	Youth	Neraj	Mahadeosingh
21. Boxing	Senior	Tianna	Guy
22. Boxing	Senior	Al Jaleel Ortega	Jokhu
23. Chess	Youth	Zara	La Fleur
24. Chess	Youth	Kael	Samuel Bisnath
25. Chess	Senior	Ysvett	Hermoso Rodriguez
26. Chess	Senior	Joshua	Johnson
27. Cricket	Youth	Brendan	Boodoo
28. Cricket	Senior	Nicholas	Pooran
29. Women's Cricket	Youth	Samara	Ramnath
30. Women's Cricket	Senior	Karishma	Ramharack
31. Cycling	Youth	Makaira	Wallace
32. Cycling	Youth	Jelani	Nedd
33. Cycling	Senior	Teniel	Campbell
34. Cycling	Senior	Nicholas	Paul
35. Darts	Youth	Sonia	Gupta
36. Darts	Youth	Zachary	Pierre
37. Darts	Senior	Kimberli	Rivas
38. Darts	Senior	Joshua	Balfour

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SPORT	CATEGORY	FIRST NAME	SURNAME
39. Field Hockey	Youth	Jedyah	Kistow
40. Field Hockey	Youth	Rene	Mohammed
41. Field Hockey	Senior	Teague	Marcano
42. Golf	Youth	Isabella	Ramdeen
43. Golf	Youth	Ross	Ramkissoon
44. Golf	Senior	Victoria	Seenath
45. Golf	Senior	Stephen	Ames
46. Horse Racing	Senior	Dillion	Khelawan
47. Judo	Youth	Chaya	Mc Intosh
48. Judo	Youth	Isaiah	Payne
49. Judo	Senior	Latesha	Gill
50. Judo	Senior	Jeromie	Orr
51. Karate	Youth	Cassidy	Sam
52. Karate	Youth	Daeland	Sydney
53. Karate	Senior	Michelle	Lue-Fatt
54. Karate	Senior	Dominic	Wilkes
55. Kayaking	Senior	Nicholas	Robinson
56. Netball	Youth	Shian	Lewis
57. Netball	Senior	Keon	Russell
58. Para Athletics	Senior	Akeem	Stewart
59. Powerlifting	Senior	Lois	Sprang
60. Powerlifting	Senior	Joseph	Mc Donald
61. Rugby	Youth	Quaneisha	Oliver
62. Rugby	Youth	Jeremiah	Moore
63. Rugby	Senior	Ketara	Munroe
64. Rugby	Senior	Ruairi	O'Farrell
65. Sailing	Youth	Sariyah	Stoute
66. Sailing	Youth	Josiah	Alexis
67. Sailing	Senior	Abigail	Affoo
68. Sailing	Senior	Adam	Da Costa
69. Sport Martial Arts	Youth	Christian	Winter
70. Sport Martial Arts	Senior	Chelsea	Winter
71. Sport Martial Arts	Senior	Dave	Samdeo
72. Squash	Youth	Gia	Ghuran
73. Squash	Youth	Seth	Thong
74. Squash	Senior	Chloe	Walcott
75. Squash	Senior	John	Holley
76. Surfing	Youth	Cheyenne	Patino Ubeda
77. Surfing	Youth	Aiden	Albada

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SPORT	CATEGORY	FIRST NAME	SURNAME
78. Surfing	Senior	Justin	Tang
79. Table Tennis	Youth and Senior	Chloe	Fraser
80. Table Tennis	Youth	Malik	Gopaul
81. Table Tennis	Senior	Aaron	Wilson
82. Tennis	Youth and Senior	Jordane	Dookie
83. Tennis	Youth	Kale	Dalla Costa
84. Tennis	Senior	Kamran	Mc Intosh Ross
85. Triathlon	Youth	Jenae-Marie	Price
86. Triathlon	Youth	Liam	D'Abadie
87. Volleyball	Youth and Senior	L'fe	Roberts
88. Volleyball	Youth	Michael	Burkett
89. Volleyball	Senior	Jerome	Morrison

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARDEES

90. Special Olympics-Bocce	Mr.	Michael	Shortt
91. Special Olympics-Equestrian	Ms.	Patrice	Pennie
92. Special Olympics-Swimming	Mr.	Jaleel	Pierre
93. Special Olympics-Swimming	Mr.	Stefan	Singh

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

94. Cricket	Mr.	Samuel	Badree
95. Athletics	Mr.	Wendell	Williams



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Samuel Badree Cricket



The advent of the T20 format in 2003 gave birth to several exciting competitions and produced stars who have entertained with ball or bat or both.

With his accurate right-arm leg spin, Samuel Badree was a difference-maker in both international and franchise T20 spheres. He spent six years in the West Indies team set-up, during which time he played in fifty-two T20 matches and claimed 56 wickets, at an average of 21.07, with his best performance being the four wickets for 15 runs display against host Bangladesh at Dhaka, during the World T20 in 2014. More noteworthy were his contributions to the West Indies' title triumphs at the 2012 and 2016 T20 World Cups in Sri Lanka and India, respectively.

Badree made his first-class and List-A debuts in 2002 and he went on to be a member of the generation that put Trinidad and Tobago on the road to sustained success, which has run from the mid-2000s to the present. In 2004, he was part of the triumph in the Regional 50-Over competition, which was followed up by Trinidad and Tobago's first West Indies four-day title in 21 years in 2006. A few months after that victory, Badree, along with the likes of Daren Ganga, Mervyn Dillon, Rayad Emrit, and Kieron Pollard made everyone sit up and take notice as they helped Trinidad and Tobago to second place in the Stanford 20/20 tournament in Antigua.

Badree pushed Trinidad and Tobago to go one better in the Stanford 20/20 in 2008 and then helped the team to the final of the Champions League Twenty20 in India in 2009. He also guided Trinidad and Tobago to victories in the Caribbean Twenty20 competitions in 2011, 2012 and 2013. When the Caribbean Premier League supplanted the national teams' championship, Badree signed with the Trinidad and Tobago Red Steel, which he led to the title in 2015, generated by his 12 wickets in 13 games.

Aligned to his successful stint with West Indies, Badree also spent five years in franchise T20 competitions. Apart from the Caribbean, he also played in: Bangladesh, India, Australia and Pakistan, before returning to the Caribbean Premier League with the Jamaica Tallawahs in 2018.

Since his retirement the bulk of Badree's focus has been on coaching and media commentary. He features regularly on television cricket coverage throughout the world.



2025 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Wendell Williams Athletics



When Wendell Williams leapt into the Trinidad and Tobago record books with his 7.99-metre long jump effort at the NAAA National Championships in 1993, it would be a seminal moment that would carry both himself and field athletics in Trinidad and Tobago to the next level during the 1990s.

His selection for the IAAF World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany would be ground-breaking as, hitherto, national track and field teams in major global events tended to be top-heavy with good sprinting talent and the odd mid to long-distance runner making the cut.


Williams' eventful year would continue as he finished 13th in his group in the long jump in Stuttgart, where, due to an injury, he had to be drafted into Trinidad and Tobago's 4x100 metres relay team to run a leg during the competition. Afterwards, he settled into some sustained success, starting with the Central American and Caribbean Games in Ponce, Puerto Rico, where he won the gold medal with a leap of 7.95 metres, which put him ahead of Michael Francis of Puerto Rico (7.92) and Cuban Jaime Jefferson (7.85).

After fourth-place finishes at the CAC Championships in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1997 and the CAC Games in Maracaibo, Venezuela, the following year, Williams would find himself near the summit of his craft. He earned a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with a 7.95-metre jump that put him behind Australians Peter Burge and Jai Taurima (both 8.22). Williams, who won five Trinidad and Tobago national titles (1989, 1991, 1993, 1996 and 1998), would go on to compete in his only Olympic Games in 2000 in Sydney, Australia.

In 1999, he recorded a new national record of 8.14 metres, which would stand for 19 years before being broken in 2018 by Andwuelle Wright – one of now Coach Wendell Williams' protégés. Wright, a CAC Games bronze medallist, would go on to better that 8.23 metre record with a new mark of 8.25 metres. Apart from Wright, other members of Williams' stable include Che Richards, rising sensation Janae De Gannes and Keneisha Shelbourne.

Williams' success saw the movement away from an almost sprint-centric focus in Trinidad and Tobago athletics to improvements in development and training that saw the likes of heptathlete Marsha Mark-Baird, triple jumper Ayanna Alexander and javelin icon Keshorn Walcott breaking through onto the global stage of athletics.





Perseverance is
the hard work you do
after you get tired of
doing the hard work
you already did.

- Newt Gingrich



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**SPORTS AWARDS
NOMINEES**



AQUATICS

(Aquatics Sports Association of Trinidad & Tobago)

Dylan Carter

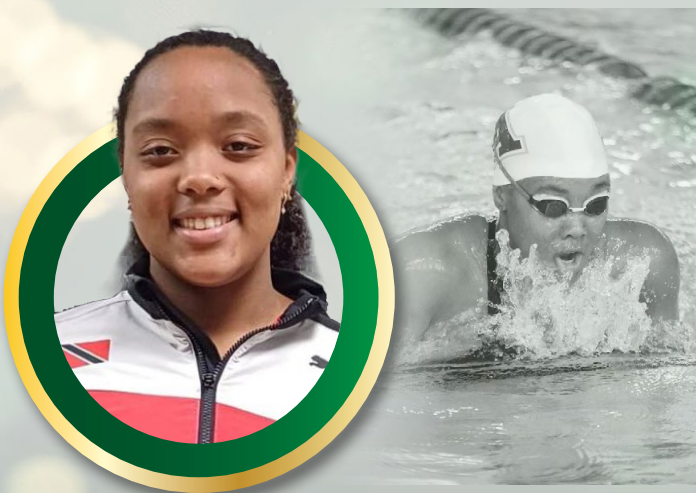


Eight years since he became Trinidad and Tobago's premier swimmer, Dylan Carter certainly has not lost a stroke when it comes to competing with the world's best.

During the World Aquatics Swimming World Cup series, he earned the men's 50-metre freestyle gold medal at the opening leg in Shanghai, in a time of 21.06 seconds. In Singapore, Carter captured a second gold medal with a victory in the 50-metre freestyle (20.82); he subsequently earned bronze in the 100-metre freestyle (46.60). On the Mare Nostrum Swim Tour, he earned silver medals in 50 and 100-metre freestyles, along with silver and bronze medals in separate 50-metre butterfly events.

At the World Aquatics Championships in Doha, Carter earned a fifth-place finish in the 50-metre butterfly and at his third Olympic Games in Paris, he ranked 29th and 34th overall in the 50 and 100-metre freestyles, respectively.

Zuri Ferguson



When she was named to Trinidad and Tobago's team for the essentially junior-level Carifta Aquatics Championships in Nassau, The Bahamas, last March, it could not have been foreseen that 17-year-old Zuri Ferguson would enjoy a tremendous breakthrough into swimming's top-level ranks.

After claiming record-breaking gold medals in the girls' 15-17 50 metres, 100 metres and 200 metres backstroke events at this meet, she followed up with another record-tinged backstroke triple crown at the CCCAN Championships in Monterrey, Mexico. Ferguson was then granted a universal place in the Olympic Games in Paris, France and she debuted with a commendable performance in the 100 metres backstroke when she placed third in her heat in 1:02.75 and earned an overall ranking of 27th for this event.

Ferguson, of Attleboro, Massachusetts, later earned another senior team selection for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25 metres) in Budapest, Hungary in December.



ARCHERY

(Trinidad & Tobago Target Archery Federation)

Peter Kong



While much of Trinidad and Tobago's archery set-up has encouraged younger competitors, some of the more seasoned stalwarts have continued to make sterling contributions to the sport in this country on multiple levels.

Peter Kong, 53, for one, hit his marks at the Pan American Youth and Masters Championships in San Salvador, El Salvador, where he scored 654 en route to the quarterfinals and an eventual sixth-place overall ranking in the men's 50-plus compound bow division.

He was in very sharp form during major local events. At the TTTAF National Outdoor Championships in Charlieville, he scored 645 out of 720 as he captured the national men's 50-plus compound bow title. Kong posted 638 and 639, respectively, as he triumphed at the two national ranking tournaments and at the National Indoor Championships in Tacarigua, he tallied 548/600 as he finished as runner-up.

Joanne Yates-Boopsingh



Another very experienced participant in local archery circles, Joanne Yates-Boopsingh, 57, was, as usual, as accomplished with the compound bow and arrow as she is with the paintbrush while executing her art in her spare time.

She again led by example during the Pan American Youth and Masters Championships in San Salvador, El Salvador, where she shot her way to the silver medal in the women's 50-plus compound bow division: in the final, Yates-Boopsingh scored 124 to American Carrie Lin's 139.

At the National Indoor Championships in Tacarigua, she totalled 556 out of 600 as she finished second in the ranking round, before recording her overall triumph ahead of Tennille Plata-George and Shanta Roopchand. Yates-Boopsingh enjoyed two second-place performances at two national ranking tournaments – following scores of 591/720 and 612/720 along the way. At the outdoor nationals in Charlieville she posted 624 in the ranking round.



ATHLETICS

(National Association of Athletic Administration)

Jerem Richards



As he arrived in Paris for his second Olympic Games, Jerem Richards was firmly intent on getting that medal: his opportunity arrived on August 7 during the 400 metres final.

He took the lead on the backstretch and split 20.46 seconds with three of his challengers before having to settle for fourth spot in the end with a Trinidad and Tobago national record time of 43.78 seconds, behind the USA's gold medalist Quincy Hall (43.40), runner-up Matthew Hudson-Smith of Great Britain (43.44) and Zambian third-place finisher Muzala Samukonga (43.74).

In spite of this bittersweet episode, Richards can also look back proudly upon a semi-final performance at the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Glasgow, plus third-place finishes at the Diamond League meetings in London (44.18) and Rome (44.55), along with a 200 metres victory (20.19) in Luzern on the Continental Tour's silver level.

Leah Bertrand



Part of a much-needed injection of younger talent into Trinidad and Tobago's athletics team at the Olympic Games, Leah Bertrand took full advantage of her gilt-edged opportunity.

She advanced to the semi-finals of the women's 100 metres; she also competed in the 4x100 metres relay. Earlier on, at the World Athletics Relays in Nassau, Bertrand helped Trinidad and Tobago to second place in the 4x100 and an eventual spot in the corresponding event at the Olympics.

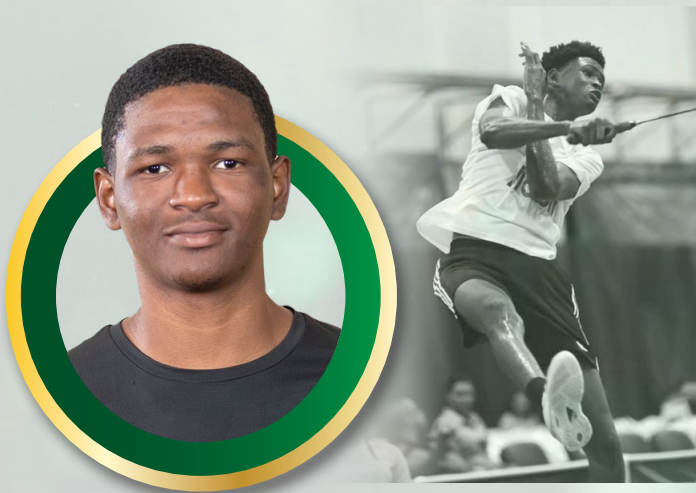
Her Olympic debut was a follow-up to outstanding indoor and outdoor seasons with the Ohio State University Buckeyes. The highlights included a 100 metres victory in 11.16 seconds, a 200 metres runner-up spot (22.98) and a 4x100 metres relay triumph at the Big Ten Championships; a 4x100 win at the Penn Relays; multiple 60-metre victories indoors plus 60 and 200 metres silver medals at the Big Ten Indoor Championships.

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BADMINTON (Trinidad & Tobago Badminton Association)

Marc Reece Marcano

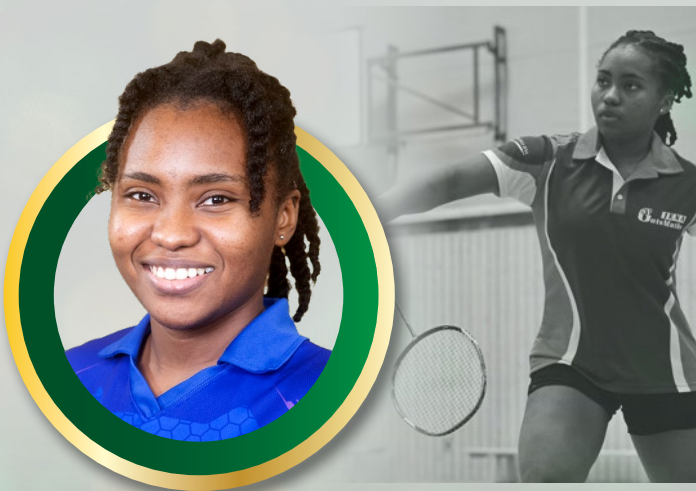


Having established himself as one of Trinidad and Tobago's top juniors during the incipient portion of his career, 20-year old Reece Marcano is now a very-relevant senior.

At the pro-level Venezuela Open, last June, he earned a bronze medal in the men's singles competition and he collaborated with compatriot Chequeda De Boulet to capture the mixed doubles title with a 21-15, 21-17 victory over the home pairing of Frank Barrios and Maria De Los Angeles Rojas Camacho.

Marcano also enjoyed a landmark achievement at the TTBA National Championships at the National Racquet Sports Centre in Tacarigua, where he captured his first triple crown. He overcame defending champion, Will Lee, in the singles final, joined with Zion St. Rose to best Lee and Alistair Espinoza in the doubles championship and clinched the mixed doubles crown - with De Boulet - versus Lee and Jada Renales.

Chequeda De Boulet



Chequeda De Boulet continues to assert herself as Trinidad and Tobago's top female badminton star and her entry into professional-level events has carried her game to the next level.

She linked up with Reece Marcano to win the mixed doubles title at the Venezuela Open in Valencia, where she also earned a bronze medal in the women's singles. De Boulet later enjoyed another outstanding experience at the Suriname International Championships, where she earned the runner-up position in the women's doubles competition - with her Guyanese partner Priyanna Ramdhani. She took home bronze in the mixed doubles alongside her up-and-coming compatriot, Travis Sinanan. De Boulet also enjoyed a semi-final-worthy display in the doubles with Ramdhani at the Costa Rica Future Series tournament.

She was again in dominant mode at the TTBA national championships, where she claimed the triple crown of singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles.



BODYBUILDING

(Trinidad & Tobago Body Building Federation)

Kristion Copilah



Intense focus in training, not to mention the discipline that aligns with it, all paid off in great measure, in the end, for the experienced Kristion Barry Copilah.

At the 51st edition of the Central American and Caribbean Fitness and Bodybuilding Championships in Georgetown, Guyana, last October, he exhibited the requisite form and physique to dominate his opponents and capture the men's middleweight (80 kg) title, ahead of Jamaica's Nicholas Wilson, Sherkym Daniel of St. Lucia, Kevin Tremino Rivera (Costa Rica), Naem Tahiru (Bonaire) and Pedro Barcasnegras (Colombia).

Copilah, one of only two competitors representing Trinidad and Tobago at this event, has been on the local competitive bodybuilding scene going back to the 2010s. The fitness professional's steady rise has now culminated with one of his most significant career victories in Georgetown.

Angela Campbell



For three weeks prior to a competition, Angela Campbell adheres to a strict dietary regimen: she cuts out carbohydrates, sugars and salt and utilises discipline, and proper sleep, to overcome the weakness emitted by her body in order to train.

A practice that has paid off for her going into the Central American and Caribbean Fitness and Bodybuilding Championships in Georgetown, Guyana. After she earned a second-place finish to Barbados' Leanna Carter in the women's physique competition, the Tobagonian decided to make a go at it in a newly created category: the female fitness challenge. Campbell rose to the fore to claim the title ahead of Jamaican Shania Davis Roman.

A fitness instructor, she was one of a two-member Trinidad and Tobago team in Guyana and the veteran competitor drew upon her strict adherence to routine and made the most of the circumstances to bring home her two medals.

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BOXING

(Trinidad & Tobago Boxing Association)

Al Jaleel Ortega Jokhu



Expanding the core of local fighters has involved an emphasis on youth development by the Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Association. Twenty-year-old Ortega Jokhu offers lots of hope for the future, thanks to his performances amidst the campaign to qualify for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

At the World Olympic Qualification Tournament in Busto Arsizio, Italy, Jokhu participated in the Round of 32 in the men's flyweight division. As part of continued preparations, he competed in three tournaments in Puerto Rico: he won the men's elite 48 kg title at both the Torneo Invitacional Internacional in San Juan and the Copa Felix Trinidad in the district of Cupey Alto in the capital city's south. In addition, Jokhu earned third place at the Torneo Internacional Cheo Aponte in Caguas.

In September, he battled his way to a split-decision win over Venezuela's Guillermo Salazar in an exhibition featherweight bout in Waterloo.

Tianna Guy



In sports, disappointment must be countered by a focus on the bigger picture and what lies ahead.

Amidst the dismay of being eliminated by Kazakhstan's Rimma Volossenko and then the Finn, Vilma Vitanen, in the first rounds of the women's lightweight (60 kg) division at two World Boxing Olympic Qualification Tournaments - in Busto Arsizio, Italy and Bangkok, Thailand, respectively - Tianna Guy still proved her worth as a fighter during the course of the year. In the lead-up to the qualification tournaments, she earned a silver medal behind home pugilist, Katerine Veras, at the Independence Cup in the Dominican Republic.

After her hopes of appearing in the Olympic Games in Paris were ultimately dashed, the focus shifted to Los Angeles '28. Guy claimed another silver medal: this time at the Feliks Stamm International in Poland, where she was runner-up to another homester in Sandra Kruk.

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CHESS

(Trinidad & Tobago Chess Association)

Joshua Johnson



As he continued his efforts to establish himself as Trinidad and Tobago's master of the boards, Joshua Johnson was constantly ahead of the pack.

The FIDE Master helped Trinidad and Tobago to the overall team title at the CARICOM Chess Classic in Guyana after it earned 31 out of a possible 36 points. In the Caribbean Blitz Championships, at the same venue, Johnson earned second place to Guyanese Anthony Drayton; he tied for third place at the Heroes Day Cup - Masters in Barbados; and he was fifth at the Central American and Caribbean Absolute Championships in Puerto Rico. Johnson also competed at the Capablanca Memorial Chess Tournament in Cuba, which ended with him claiming 15th place out of 146 participants after he recorded two victories over Grandmasters.

Apart from winning the men's national chess title, Johnson also emerged in winners' row in the National Blitz Championships and the Top 8 Invitational Tournament.

Ysvett Hermoso Rodriguez



Ysvett Hermoso Rodriguez's recent push into the national chess consciousness has involved a growing collection of trophies within both international and local spheres.

At the CARICOM Chess Classic in Guyana, she helped Trinidad and Tobago to the team title, thanks to a total of 31/36 points. The Woman Candidate Master also earned the Women's title at the end of the Caribbean Blitz Championships. At the FIDE Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary, her 6/11 points were the best on the Trinidad and Tobago team and eventually earned this country a 93rd-place finish amongst the participating women's teams at the event.

On the Trinidad and Tobago circuit, Rodriguez captured the national women's title ahead of Keira Samuel Bisnath and Akeera Sayyid; she also triumphed at the National Blitz Championships and tied for first place at the Bread & Butter x Mind Warriors x Valkyries Checkmate Rapid Chess Tournament.



CIRCUIT RACING

(Trinidad & Tobago Automobile Sports Association)

Frankie Zachary Boodram



A member of local motor racing royalty Frankie Zachary Boodram certainly made Trinidad and Tobago (and his auto racing family) proud in 2024.

Representing Team Speedway, Boodram captured the GT Challenge de Las Americas Round 2 event in Panama, where he drove his Lamborghini Huracan GT3 to victory. At the next event in the Dominican Republic, Boodram finished second overall in qualifying and then earned second-place at the end of the main series of races. After that, it was the third leg in El Salvador. Unfortunately, after earning another runner-up place in qualifying and finishing second in the first championship race, a mechanical failure in the second showdown ended the day for Team Speedway.

But it would all end well in Costa Rica, where Boodram became the first Trinidad and Tobago driver to win the Three-Hour Absolute event to finish second overall in the 2024 GT Challenge of the Americas.



CRICKET

(Trinidad & Tobago Cricket Board)

Nicholas Pooran



Trinidad and Tobago's top cricketer so far this decade, Nicholas Pooran has embraced his role as a star of ODI, T20, and T10 formats.

During the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, Pooran led the West Indies team with 228 runs scored at an average of 38.00, with his stand-out 98 off 53 balls against Afghanistan helping West Indies to a 104-run victory that preserved a perfect first-round record. He enjoyed an encore during South Africa's T20 tour of the Caribbean, which comprised 119 total runs (ave. 59.50) with his unbeaten 65 at Tarouba being the highlight in a seven-wicket West Indies win.

In the Caribbean Premier League, he topped the Trinbago Knight Riders batting averages with 56.00 after scoring 504 runs and helping his unit to the tournament Eliminator; in December, he was the team captain who oversaw the Deccan Gladiators winning the Abu Dhabi T10 crown.

(Trinidad & Tobago Women's Cricket Association)

Karishma Ramharack



Having previously operated in tandem with her great countrywoman, Anisa Mohammed, right-arm off-spinner Karishma Ramharack stepped into the spotlight following Mohammed's retirement at the start of 2024, and she reveled in a series of stand-out displays over the year.

At the ICC T20 Women's World Cup in the UAE, Ramharack helped West Indies to the semi-finals of the competition with her six total wickets captured at an average of 13.83. Her best performance came against Bangladesh at Sharjah, where she claimed four scalps for 17 runs, which led to an eight-wicket victory and the Player of the Match prize.

Ramharack was also outstanding during the ODI series in Pakistan and Sri Lanka: during the former contest, she took four wickets, with a 3/48 act in a two-wicket triumph at Karachi; the latter showdown again involved four wickets, with two for 29 captured in the second game at Hambantota.

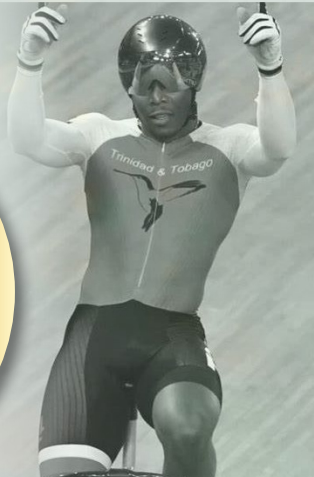
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CYCLING

(Trinidad & Tobago Cycling Federation)

Nicholas Paul

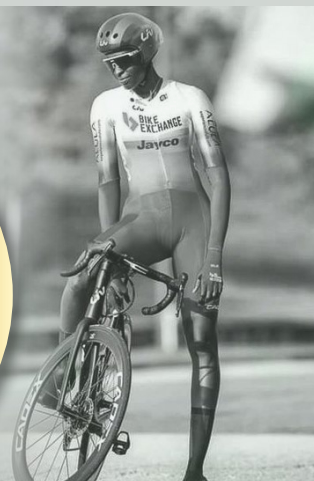


With an Olympic Games, World Championships and other top competitions on his 2024 schedule, the question was whether Nicholas Paul could once again thrive through it all. The answer: yes.

The season started with bronze-medal efforts in the sprint at the UCI Nations Cup series events in Hong Kong and Milton. At the Pan American Championships in Los Angeles, he successfully defended both his sprint and keirin crowns. After an eleventh placing in the sprint and 13th ranking in the keirin at the Olympics, Paul represented Trinidad and Tobago at the UCI World Championships in Denmark, where he earned fourth-place in the sprint and got to the quarterfinals of the keirin.

Later on, during the UCI Champions League, Paul earned a bronze medal in the sprint at the first event in France. He then claimed the runner-up spot in the sprint and finished third in the keirin in the Netherlands.

Teniel Campbell



The road to recovery, following a couple of catastrophic injuries, two years ago, has been a winding one but, just as she has tended to approach her competition routes on her bike, Teniel Campbell has been successful in staying the course.

At the UCI Road Cycling World Championships in Zurich, Switzerland, she pedalled her way to a 24th place position in the women's individual time trial in 42 minutes, 45.15 seconds; she also earned a 47th ranking in the women's road race. Campbell, who now competes for the Liv AlUla Jayco team, also finished 83rd overall in the eight-stage La Vuelta Femenina in Spain.

She also found the time during 2024 to capture both the women's road race and time trial titles during the TTCCF national championships.

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DARTS

(Trinidad & Tobago Darts Association)

Joshua Balfour



Joshua Balfour enjoyed a standout year at international and local levels thanks to his all-round and influential presence in each of the tournaments in which he competed.

At the Caribbean Cup Darts Championships, which were staged in conjunction with the Championship Darts Latin America and Caribbean Qualifiers for the World Masters, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Balfour advanced to the semi-finals of the mixed doubles competition with Kimberli Rivas. In addition, he finished fifth overall in the men's singles section. In the process, he had the third-highest three-out average which was third in fewest darts thrown.

His local season involved his capture of the singles, mixed doubles, and trio titles, as he helped North West to the overall crown at the end of the Zonal League of Darts. He also enjoyed victory over the highly rated James Walklin in the final of the men's singles at the Mickey Mouse Open.

Kimberli Rivas



An outstanding year in both international and local competitions involved Kimberli Rivas making a legitimate claim to being Trinidad and Tobago's top female darts thrower now.

At the Caribbean Cup Darts Championships in Montego Bay, Jamaica, she linked with another established female performer in Karen Ramcharan-Scott to capture the women's doubles title with a 3-2 win over the USA's Paula Murphy and Hailey Cherry. She also made it to the semi-finals of the mixed doubles with Joshua Balfour.

Rivas, a member of the Jus for Fun team, defeated Ramcharan-Scott to claim the women's crown of the Mickey Mouse Open Championships. During the Zonal League of Darts, she guided North West to the overall title after she won the women's singles, Women's Doubles (partnered with Ramcharan-Scott), mixed doubles (collaborated with Balfour) and the trio crowns (in conjunction with Balfour and Mikey Rivas).



FIELD HOCKEY

(Trinidad & Tobago Hockey Board)

Teague Marcano



Picking up from the previous year, Teague Marcano continued to do what he does best – engage in phenomenal scoring feats.

At the Pan American Challenge in Peru, he led Trinidad and Tobago to its first title in this competition on the strength of his 29 tournament goals: he scored six in a 13-0 preliminary round win over Paraguay and – apparently not satisfied with this singular feat – went on to bag seven against the same opponent during a 13-1 triumph. Marcano later scored twice in the 6-0 final victory over the host. Not surprisingly, his exploits earned him the Most Valuable Player award, while Trinidad and Tobago’s achievement came with qualification for the 2025 Pan American Cup in Uruguay.

Marcano also represented Trinidad and Tobago at the first FIH Hockey5s World Cup in Oman, where he scored 16 goals en route to his team making it to the quarterfinals and ultimately finishing eighth, contributing to a H5’s World Ranking of seventh globally.

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GOLF

(Trinidad & Tobago Golf Association)

Stephen Ames



Trinidad and Tobago's greatest-ever golfer found more worlds to conquer, courtesy of three additional tournament victories on the PGA Tour Champions circuit.

In February, Stephen Ames saw his name proudly atop the leaderboard at the end of the Chubb Classic in Naples, Florida, where he shot a combined 13-under par 131 strokes (67 and 64) in the two-round event to finish ahead of the USA's Rocco Mediate (134). Two months later, Ames landed the victor's trophy at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in Duluth, Georgia for the second year running. His final round 67 contributed to a 14-under 202.

Finally, at the Boeing Classic in Snoqualmie, Washington, Ames' 205 (71, 67, 67) edged him towards his ninth PGA Tour Champions title overall. This time around, South African legend Ernie Els, Steven Alker of New Zealand, and Sweden's Robert Karlsson all tied for second place on 205 strokes.

Victoria Seenath



An experienced golfer, Victoria Seenath enjoyed an outstanding 2024 season: with Trinidad and Tobago in international competition and on the local ladies' circuit.

At the Caribbean Amateur Championships in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, she finished third overall amongst the open female participants. Later on, at the Caribbean 4-Ball Championships in Lowlands, Tobago, Seenath joined Tori De Freitas-Baptiste to win the ladies pairs title in the 25-and-over division, thanks to a total of 240 that placed the duo ahead of Jamaicans Lisa Gardner/Jodi Munn Barrow (242) and Carole Eleuthere-Jn. Marie/Kim Campbell of Barbados (286).

On home soil, Seenath knocked off three titles on the trot. She captured the St. Andrews Invitational and AIB Ladies Open trophies - before her triumph at the inaugural TTGA Ladies Open at Moka. Seenath's 164 (83, 81) saw her finish ahead of Elise La Borde (165 - 86, 79).



HORSERACING

(Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority)

Dillon Khelawan



It was the President's Cup race at Santa Rosa Park and Hello World, guided by Dillon Khelawan, had been trailing Super Bird and Leonardo Angel. That is until Khelawan got his colt to surge ahead by the turn; Hello World would then break clear of Crown Prince on the home stretch to win by seven lengths.

It was an achievement typical of Khelawan's penchant for sound judgment and the ability to switch tactics during a race based on the situation – a talent that finally put him 'head and shoulders' above his competition in 2024.

His four victories that day reflected his prolific form. He would have three wins on August 31, when he held off a challenge from Kitten With A Whip and drove Hello World past the post and into the winner's circle at the end of the Independence Cup, another one of Khelawan's major victories.

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JUDO (Judo Trinidad & Tobago)

Jeromie Orr



Judo in Trinidad and Tobago has produced some standouts over the past decade and seeking to carve his niche in the sport is one Jeromie Orr, who added some valuable material to his highlight reel.

He dominated the men's 100 kg contest at the Judo Trinidad and Tobago Championships. Orr, of the Global Martial Arts Academy, won his fights in as little as 21 seconds, as he captured his divisional title ahead of the Club Judo Ink duo of Kevin La Paix and Michael Serrette.

It was a similar story for Orr at the Muga Mushin Judo School Invitational. His eventual victory involved winning two out of three bouts versus another member of the Club Judo Ink stable, Rajesh Jaikaran. Their first battle would end with Orr triumphing in 43 seconds: the second fight would only be a tad better for Jaikaran as Orr won in 55 seconds, this time.

Latesha Gill



Even though she is only 27 years old, Latesha Gill is actually a very experienced and seasoned judoka and her skill level turned out to be a great advantage for her.

At the Judo Trinidad and Tobago National Championships at the University School in St. Augustine, she captured the women's senior under-70 kg crown, after she won two out of three contests against Kyla Philbert of the Muga Mushin Judo School. One of Gill's victories came in as little as 37 seconds and her achievement contributed to her team, Club Judo Ink, capturing the club award at this event.

With international contests such as the Caribbean Games in Nassau, The Bahamas, and the Pan American and Oceania Championships in Santiago, Chile coming up in 2025, Latesha Gill will have some added incentive to demonstrate what she can do while representing Trinidad and Tobago.

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KARATE

(Trinidad & Tobago Karate Union)

Dominic Wilkes



One of Trinidad and Tobago karate's most committed and focused elder competitors is still at it: leading the way and continuing to reap the rewards.

At the CKF Caribbean Championships in Willemstad, Curacao, Dominic Wilkes added another title to his resume when he took home the gold from the men's kata competition after he bested compatriot Kerron David. Apart from also representing Trinidad and Tobago at the Pan American Championships in Punta del Este, Uruguay, and the CCKK Central American and Caribbean Championships in Managua, Nicaragua, he participated at the IKD World Cup in Georgetown, Guyana - the scene of his six-medal haul, which included an individual kumite title, plus team kata, bunkai, and enbu crowns.

Wilkes, a physiotherapist, made the most out of his presence at the TTKU National Championships in Tacarigua as he won the men's under-75 kg kumite title and placed third in the individual kata division.

Michelle Lue-Fatt



Having seen her twin sister, Roshelle, enjoy most of the spotlight during the past two years, it was Michelle Lue-Fatt's turn to grab the glory during 2024.

As she made the transition from a junior to a senior competitor, the St. Mary's University (Twickenham, England) student earned third-place in the women's kata competition at the Caribbean Championships in Willemstad, Curacao. It was a follow-up to the 10th and 15th-place finishes that she earned at the Central American, and Caribbean Championships in Managua, Nicaragua, in the under-21 and senior women's kata sections. At the IKD World Cup in Georgetown, Guyana, Lue-Fatt also captured titles in the women's 17-19 individual kata, team bunkai, team enbu, team kata and team kumite divisions.

A very busy year also included participation in the Pan American Championships in Punta del Este, Uruguay, the World Youth Championships in Venice, Italy, and the Pan American Junior Championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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KAYAKING

(Trinidad & Tobago Canoeing & Rowing Federation)

Nicholas Robinson



Over the past seven years, a very committed Nicholas Robinson has gradually singled himself out as Trinidad and Tobago's major competitive kayaker, with regular participation at events such as the ICF World Championships, Pan American Games, and Central American and Caribbean Games.

His latest salvo with the paddle saw him cop first place in the long course (9 kilometre)/surf skis division of the Maritime Kayak Race at Williams Bay at Chaguaramas, last June. Robinson's winning time was 51:53 minutes – 7:27 minutes ahead of the runner-up Justin Chin Lee (59:20) with Hugh Harris (01:03:10) coming in third position.

That same month, the International Canoe Federation released its world rankings for the 1000-metre men's kayak with Robinson rated at 110th across the globe.



MOTORSPORT

(Trinidad & Tobago Automobile Sports Association)

Janelle Albarado-Billouin



Janelle Albarado-Billouin became the latest member of a growing list of women who have made breakthroughs in Trinidad and Tobago motorsport.

Her successful season started with a victory in the 9-second bracket at the TTASA's first Drag Racing Championship, Wallerfield. She returned to the same venue for the second Drag Racing Championship, which ended with a third-place 9-second category finish. At an event hosted by the Guyana Motor Racing Sport Club at the South Dakota Raceway, Albarado-Billouin made history as the first female competitor on a motorcycle with her Kawasaki ZX14: she went on to become the fastest female over the ¼ mile and she earned a third-place overall position in her division.

Back at home, she enjoyed another second-place spot in the 9-second bracket at TTASA Drag Racing Championship 5 and she claimed the title of fastest female competitor for the year.

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NETBALL

(Trinidad & Tobago Netball Association)

Keon Russell



As efforts continue to establish male netball within the collective psyche, Keon Russell has wasted little time in putting his name up in the lights.

At the Americas Men's Netball Championships in St. Kitts and Nevis, he was the most valuable player on the Trinidad and Tobago team, which he led to second-place in the competition behind Jamaica and resultant qualification for the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Russell earned the tournament's Best Shooter award in the process.

Russell also played a valuable role for his club team, World Male Strikers, winning the World Male Netball Club Championship in Jamaica ahead of runner-up, Austrian Pacesetters. He also led the World Male Strikers to victory at the Kevin Peart Memorial Netball Championships in Florida. The Strikers' 31-25 extra-time win over Navigator Lightning gave them the title for the third consecutive year.



PARA-ATHLETICS

(Trinidad & Tobago Paralympic Committee)

Akeem Stewart



Long established as the standard-bearer for para-athletics in Trinidad and Tobago, after eleven years of competing for this country, Akeem Stewart continues to draw upon deep resources of motivation.

At the Paralympic Games in Paris, he managed to claim the silver medal in the men's F64 discus division. Stewart threw a season-best 59.66 metres as he finished behind the USA's Jeremy Campbell (61.14 metres - a Paralympic Games record) and ahead of another American, David Blair (57.76). It was Stewart's 12th medal at major events and another seasonal success story, following his F43 discus victory at the Velocity Fest in Kingston, Jamaica.

Stewart has been driven by the sacrifices made by his father, which have been largely responsible for where he has gotten to in athletics. It is a commitment that continues to persist in light of his switched focus to the 2028 Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

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POWERLIFTING (Trinidad & Tobago Powerlifting Federation)

Joseph McDonald



Joseph McDonald has quickly bounded onto the international stage, where he has more than demonstrated his talents as a great powerlifting star to keep an eye on.

At the 21st IPF/NAPF North American Powerlifting Championships in Scottsdale, Arizona, the 21-year-old from Champs Fleurs captured the overall men's junior 120 kg class title, as he established an IPF world record for total lifts with his 926.5 kg haul. This went alongside his new NAPF marks for the deadlift (366.5 kg) and bench press (240 kg) as he claimed those titles, in addition to the squat.

McDonald had earlier cut a trailer of coming attractions for powerlifting fans at the TTPF National Championships at the Ultra Fitness gym in Trincity. He won the men's junior division crown thanks to a total lift of 812.5 kg, which sent 96.28 IPF points his way.

Lois Sprang



Lois Sprang's inspirational story has reminded us that age is quite often a mental hurdle that can be traversed during a sprint towards glory.

She returned to a familiar stomping ground, the IPF/NAPF North American Powerlifting Championships, where she won the overall women's Master IV 57 kg class crown and swept the bench press, deadlift, and squat titles. She broke the world record for the squat in her class in the process; she also received NAPF certificates for establishing new regional marks for the bench press, deadlift, squat, and total lift. Sprang also had an air of success at the World Masters Women's Classic Championships in Sun City, South Africa, where she won the women's Masters 4 57 kg championship.

Sprang, 75, also stood out at the National Championships, where she won the Masters 4 57 kg division and placed second in the 57 kg open class.

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RUGBY

(Trinidad & Tobago Rugby Union)

Ruairi O'Farrell



Ruairi O'Farrell's playmaking abilities and fruitful decision-making came to the fore when Trinidad and Tobago needed it most.

Having been stunned at home by Guyana's 24-23 victory at Hasely Crawford Stadium during the Rugby Americas North 15s Men's Championship, all the stops had to be pulled out for the away leg at Camp Ayanganna in Georgetown. Fly-half O'Farrell was brilliant in his dominance as he engineered a commanding 26-3 victory for the national team. It was more of the same at the RAN Sevens Championships hosted by Trinidad and Tobago. O'Farrell, the team vice-captain, exhibited top-class leadership over six games as he guided the home unit to second place to Canada in the men's competition.

For good measure, he contributed to the Caribs' capture of a beaver trick of local titles: the TTRU league championship, the Robert Farfan Rugby Cup, the Marcus Minshall Trophy, and the Bruno Browne Cup.

Ketara Munroe



It has been described as her best tournament performance for Trinidad and Tobago yet.

Ketara Munroe scored eight tries and was also prolific with her assists as she helped this country's women's A team to third place in its division, behind Mexico and Jamaica, at the Rugby Americas North Sevens Championships, which were staged at Larry Gomes Stadium in Malabar. She had earlier represented Trinidad and Tobago at the RAN Women's 15s Championship in Mexico, where the national squad also took third spot - to USA South and Mexico on this occasion.

Munroe truly made the most of her international opportunities during 2024 and she was a standout performer during a rare trans-continental test for the Trinidad and Tobago women's team against Colombia at Estadio Cincuentenario in Medellin, last June.

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SAILING

(Trinidad & Tobago Yachting Association)

Adam Da Costa



As opposed to the competitive sailing that involves smaller open watercraft such as dinghies and catamarans, Adam Da Costa is committed to yacht racing, which features larger sailing boats on a set course, with competition formatted along a series of races in various divisions.

At the conclusion of the TTYA's national yacht racing series for 2024, he proved his maritime skills as he finished in top spot overall with his yacht, Hooligan, a 30-foot Soverel 30, in the RC1 class, ahead of top challenger Mark Chapman, the pilot of Dingolay, an LS 10 (Tartan 10).

Da Costa had also participated in Grenada Sailing Week 2024, at the end of January to the beginning of February. He placed second in the CSA 3 Division behind Chapman and ahead of the United Kingdom's Kevin Headon. Da Costa had one victory and four second-place displays amongst the eight races that were staged in his class.

Abigail Affoo



A one-time top performer in local sailing's junior ranks, Abigail Affoo has continued to perform at a high standard in various competitions over the intervening years.

During the TTYA's National Yacht Racing Championships for 2024, she captured the Lady Skipper title after she piloted her craft, Canopus, to victory in the RC2 class, ahead of Amber Lee Braison (with Nirvana) and Renee Bowman (Panache).

The investment in the development of young sailors, which kicked into high gear during the 2000s, soon bore fruit at the top level and continued to be evident in the emergence of the likes of Affoo, who participated at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. She now joins the charge of female yachters and sailors – including those who continue to pour out from the youth divisions – all fixating their sights on the “big” Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028.



SPORT MARTIAL ARTS/KICKBOXING

(Sport Martial Arts Association of Trinidad & Tobago)

Dave Samdeo



Not only has Dave Samdeo thrived at the apex of the pyramid when it comes to his local martial arts competitors, but he has continued to prove his worth on the international stage as well.

At the WAKO Pan American Kickboxing Championships in Santiago, Chile, he captured the gold medal in the men's under-84 kg light contact contest. This came in addition to earning fourth place in the musical forms competition, the fifth spot in the point fighting and musical weapons forms challenges, along sixth-ranked displays in creative forms and creative weapons forms.

Samdeo, once again, dominated his compatriots on home soil. He captured four gold medals each at the Northern Open Championships and the Battle of St. George. There were three more titles apiece at the Twin Towers and The Fighters Open tournaments; at the North West Open Championships, he claimed three gold medals, plus one silver.

Chelsea Winter



It is hard to believe that Chelsea Winter is just 19 years old when one considers the length of time that she has been around the competitive martial arts scene in Trinidad and Tobago.

Yet, there is still more than enough room for ground-breaking achievements to come, of course. Last November-December, in her debut at a senior international tournament, the Pan American Kickboxing Championships in Santiago, Chile, she earned three bronze medals in the women's 70 kg light contact fighting, creative weapons forms, and musical weapons forms contests. In addition, she finished fourth in creative forms and fifth in musical forms.

Winter was, as always, thoroughly dominant on the local tour. She churned out six titles at the Fighters Open Championships – a feat that was followed up by a five-gold medal haul at the North West Open Championships. Earlier on, Winter captured four titles at the Northern Open WAKO Championships.

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SQUASH

(Trinidad & Tobago Squash Association)

John Holley

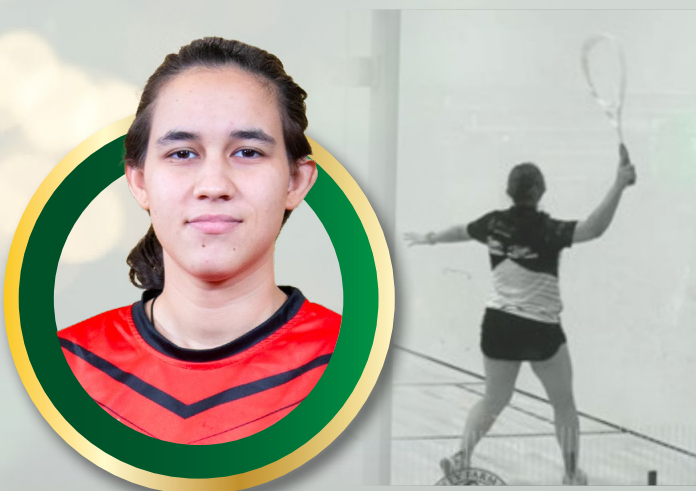


Over the course of his squash career, John Holley has been noted for his bag of deceptive plays: namely his tactical and strategic approach to the game and those challenging sidewall shots of his.

These skills have continued to serve him well in masters' tournaments and the WSF World Squash Masters Championships in Amsterdam was a major coup for him. First, he made it to the fourth round of the men's over-65 contest. He then won the 9-16th-place bracket to earn ninth place overall in his division. Holley would emerge victorious at the BCQS International Barbados Masters Squash Tournament, where he ultimately defeated Trinidad and Tobago squash legend, Richard Hart, in the final of the men's over-65 contest.

Holley pulled off another gutsy performance at the TTSA National Championships. He continued to dominate his opponents in the over-50 category, on the way to earning second place behind Hart.

Chloe Walcott



Having acquitted herself well in Trinidad and Tobago squash's junior divisions, 21-year-old Chloe Walcott found herself on the cusp of making her major senior-level breakthrough last year.

This she certainly did at the TTSA National Championships at the Queen's Park Oval. Having defeated Trinidad and Tobago under-19 champion Sigourney Williams 11-7, 11-7, 11-6 in the semi-finals, Walcott set up a clash with Faith Gillezeau in the championship decider. Thanks to the latter making a game of it, Walcott was forced to rise to the challenge before she prevailed in the topsy-turvy, five-set affair 9-11, 11-4, 11-7, 5-11, 11-7.

At the inaugural September Classic Tournament at the same venue, she wound up being triumphant in the doubles competition. Walcott also represented Trinidad and Tobago at the CASA Caribbean Championships in Georgetown, Guyana.

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SURFING

(Surfing Association of Trinidad & Tobago)

Justin Tang



He first competed in surfing as a junior during the 2003 Shandy Carib Surf Festival: over two decades on, Justin Tang is still making waves with his rivals.

He captured the overall open title at the end of the SATT Surf Trials. At the first event at Salybia on June 23, Tang gave a dominant performance as he finished ahead of Keith Lewis and Alan Davis at the top of the rankings list. Tang continued his outstanding form on September 7, at the same location. This time around, he topped the scoreboard ahead of Dominic Thomas and Kevin See Tai.

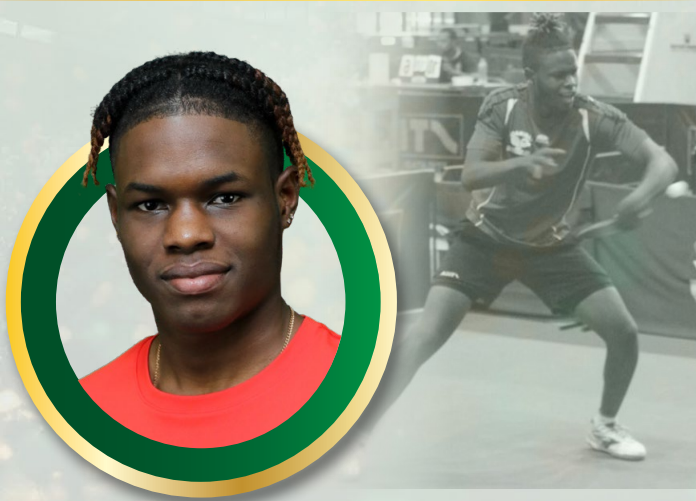
Surfing, which emerged in different societies across the world, has enjoyed popularity in spurts here in Trinidad and Tobago, going back to the late-1980s. A commitment to youth development – which involved Tang in the early 2000s – has picked up steam, with Tang's success demonstrating the possibilities that exist at the top level.



TABLE TENNIS

(Trinidad & Tobago Table Tennis Association)

Aaron Wilson

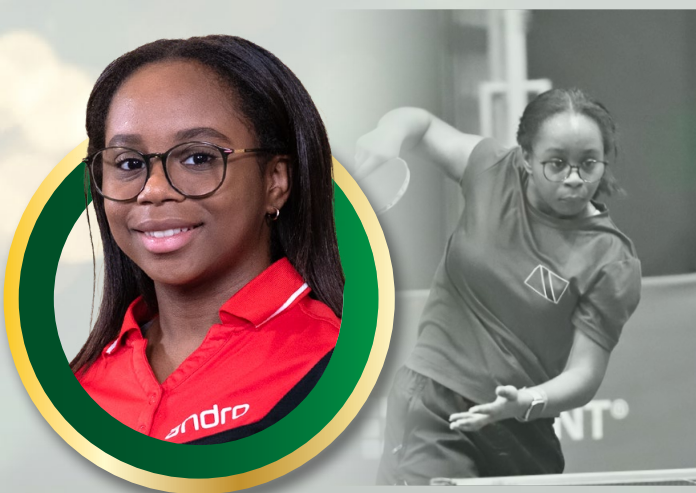


Without a doubt one of the pillars of Trinidad and Tobago table tennis at the moment, Aaron Wilson again showed his peers how it is done.

At the Caribbean Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Wilson advanced to the Round of 16 of the singles competition, as well as the last 16 of the men's doubles and mixed doubles – with Arun Roopnarine and teenaged rising star Chloe Fraser, respectively – and he guided Trinidad and Tobago to the quarterfinals of the men's team competition.

At the TTTTA National Championships, Wilson captured his fourth men's singles title with a hard-fought 11-7, 4-11, 11-5, 11-8, 7-11, 11-8 victory over Derron Douglas in the final. He also joined with Fraser to win the mixed doubles prize and he helped Carenage Blasters to defeat QPCC Parkites for the national team title; Wilson also earned the runner-up spot in the men's doubles competition with Luc O'Young.

Chloe Fraser



Considering that she was 15 years old for most of the past year, Chloe Fraser's achievements have stirred a multitude of possibilities for where she is headed now.

At the Caribbean Championships, she helped the Trinidad and Tobago women to a bronze medal in the teams' competition. She also managed to claim four under-19 medals at the Caribbean Juniors: silvers in the singles, doubles, and team events and bronze in the mixed doubles. Fraser also excelled in various tournaments in France. These included triumphs in the Federal Criterium National 1 Elite B Ladies competition in April, the Tournoi National de Vern, and the Federal Criterium National 1 competition in December when she won another Elite B singles crown and was runner-up in the under-19 women's singles.

At the TTTTA National Championships, Fraser completed the national senior women's triple-crown of singles, doubles (with Jerisse Elder), and mixed doubles (Aaron Wilson).

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TENNIS

(Tennis Association of Trinidad & Tobago)

Kamran McIntosh-Ross



More and more, Trinidad and Tobago's Davis Cup teams have reflected a local landscape that has been very heavy on youthful talent over the past two decades.

It was no different at last summer's Americas Group IV tournament, staged at the National Racquet Centre in Tacarigua for the third year in a row, where 20-year-old Kamran McIntosh-Ross took the opportunity to shine with five singles victories during the competition: 7-6, 6-2 over Cuba's Denilson Martinez, during a 2-1 Trinidad and Tobago preliminary round win; 6-0, 7-5 against Tomas Del Olmo of the US Virgin Islands; 6-4, 7-6 versus Nicaraguan Francisco Bendana; 6-1, 6-2 over St. Lucia's Maxx William, with Trinidad and Tobago winning the match-up 3-0; 6-4, 6-4 against Luckens Dorcelly of Haiti.

In the end, the contribution of McIntosh-Ross, who is based in Atlanta, helped Trinidad and Tobago to an eighth-place finish in the event.

Jordane Dookie



Trinidad and Tobago's tennis hotshot, Jordane Dookie, continued to link senior and youth levels via a common bond of success.

Competing at the Billie Jean Cup Americas Group III tournament at Tacarigua, she enjoyed two singles and two doubles victories as she helped Trinidad and Tobago to fifth place. At the Tranquility Open, Dookie successfully defended both her women's singles crown - with a win over Ella Carrington in the final for the second straight year (6-2, 6-0) - as well as her women's doubles title. At the National Championships, she won the singles trophy, thanks to a 6-1, 6-2 triumph over Lee-Ann Thornton, before she linked with Thornton to triumph in the doubles championship over Carrington and Cameron Wong.

On the ITF junior circuit Dookie, 17, added to her list of doubles titles at the Trinity Cup when she and American Kayla Brianne Moore defeated Gabriella Kellner (USA)/Sienna Miles (Canada) 6-2, 6-2.

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VOLLEYBALL (Trinidad & Tobago Volleyball Federation)

Jerome Morrison



Eighteen-year-old Jerome Morrison certainly cannot be accused of not enjoying a whirlwind in the past year, which would take him on a journey through the Caribbean and on to Asia.

The son of 2000s volleyball standout, Sean Morrison, Jerome would enjoy success both on the court as well as on the beach. He and his partner, Darion Sparks, were part of Trinidad and Tobago's first-ever participation at the FIVB Under-19 Beach Volleyball World Championships in Shangluo, China. The pair would eventually tie for 25th place in the men's competition, after going up against Finland, Denmark, and Hong Kong. Earlier on, they had clinched second place to St. Lucia in the CAZOVA/ECVA Under-19 World Championship Qualifier at Black Rock, Tobago.

Morrison also played his part in Trinidad and Tobago finishing as runner-up to Barbados – and ahead of the US Virgin Islands – in the men's competition at the CAZOVA Caribbean Under-19 Championships in Jamaica.

L'fe Roberts



The continued climb of L'fe Roberts up the volleyball tree saw her branch off towards the biggest stage of her career so far.

Roberts, 18, participated at the FIVB Under-19 Beach Volleyball World Championships in Shangluo, China, where she and partner Meeka Johnson squared off against Austria, host China, and Morocco in the preliminary phase, before being ranked joint-25th at the end of the competition. Earlier on, Roberts and Johnson finished second to the Cayman Islands in the women's section of the CAZOVA/ECVA Under-19 World Championship Qualifier at Black Rock, Tobago.

At the CAZOVA Caribbean Under-19 Championships in Jamaica, Roberts played a major role in Trinidad and Tobago earning the runner-up spot to the host and ahead of third-placed Barbados in the women's competition. Locally, she guided J-MVP Sports Academy to second position in the TTVF Under-19 Development League.

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AQUATICS

(Aquatics Sports Association of Trinidad & Tobago)



Liam Carrington

Liam Carrington had the boys' 15-17 competition at the Carifta Aquatics Championships all to himself as he snared five gold medals, two silvers, and two bronze, plus a meet record in the 4x100 metres freestyle relay, which all earned him the High Points Trophy for his division. At the CCCAN Championships, four more gold medals would come his way, along with five silvers, one bronze, and two meet records.



Zuri Ferguson

Zuri Ferguson's stunning year began with her meet and national record-tinged girls' 15-17 - 50 metres, 100 metres, and 200 metres backstroke sweep at the Carifta Aquatics Championships. She would follow this up with a second record-laced backstroke hat trick at the CCCAN Championships. She stepped up to the senior level to compete at the Olympic Games and she broke more records in her events at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships.



ATHLETICS

(National Association of Athletic Administration)



Kadeem Chinapoo

Kadeem Chinapoo was on a hot streak during the Carifta Games in St. George's, Grenada, where he clinched the gold medal in the men's under-17 200 metres competition in 21.78 seconds, claimed silver in the 100 metres (10.59) and earned another runners-up place with Trinidad and Tobago in the 4x100 metres relay (41.53). He later appeared in the 4x100 metres relay final at the World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Lima, Peru.

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ATHLETICS

(National Association of Athletic Administration)



Janae De Gannes

Janae De Gannes continued her rise to stardom at the Carifta Games, where she earned the Austin Sealy Award as the event's top athlete, after establishing a new meet record of 6.50 metres in winning the women's under-20 long jump title and helping Trinidad and Tobago to the silver medal in the 4x400 metres relay. De Gannes also made it to the long jump final at the World Athletics Under-20 Championships.



BADMINTON

(Trinidad & Tobago Badminton Association)



Ethan Ramcharan

The production line of youthful badminton talent has kicked into high gear and it was Ethan Ramcharan's turn to demonstrate his outstanding skills at the Costa Rica Future Series tournament. He clinched the men's under-19 doubles, under-17 singles and under-17 mixed doubles titles, plus a third-place finish in the under-19 men's doubles; he swept the under-17 singles, doubles and mixed doubles events at both the Caribbean and TTBA Junior Championships.



Samiya Karim

Samiya Karim claimed the under-17 doubles title at the Costa Rica Futures tournament, along with a silver medal in the under-15 singles and bronze medals in the under-15 doubles and mixed doubles at the Caribbean Junior Championships. She copped both the under-15 doubles and mixed doubles crowns and was third in the under-15 singles; Karim also won national under-15 singles and doubles titles, with third place in the mixed doubles.

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BOXING

(Trinidad & Tobago Boxing Association)



Neraj Mahadeosingh

The well-schooled Neraj Mahadeosingh dominated his opponents during his latest participation at the Caribbean School Boys and Girls Championships in Georgetown, Guyana, where he was named as Youth Boxer of the Tournament. After he convincingly won the 57 kg title; Mahadeosingh followed this up with another gold medal at the OECS Invitational Championships in St. Lucia; he also represented Trinidad and Tobago at the IBA Youth World Championships in Budva, Montenegro.



CHESS

(Trinidad & Tobago Chess Association)



Kael Samuel Bisnath

Kael Samuel Bisnath certainly had a busy year, during which he won the under-20 title at the Trinidad and Tobago Junior Blitz Championships and was champion at the National Secondary Schools Championships, which featured 190 participants. Bisnath, also represented this country at the Central American and Caribbean Youth Chess Festival in San Salvador, El Salvador and the Pan American Youth Chess Festival in Orlando, Florida.



Zara La Fleur

Once again, Zara La Fleur confirmed herself as this country's top junior female chess player by winning the under-20 women's open title at the National Junior Chess Championships. She continued to feature this country at senior level events – namely the FIDE Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary and the CARICOM Chess Classic in Guyana, where she gave an outstanding 9/9 performance and helped Trinidad and Tobago to the overall team title.

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CRICKET

(Trinidad & Tobago Cricket Board)



Brendan Boodoo

All-rounder Brendan Boodoo again stood out as he captained Trinidad and Tobago to the West Indies Rising Stars 50-overs title. He also excelled during the two-day segment of the tournament, during which he was named as Player of the Match versus Guyana, after he batted in 52 off 81 balls and took 6 for 22 with his leg spin - which he also used for a 6/40 spell against the Windward Islands.

(Trinidad & Tobago Women's Cricket Association)



Samara Ramnath

Samara Ramnath has continued to rise through the cricket ranks. As Trinidad and Tobago's captain, she scored 113 runs and had seven wickets during the West Indies Rising Stars Under-19 Championships. Subsequently, she was appointed as West Indies captain for a 2-2 drawn under-19 series versus the USA (43 runs, 4 wickets). She helped the Trinbago Knight Riders to second-place in the Women's Caribbean Premier League, thanks to her 110 runs and 5 wickets.



CYCLING

(Trinidad & Tobago Cycling Federation)



Jelani Nedd

At the UCI Junior Track World Championships in Luoyang, China, Jelani Nedd established a new junior men's national record of 10.093 seconds for the Flying 200, the qualifying phase of the sprint event. By the end of the Pan American Junior Championships in Lima, Peru, he had claimed silver medals in the individual sprint and the team sprint. At the TTCF Championships, Nedd won the national under-23 sprint title.

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CYCLING

(Trinidad & Tobago Cycling Federation)



Makaira Wallace

At the UCI Junior World Championships, Wallace claimed a pair of silver medals in the women's 500 metres time trial and the keirin, an excellent follow-up to the PanAm Juniors, where she took second positions in the sprint. With a national record of 11.361 seconds along the way – plus the 500 metres time trial, she was a bronze medalist in the keirin, with another national record of 10.874 involved.



DARTS

(Trinidad & Tobago Darts Association)



Zachary Pierre

They always say to try to make the best use of your first-time opportunities and this is exactly what Zachary Pierre did upon his debut at the Caribbean Cup Darts Championships in Montego Bay, Jamaica, where he made it to the boys' singles finals, and finished as runner-up to the USA's Maddox Williams.



Sonia Gupta

Seventeen-year-old Sonia Gupta was on target when it came to striking a blow for junior female dart throwers from Trinidad and Tobago at the Caribbean Cup Darts Championships in Montego Bay, Jamaica. She led the way through her performances in the girls' singles, mixed doubles, and mixed triples competitions and helped the Trinidad and Tobago junior team to second place in its category.

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FIELD HOCKEY

(Trinidad & Tobago Hockey Board)



Rene Mohammed

Another rising hockey star for Trinidad and Tobago, St. Mary's College's Rene Mohammed earned the MVP award for the National Secondary Schools Indoor Tournament during the third term of the last school year. He continued the good work during the latest edition of this competition - in the first term of the current school year - with another MVP award for the under-16 division, the top scorer's title, and second place for St. Mary's.



Jedyah Kistow

Jedyah Kistow was a standout during the National Secondary Schools Indoor Tournament, conducted during the final term of the last school year, for which she was named MVP in her division; she repeated the feat during the latest instalment of this event, which was conducted during the first term of the current school year.



GOLF

(Trinidad & Tobago Golf Association)



Ross Ramkissoon

Ross Ramkissoon, 17, made a serious impact at the top level through his third-place finish at the Guyana Open in Lusignan, fourth-position at the Trinidad and Tobago Open in Lowlands, Tobago, and sixth-placing in the men's amateur division at the Jamaica Open in Hanover. At the Caribbean Amateur Junior Championships in St. Catherine, Jamaica, the Naparima College student took third place in the men's under-19 division.

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GOLF

(Trinidad & Tobago Golf Association)



Isabella Ramdeen

Just 13 years old, Isabella Ramdeen, was kept busy during 2024, competing in junior golf tournaments from Miami, Florida to Kilmarnock, Scotland. She finished second in the girls' 11-13 division at the Caribbean Amateur Junior Championships in St. Catherine, Jamaica and she also won her section at the Optimist Junior Championships in Barbados; Ramdeen also participated in the inaugural TTGA Ladies Open at St. Andrew's Golf Club in Moka.



JUDO

(Judo Trinidad & Tobago)



Isaiah Payne

Eleven-year-old Isaiah Payne certainly packs the skills within his youthful frame. He copped the Most Outstanding Male Judoka award at the National Championships, where he won the male intermediate title. After just 28 total seconds spent on the mat; at the Muga Mushin Judo School Invitational, he captured the Male Intermediate 2 crown with a pair of quick victories over Aleksandr Novoa of Olympia Judo Academy.



Chaya McIntosh

Chaya McIntosh was not one to waste time at the National Championships, where she earned the Most Outstanding Female Judoka accolade after claiming the female juvenile (under-18) division. The Muga Mushin Judo School student had a total mat time of one minute, 57 seconds during the tournament, which ended with her ranked ahead of Ky-lynn Smith (Queen's Park Judo Club) and Nakaya Shallow (Club Judo Ink) in her section.

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KARATE

(Trinidad & Tobago Karate Union)



Daeland Anthony Sydney

Daeland Anthony Sydney was impressive at the Caribbean Championships in Willemstad, Curacao, where he won the men's 16-17 kata title and earned a bronze medal in the 16-17 under-55 kg kumite challenge; he went a step further at the TTKU National Championships in Tacarigua, where the Goshin-do Karate Dojo team member captured both the men's 16-17 kata and kumite crowns.



Cassidy Sam

Cassidy Sam's continued climb up the youth ladder involved her claim of kata and kumite titles within her division at the TTKU National Championships; at the IKD World Cup in Georgetown, Guyana, she revelled in women's 17-19 team victories in bunkai, enbu and kata events.



KARTING

(Trinidad & Tobago Automobile Sports Association)



Alex Sharma

Maximising his opportunities at the FIA Motorsport Games in Valencia, Spain, Alex Sharma had the pleasure of recording the sixth-fastest qualifying time in the Kart Sprint Junior Division, prior to finishing 20th out of 36 competitors in the final. During the Jamaica National Championships, he claimed one victory and earned a second-place finish; at the end of the TTKA national championship series, he placed third in the Rotax Senior Class.

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KARTING

(Trinidad & Tobago Automobile Sports Association)



Naomi Garcia

Naomi Garcia continued to impress in a male-dominated medium, as her competitive schedule took her to the USA and Belgium. She had a second-place finish in Round 5 of the AMR Karting Challenge in Homestead and had third-position to her name during the BNL Karting Series in Genk, where she ended in 20th spot overall; she enjoyed seven other top ten performances at events in Florida, Indiana, and Nevada.



NETBALL

(Trinidad & Tobago Netball Association)



Shian Lewis

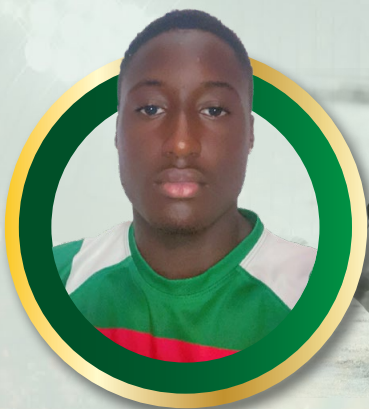
Shian Lewis helped Trinidad and Tobago to third place at the Americas World Youth Cup qualifiers in Guadeloupe - a performance that booked a ticket to the global finals in Gibraltar. Fifteen-year-old Lewis, earned the centre court's Most Valuable Player award, despite, being the youngest player on the team in the under-21 competition; she also claimed top player awards during the Port of Spain Netball League and Secondary Schools Netball Association competitions.

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RUGBY

(Trinidad & Tobago Rugby Union)



Jeremiah Moore

A tactical mindset, in conjunction with his pace and athleticism, gave Jeremiah Moore the edge over his opponents at the RAN Men's Under-19 Championship in Mexico, where he helped Trinidad and Tobago to third place, behind champion USA South and runner-up Bermuda. He was a member of a Caribs outfit that captured four titles in 2024: TTRU League, Robert Farfan Rugby Cup, Marcus Minshall Trophy, and Bruno Browne Cup.



Quaneisha Oliver

Though a junior, Quaneisha Oliver, 18, has been working her way up the TTRU national women's team set-up. She was part of the senior squad's third-place performance at the RAN Women's 15s Championship in Mexico, behind USA South and the host. She participated in the test affair against Colombia in Medellin and she helped Trinidad and Tobago 'B' to fifth spot in the RAN Sevens Championships at home.



SAILING

(Trinidad & Tobago Yachting Association)



Josiah Alexis

Through the Emerging Nations Program, Josiah Alexis was able to participate in the Youth Sailing World Championships at Lake Garda, Italy, where he finished 47th out of 62 in the male dinghy event. He had proven his stripes with his third-place finish in the ILCA 6 Fleet class at the Caribbean Dinghy Championships at Simpson Bay, St. Maarten and he won the ILCA 6 at the TTYA National Dinghy Championships.

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SAILING

(Trinidad & Tobago Yachting Association)



Sariyah Stoute

Sariyah Stoute successfully retained her Optimist class title at the TTYA National Dinghy Championships, where she finished ahead of Sion Gachette and Mikaela Brown in her division. She finished fifth in the Optimist Fleet class at the Caribbean Dingy Championships at Simpson Bay, St. Maarten and her performance contributed to Trinidad and Tobago finishing fourth in the Nations Cup Trophy rankings, behind Antigua and Barbuda, St. Maarten, and St. Martin.



SPORT MARTIAL ARTS

(Sport Martial Arts Association of Trinidad & Tobago)



Christian Winter

Christian Winter was nothing short of exceptional at the South American Kickboxing Championships in Santiago, Chile. He racked up five gold medals – creative forms, creative weapons forms, musical forms, musical weapons forms, under-57 kg point fighting – and he was fifth in light contact fighting. Winter was also prolific at home and he earned 18 titles in established tournaments, including the Fighters Open Championships, where he won six gold medals.

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SQUASH

(Trinidad & Tobago Squash Association)



Seth Thong

It was a changing of the guard at the TTSA National Championships, where Colin Ramasra, the 2000s and 2010s icon, gave way to teenaged sensation Seth Thong, who won the men's singles crown with an 11-5, 11-8, 11-7 triumph. Thong finished fourth in the men's under-19 singles at the Caribbean Junior Championships. The Blair Academy (Blairstown Township, New Jersey) student was also named to the All Mid-Atlantic Prep League First Team.



Gia Ghuran

Gia Ghuran came close to a third-consecutive girls' under-11 singles title at the Caribbean Junior Championships, where she settled for second place this time around. Ghuran captured the women's novice title at the TTSA senior nationals and surprised all to claim the C Division crown at the September Classic. She won the under-13 singles trophy at the junior nationals and finished second in the under-15 singles division at the same event.



SURFING

(Surfing Association of Trinidad & Tobago)



Aiden Albada

Aiden Albada has been growing his surfing rep in sunny California. He won the open title at the NSSA South West Open at Ventura Harbor, came second in the under-18 division at the NSSA Explorer nationals at Huntington Beach, and finished runner-up in the under-16 open section at the NSSA National Championships at the same venue. Albada also represented Trinidad and Tobago at the ISA World Junior Championships in El Salvador.

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SURFING

(Surfing Association of Trinidad & Tobago)



Cheyenne Patino-Ubeda

With roots in both Trinidad and Tobago and France, Cheyenne Patino-Ubeda was Trinidad and Tobago's Under 16 and Under 18 Junior National Champion for surfing, in 2024. She also captured the girls' under-14 title at the French National Championships, won the under-14 crown at the Open Territorial in Guadeloupe and came second amongst the under-15s of the Territorial Nouvelle Aquitaine.



TABLE TENNIS

(Trinidad & Tobago Table Tennis Association)



Malik Gopaul

Trinidad and Tobago's top male table tennis prospect himself, continued to deliver at all levels. He captured a mixed doubles bronze in the under-19 division at the Caribbean Junior Championships, where he also got to the doubles quarterfinals and the singles Round of 16. He reached the same stage at the WTT Youth Contender Caracas tournament. Competing in France, he earned an under-17 silver medal at a regional competition in Lorient.



Chloe Fraser

Sixteen-year-old Chloe Fraser continues to amaze local table tennis fans due to feats such as the four medals she captured at the Caribbean Junior Championships - silver in the singles, doubles, and women's teams, plus bronze in mixed doubles. She also competed at the Caribbean Seniors, where she helped the women to third place. Fraser also recorded quarterfinal performances in the under-19 and under-17 singles at the WTT Youth Contender Caracas tournament.

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TENNIS

(Tennis Association of Trinidad & Tobago)



Kale Dalla Costa

Kale Dalla Costa, 16, made some decent forays into the senior ranks. He contributed to a doubles victory during the Davis Cup Americas Group IV tournament and he finished as singles runner-up at the Tranquility Open. The junior plaudits continued with his four singles and two doubles triumphs during the Junior Davis Cup competition in Santo Domingo. Dalla Costa was also a doubles finalist at the ITF J60 under-18 tournament in April.



Jordane Dookie

Seventeen-year-old local tennis phenomenon, Jordane Dookie continued to make great impacts at the senior level. She managed two singles and two doubles victories apiece for Trinidad and Tobago during the Billie Jean Cup Americas Group III tournament, she captured the national women's singles title and she successfully defended her singles and doubles crowns at the Tranquility Open. Dookie also won the doubles competition at the ITF Junior Trinity Cup competition.



TRIATHLON

(Trinidad & Tobago Triathlon Federation)



Liam D'Abadie

Liam D'Abadie was in tenacious, never-say-die mode at both the TTTF Sprint Aquathlon and Sprint Triathlon, where he came from behind to defeat the highly-rated Jean-Marc Granderson on the final run on each occasion. A winner of the national sprint duathlon title as well, D'Abadie also earned fourth placings at the Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago Development Cup events, with the former being his best international performance to date.

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TRIATHLON

(Trinidad & Tobago Triathlon Federation)



Jenaë-Marie Price

At the World Triathlon Development Cup event in Puerto Rico, Jenaë-Marie Price was third amongst the 16-17-year-old females, came in fourth at the CARIFTA Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships in Barbados and was sixth at the Barbados Development Cup. She was definitely in her element in local competitions with victories at the Rainbow Cup and National Triathlon events, plus a second-place performance in the National Aquathlon.



VOLLEYBALL

(Trinidad & Tobago Volleyball Federation)



Michael Burkett

With demonstrated versatility, Michael Burkett captained Trinidad and Tobago to second place in the men's competition at the court format, CAZOVA Caribbean Under-19 Championships in Jamaica where he earned the Top Scorer award after posting 124 total points. In his beach gear, he and Elijah Best won the men's title at the qualifier in Chaguanas to earn participation in the NORCECA Continental Under-23 Beach Volleyball Tour in the Dominican Republic.



L'fe Roberts

L'fe Roberts was able to thrive on both the court and beach for Trinidad and Tobago. She earned the Best Scorer award, with 83 points, as she guided her team to second place in the women's competition of the CAZOVA Caribbean Under-19 Championships in Jamaica. She and playing partner Meeka Johnson finished second in the CAZOVA/ECVA qualifier in Tobago to compete at the FIVB Beach Volleyball Under-19 World Championships in China.

2024 SPORTS AWARDS SPECIAL OLYMPICS NOMINEES



BOCCE

(Special Olympics Trinidad & Tobago)



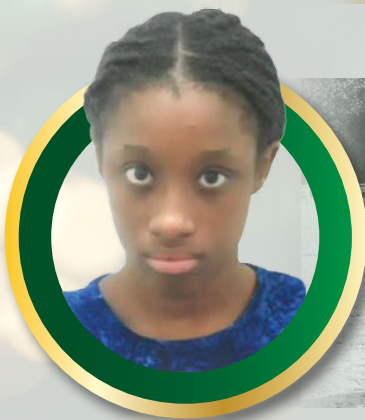
Michael Shortt

Michael Shortt's bocce skills were on point during the Special Olympics Caribbean Initiative Regional Bocce Tournament in George Town, Cayman Islands: he took home a bronze medal from the bocce singles competition and achieved fourth place in the doubles.



EQUESTRIAN

(Special Olympics Trinidad & Tobago)



Patrice Pennie

Following up her outstanding displays at the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin, a year prior, Patrice Pennie excelled during the Special Olympics National Games by capturing two titles – the English equitation and the dressage.

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SWIMMING (Special Olympics Trinidad & Tobago)



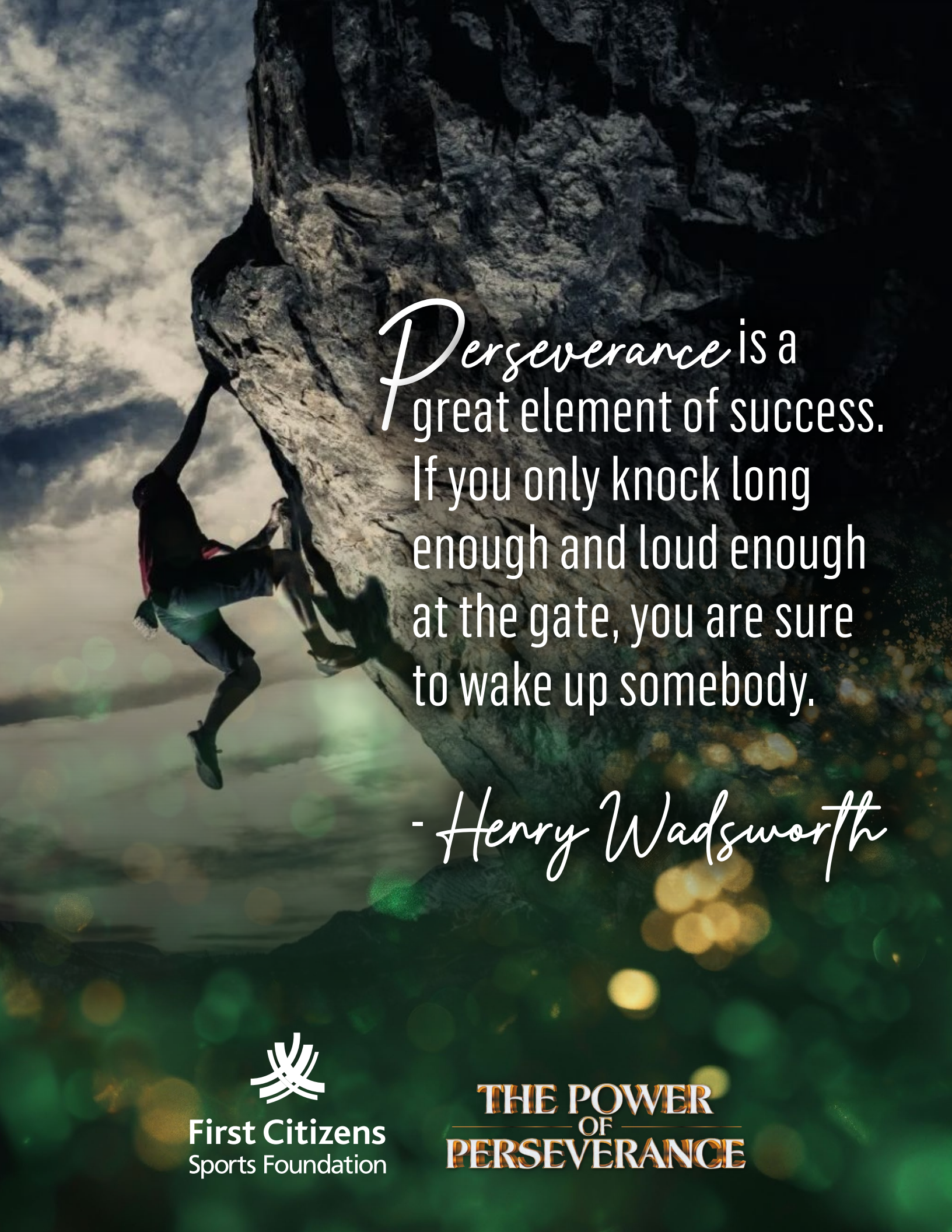
Jaleel Pierre

During the Special Olympics Caribbean Initiative Beach Games at Maracas Bay, Jaleel Pierre clinched a pair of gold medals in the Division 1B 1500 metres open water swim and the aquathlon. At the Pan American Aquatics Masters Championships, also at home, he earned a bronze medal in the open water swim (3 km) for men 25-29; he amazingly finished second in the sea kayak division of the Maritime Kayak Race.



Stefan Singh

During the Special Olympics Caribbean Initiative Beach Games at Maracas Bay, Stefan Singh clinched the silver medal in the 750-metre open water swim and earned bronze in the aquathlon – both in Division 2. The Pan Am Masters Championships saw him claim the bronze medal in the men's 30-34 800-metre freestyle and achieve fifth and eighth place in the 50-metre breaststroke and 50-metre freestyle, respectively.



Perseverance is a
great element of success.
If you only knock long
enough and loud enough
at the gate, you are sure
to wake up somebody.

- *Henry Wadsworth*



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INDUCTEES

PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

1987 cont'd

Kent Bernard
 Lennox Yearwood
 Manny Ramjohn H.B.M
 Christopher Forde
 Michael Hercules
 Yolande Pompey
 Charles Davis
 Michael Carew
 Nyron Asgarali H.B.M
 William Rodriguez H.B.M
 Delbert Charleau
 Tyrone De La Bastide
 Michael Valdez
 Peter Valdez
 Angela "Pinky" Drayton
 Enid Browne
 Janet Bailey

NAAAs - Athletics
 NAAAs - Athletics
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 Bodybuilding
 Bodybuilding
 Boxing
 Cricket
 Cricket
 Cricket
 Cricket
 Football
 Football
 Lawn Tennis
 Lawn Tennis
 Netball
 Netball
 Netball

Lincoln Phillips
 Marjorie Paddy Fernandes-Williams
 Sandra Charles-Montano H.B.M
 Althea Thomas-Luces
 Football
 Hockey
 Hockey
 Netball

2000

Adelle King H.B.M
 Barbara Chandleur
 David Radix (Posthumous)
 Hasely Crawford T.C.
 Debra O'Connor
 Carl Blackman
 Geroge Achille
 Gene Samuel C.M.T.
 George Herbert Quintus
 "Geoff" Chambers
 Annette Hart
 Administrator
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 NAAAs - Athletics
 Badminton
 Basketball
 Basketball
 Cycling
 Football
 Hockey

2004

Alloy Lequay C.M.T
 Geroge Cumberbatch M.O.M
 (Posthumous)
 Mervyn Williams T.C., C.M.T
 (Porthumous)
 Kelvin "Pa" Aleong H.B.M
 (Porthumous)
 Eric "Colt" Durant (Posthumous)
 Joseph "Joe" Hadeed
 Ian Morris H.B.M
 Carlton Hilton Clarke
 Ian Bishop
 Kelvin Berassa
 Matthew Nunes
 Carolyn Bart
 Elizabeth Gibson
 The National Netball Team of 1979
 Siobhan Cropper
 Administrator
 Administrator
 Administrator
 Coach
 Trainer
 Trainer
 NAAAs - Athletics
 Basketball
 Cricket
 Football
 Football
 Hockey
 Lawn Tennis
 Netball
 Swimming

1989

Edwin Skinner
 Aldwyn Hislop
 Raymond Reid
 Victor "Voot" O'Garro H.B.M
 Deryck Murray C.M.T
 Leslie King
 Alvin Corneal
 Doyle Griffith
 Everard Cummings H.B.M
 John "Bull" Sutherland
 Watty Douglas
 Alan Price
 Ria Mark
 Jean Pierre T.C
 Sherril Peters

NAAAs - Athletics
 Basketball
 Basketball
 Basketball
 Cricket
 Cycling
 Football
 Football
 Football
 Football
 Football
 Lawn Tennis
 Lawn Tennis
 Netball
 Netball

1995

Alexander Chapman H.B.M
 Knolly Henderson H.B.M
 Lance Murray C.M.T
 Lionel St. Aubyn
 Lystra D. Lewis M.B.E., M.O.M.
 Peter Samuel
 Benedict Cayenne
 Geroge E.C. Stanford
 Augustine Logie H.B.M
 Larry Gomes H.B.M.
 Bobby Sookram
 Carlton Franco

Administrator
 Administrator
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 NAAAs - Athletics
 Chess
 Cricket
 Cricket
 Football
 Football

2008

Mervyn Marquez
 Oliver Camps
 Joseph "Lenny" Guy - Basketball
 Ato Boldon
 Clifton Bertrand
 Sybil Allen-Dommartin
 Fitzroy Hoyte
 Leroy De Leon
 Neil Shaka Hislop
 Administrator
 Administrator -
 Football
 Coach
 NAAAs - Track & Field
 NAAAs - Track & Field
 NAAAs - Track & Field
 Cycling
 Football
 Football

PREVIOUS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2008 cont'd

Shay Seymour	Football
Steve David	Football
Margaret Hoyte-Pollard	Hockey - Field Hockey
Bertram Manhin	Shooting
Joey Kaufman (Posthumous)	Swimming
Mansingh Amarsingh	Table Tennis

2011

Aldwin Ferguson (Posthumous)	All Rounder
Ann Browne-John	All Rounder
Hubert Taffy Crichlow	All Rounder
Jeanette Giorgetti-Pantin	All Rounder
Richard Nieves	All Rounder
Zeno Constance (Posthumous)	Coach
Bernard Julien	Cricket
Brian Charles Lara	Cricket
Jack Noreiga (Posthumous)	Cricket
Pascall Roberts (Posthumous)	Cricket
Dwight Yorke	Football
Russell Latapy	Football
Victor Gamaldo	Football

2015

Douglas L. Barzey (Posthumous)	NAAAs - Track & Field
Bryan Davis	Cricket
Daren Ganga	Cricket
Louise Browne-Jackson	Cricket
Rangy Nanan C.M.T.	Cricket
Stephanie Power	Cricket
Angus Eve	Football
Clayton Morris	Football
Stern John	Football
Brian Harding	Horse Racing
Bridget Adams	Netball

2020

Dr Iva Gloudon	Administrator
Lester Osouna	Administrator
David Farrell (Posthumous)	Administrator
Claude Noel	Boxing
Ralph Gosein (posthumous)	Cricket Umpire
Bertille St Clair	Football Coach
Dave Lamy (Posthumous)	Sports Journalist
George Bovell III	Swimming
Dexter St Louis (Posthumous)	Table Tennis
Cheryl Ann Sankar	Taekwondo

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Mushtaque Mohammed	Administrator
Marcus Minshall (posthumous)	All Rounder
Phillip Ian "Chala" Dore (Posthumous)	Trainer & Physio
Andrew Churchill Aleong	Cricket
Ian Nivet (Posthumous)	Cycling
Ashley Ian Harris	Hockey
Stacey Siu Butt	Hockey
Trinidad & Tobago 1987 World Netball Championship Team	Netball
Lionel D'Arceuil	Table Tennis
Winston "Reds" Mulligan	Table Tennis

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Candilla Berment	Administrator
Gordon Borde	Administrator
Candice Scott	Athletics
Cleopatra Borell	Athletics
Marc Burns	Athletics
Pearl Gooding	Athletics
Deon Lendore (posthumous)	Athletics
Leslie Stewart	Boxing
Charles Joseph	Coach
Kwandwane Browne	Hockey
Edmund De Frietas	Trainer - Horse Racing
Devan Mahadeo (posthumous)	Special Olympian
	Athlete & Administrator



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SENIORS

YEAR	NAME	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	SPORT
1962	Roger Gibbon	Cycling	1987	Gene Samuel	Cycling
1963	Deryck Murray	Cricket		Hazel Taylor	Netball
1964	Wendell Mottley	Athletics	1988	Augustine Logie	Cricket
1965	Roger Gibbon	Cycling		Karen Greenridge	Tennis
1966	Wendell Mottley	Athletics	1989	Ian Bishop	Cricket
1967	Roger Gibbon	Cycling		Euphemia Huggins	Athletics
1968	Edwin Roberts	Athletics	1990	Ian Bishop	Cricket
1969	George Bovell II	Swimming		Debra O'Connor	Badminton
	Joey Carew	Cricket	1991	Gene Samuel	Cycling
1971	Charlie Davis	Cricket		Bridget Adams	Netball
	Joan Porter	Athletics	1992	Ian Morris	Athletics
1972	Hasley Crawford	Athletics		Elizabeth Gibson	Tennis
	Enid Brown	Netball	1993	Brian Lara	Cricket
1973	Bernard Julien	Cricket		Debra O'Connor	Badminton
	Everard Cummings	Football	1994	Brian Lara	Cricket
	Leela Calpu	Table Tennis		Siobhan Cropper	Swimming
1974	Charlie Joseph	Athletics	1995	Ato Boldon	Athletics
	Beena Narwani	Badminton		Cheryl Ann Sankar	Taekwondo
1975	Deryck Murray	Cricket	1996	Ato Boldon	Athletics
	Jean Pierre	Netball		Cheryl Ann Sankar	Taekwondo
1976	Hasley Crawford	Athletics	1997	Ato Boldon	Athletics
	Esther Hope	Athletics		Siobhan Cropper	Swimming
1977	Hasley Crawford	Athletics	1998	Ato Boldon	Athletics
	Richard Fernandes	Swimming		Siobhan Cropper	Swimming
	Nadira Abdool	Table Tennis	1999	Brian Lara	Cricket
1978	Larry Gomes	Cricket		Siobhan Cropper	Swimming
	Althea Thomas	Cricket	2000	Ato Boldon	Athletics
1979	Eddie Marcelle	Boxing		Fana Ashby	Athletics
	Maria Nunes	Golf	2001	Brian Lara	Cricket
1980	Patricia Bartlette	Swimming		Rheann Chung	Table Tennis
	Michael Solomon	Athletics	2002	Darrel Brown	Athletics
1981	Claude Noel	Boxing		Cleopatra Borel-Brown	Athletics
	Patricia Bartlette	Swimming	2003	Brian Lara	Cricket
1982	Shawn Tavares	Chess		Candice Scott	Athletics
	Elizabeth Dennis	Cricket	2004	George Bovell III	Swimming
1983	Leslie Stewart	Boxing		Candice Scott	Athletics
	Gillian Forde	Athletics	2005	Brian Lara	Cricket
1984	Larry Gomes	Cricket		Candice Scott	Athletics
	Elizabeth Gibson	Tennis	2006	Stephen Ames	Golf
1985	Leslie Stewart	Boxing		Jizelle Salandy	Boxing
	Debra O'Connor	Badminton	2007	Stephen Ames	Golf
1986	Gene Samuel	Cycling		Cleopatra Borel-Brown	Athletics
	Debra O'Connor	Badminton	2008	Richard Thompson	Athletics
	Hazel Taylor	Netball		Jizelle Salandy	Boxing

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YEAR	NAME	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	SPORT
2009	Renny Chow Josanne Lucas	Athletics Athletics	2017	Jereem Richards Michelle-Lee Ahye	Athletics Athletics
2010	Roger Daniel Cleopatra Borel-Brown	Shooting Athletics	2018	Jereem Richards Michelle-Lee Ahye	Athletics Athletics
2011	Roger Daniel Kelly-Ann Bapitste	Shooting Athletics	2019	Nicholas Paul Teniel Campbell	Cycling Cycling
2012	Keshorn Walcott Kelly-Ann Baptiste	Athletics Athletics	2020	Dylan Carter Teniel Campbell	Swimming Cycling
2013	Jehue Gordon Giselle Ann Jackman	Athletics Powerlifting	2021	Nicholas Paul Tyra Gittens	Cycling Athletics
2014	George Bovell III Cleopatra Borel	Swimming Athletics	2022	Teniel Campbell Jereem Richards	Cycling Athletics
2015	Machel Cedenio Cleopatra Borel	Athletics Athletics	2023	Nicholas Paul Michelle-Lee Ahye	Cycling Athletics
2016	Keshorn Walcott Michelle-Lee Ahye	Athletics Athletics			

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YEAR	NAME	SPORT	YEAR	NAME	SPORT
2010	Christian Homer Cherelle Thompson	Swimming Swimming	2017	Adelle Colthurst Ianna Roach	Athletics Athletics
2011	Quincy Alexander Monifa Sealy	Cycling Golf	2018	Kael Yorke Shaniqua Bascombe	Swimming Athletics
2012	Machel Cedenio Jodi Goodridge	Athletics Cycling	2019	Devin Augustine Shaniqua Bascombe	Athletics Athletics
2013	Dylan Carter Shanntol Ince	Swimming Paralympics	2020	Nikoli Blackman Abigail Vieira	Swimming Skiing
2014	Dylan Carter Javanna Smith	Swimming Chess	2021	Nikoli Blackman Jordane Dookie	Swimming Tennis
2015	Jeron Thompson Khalifa St Fort	Swimming Athletics	2022	Nikoli Blackman Phoebe Sandy	Swimming Cycling
2016	Kristan Kallicharan Khalifa St Fort	Cricket Athletics	2023	Nikoli Blackman Janae De Gannes	Swimming Athletics



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YEAR ADMINISTRATOR

1990	Mr. Alloy Lequay - Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control
1991	Mr. Ramwar Vishnu Mangalsingh – Trinidad and Tobago Automobile Sports Association
1992	Dr. Iva Gloudon – Trinidad and Tobago Women’s Hockey Association
1993	Mr. Mushtaque Mohammed – Trinidad and Tobago Volleyball Federation

YEAR ASSOCIATION

1994	Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control
1995	Trinidad and Tobago Taekwondo Association
1996	Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control
1997	Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago
1998	Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control
1999	Tennis Association of Trinidad and Tobago
2000	Trinidad and Tobago Volleyball Federation
2001	Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control
2002	Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board
2003	Trinidad and Tobago Women’s Cricket Board
2004	National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago
2005	Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board
2006	Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control
2007	Trinidad and Tobago Golf Association
2008	Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control
2009	Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control
2010	National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago & Trinidad and Tobago Netball Association
2011	National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago
2012	Trinidad and Tobago Cycling Federation
2013	Trinidad and Tobago Cycling Federation
2014	Small Category – Trinidad and Tobago Target Archery Federation Large – National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago
2015	Small – Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association Large – National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago
2016	Small – Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association Large – Trinidad and Tobago Cycling Federation
2017	Small – Trinidad and Tobago Target Archery Federation Large – National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago
2018	Small – Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association Large – National Association of Athletics Administrations of Trinidad and Tobago
2019	Small – Trinidad and Tobago Target Archery Federation Large – Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association



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