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ESTABLISHMENT AND INCORPORATION

- Established in 1947 as the Barbados Lawn Tennis Association and incorporated in 1977.
- Rebranded in 2006 as the Barbados Tennis Association Inc.

MISSION

"To develop and promote tennis in Barbados"

SLOGAN

"Tennis, the sport for a lifetime for all"

THE FUNCTIONS

- Liaises with various stakeholders.
- Manages and governs tennis in Barbados.
- Serves as the international representative for Barbados for tennis.
- Manages NTC facilities and activities.
- Coordinates BTA player selections.
- Manages tennis events.

THE OBJECTIVES

- To promote the positive growth and development of tennis in Barbados at all levels.
- To facilitate the development of young players to world ranking.
- To strengthen the Association's membership and to promote its active involvement in programs and activities.
- To enhance the image of the Association.
- To be financially sustainable.
- To participate actively in the international tennis and wider sporting communities.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2020/2021

PRESIDENT

Dr. Raymond Forde

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. Junior King
Mr. Craig Smith

TREASURER

Ms. Helen Roper

SECRETARY

Mrs. Marie-Jeanne Symmonds

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mrs. Sheryl Peter-Kirton

COUNCILORS

Mr. Brian Cadogan
Mrs. Grace Chambers
Mr. Stephen Ollivierre
Mr. Stephen Slocombe
Mr. Andrew Thornton

NTC STAFF

Mr. Julian Baird
Mr. Christian Maxwell



2020 YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and also provide an update on tennis matters in Barbados. We are all aware that it has been a trying year dealing with COVID-19, but we have made it through relatively unscathed so far, and we can only wish for a brighter 2021.

Although our competitive juniors have been starved of international competition since March, they have been playing many local tournaments since the lifting of the lockdown. Due to cancellation of most regional and international tournaments which they would usually have participated in, keeping physically fit and psychologically tough during the year has been difficult, so coaches have also been kept busy.

Similarly, our senior male and female players who should have participated in the Davis Cup tie in September and the Billie Jean Cup (formerly Fed Cup) event in the summer were unable to do so. Our No. 1 male player has also had slow progress in his return to competition following injury, due to cancellation of most of the 2020 Pro-Circuit calendar.

The ATP/ITF and BTA tournament calendars for 2021 when posted will also be subject to change depending on whether the COVID pandemic is arrested. You may have noticed that the dates for the Australian Open and the qualifying rounds for the Billie Jean Cup have already been adjusted due to spiking of the virus again.

The Junior Development Programme continued in recent months at the National Tennis Centre in spite of the ongoing construction. However, numbers were reduced to respect national COVID protocols. The Primary Schools Programme was unable to restart in September due to the Ministry of Education's restrictions and may still be in jeopardy for 2021. However, we have been able to introduce several youngsters from the School House to tennis during this past term due to a kind benefactor.

On another brighter note, we were able to conclude the Inter-Club competition in the summer following its cessation after completion of the group stages in March, and look forward to the 2021 competition resuming in late January.

Similarly our annual Top8s men's and ladies competition is currently under way at the Tennis Centre and should conclude before the end of the year so do come out to watch some good tennis.

Construction of the expanded facility is ongoing although there will be reduced activity over the Christmas season due to construction firms' usual closure during this period. Those of you who have passed the Tennis Centre over the last four and a half months would have seen the transformation of the site, with the three new courts now taking shape. We would like to thank the Maria Holder Memorial Trust for their very generous funding of this project.

2020 YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members have not been allowed to use the Club House recently since this was deemed a construction site. There will now be limited access to the bathroom facilities going forward.

Unfortunately the indiscriminate disposal of garbage under the bleachers and surrounding areas of the Tennis Centre over the past months has not been a sight to behold. I am sure that those perpetrators would not do such around their own homes, schools or work places. I would expect a greater effort by all to keep our facilities clean and tidy. There has been an upsurge in Dengue related illness in the country and we certainly would not want to encourage rats and other rodents on the premises.

To conclude, the Association wishes to thank sponsors – Windward Agencies, NASSCo and Fortress Fund Managers, CO Williams Construction, ICBL and MILO for their backing of our 2020 tournaments, together with all other corporate partners. In addition, thanks to the Barbados Olympic Association, National Sports Council and the International Tennis Federation for funding assistance, as well as all members for their continuing support.

However along with the rest of the world, we are all facing challenging times. We therefore ask again that members come up with new ideas for boosting our visions, continuing our mandate to develop the Sport of Tennis at all levels, and maintaining the prominence of our sport on the island.

I do wish that you all have a blessed Holiday Season, stay safe, respect the COVID protocols and let us hope that at some time during 2021, life will return to some degree of normality.

***Yours truly
Dr Raymond Forde
President
December 21 2020***

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership as at December 31, 2020 increased marginally compared to the prior year end from 301 to 305.

| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Juniors | 89 | 98 | 87 | 82 | 87 | 107 |
| Seniors (over 18) | 204 | 194 | 192 | 195 | 170 | 163 |
| Honorary | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Clubs | 8 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| TOTAL | 305 | 301 | 294 | 282 | 272 | 283 |

The following reflects the gender distribution of memberships of the BTA for 2020.

2020 Junior Membership



Male Female

2020 Senior Membership



Male Female

Honorary Membership as at 2020



Sandra Osborne



Peter Symmonds



Bruce Hackett



Tyrone Mapp





THE COUNCIL

The following people served on Council for the 2019/20 & 2020/21 years:

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dr. Raymond Forde | President |
| Junior King** | Vice President |
| Craig Smith | Vice President 2020/21 |
| Patricia Murray | Vice President 2019/20 |
| Helen Roper*** | Treasurer |
| Marie-Jeanne Symmonds | Secretary |
| Sheryl Peter-Kirton** | Assistant Secretary |
| Brian Cadogan | Council Member |
| Grace Chambers** | Council Member |
| Stephen Ollivierre** | Council Member |
| Lloyd Stephen Slocombe | Council Member |
| Andrew Thornton** | Council Member |

Since the last AGM seven (7) Council meetings were held in 2020/21, with many held virtually. The attendance of members during the year varied, however, a quorum was readily reached at each meeting.

** These members will retire at the 2021 AGM, and have all offered themselves for re-election except for Ms. Helen Roper, the Treasurer.



On behalf of the members and Council of the BTA we thank Ms. Helen Roper for her 19 years of service as an active and invaluable member of the Council, as Treasurer.

THE COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

As the AGM is held in the latter half of the year, members of sub-committees for 2019/20 year served until the AGM on October 5, 2020, and thereafter new committees for the 2020/21 year served until the 2021 AGM. Outlined are the designated committees and the assigned chairpersons.

| COMMITTEE | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Junior Development | Mr. Craig Smith | Mr. Craig Smith |
| Junior Tennis | Mrs. Marie-Jeanne Symmonds | Mrs. Marie-Jeanne Symmonds |
| Senior Tennis | Mr. Andrew Thornton | Mr. Andrew Thornton |
| Davis Cup\Fed Cup | Mr. Junior King | Mr. Junior King |
| Inter-Club Committee | | Mr. Brian Cadogan Mr. Steve Slocombe |
| Coaches Advisory Committee | Mr. Damien Applewhaite | Mr. Damien Applewhaite |
| Selection | Chair of Coaches Advisory Committee | Mr. Craig Smith |
| Tournament Committee | Chair of Junior or Senior Committees | Chair of Junior, Senior or Inter-Club Committees |
| Finance | Ms. Helen Roper | Ms. Helen Roper |
| Fund Raising | Mrs. Grace Chambers | Mrs. Grace Chambers |
| Public Relations, Media & Marketing | Mrs. Grace Chambers | Mrs. Grace Chambers |



| COMMITTEE | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|---|--|--|
| Arbitration & Complaints (20\21 Complaints only) | Dr. Adrian Lorde | Mr. Bryan Weekes |
| Tennis Centre (facilities) | Mr. Junior King | Mr. Junior King |
| Tennis Centre Expansion | Mr. Brian Cadogan | Mr. Junior King |
| Tennis Centre Management | | Mr. Craig Smith |
| Education and Governance | Mr. Andrew Thornton (Education) vacant (Governance) | Mr. Andrew Thornton (Education) vacant (Governance) |
| Special events | Mr. Lloyd Slocombe | Mr. Lloyd Slocombe |
| Strategic Planning | Mrs. Sheryl Peter-Kirton | Mrs. Sheryl Peter-Kirton |
| Membership | | Mr. Brian Cadogan |

Selection Committee:

Immediately following the AGM in October 2020, Council determined that the Selection Committee would be re-constituted.

The Selection Committee for 2020/21 comprises:

- Mr. Craig Smith (Chair)
- Mrs. Marie-Jeanne Symmonds
- Mr. Ryan Moseley
- Mr. Chris King (appointed July 2021)

From October 2020 the members of the Coaches Advisory Committee (CAC) were no longer on the Selection Committee but have served as advisors to the Selection Committee. The members of the CAC and the Selection Committee during 2019/20 & 2020/21 have been:

- Mr. Damien Applewhaite (Chair)
- Mr. Andrew Thornton*
- Mr. Julian Baird
- Mr. Sydney Lopez
- Mr. Paul Stewart**

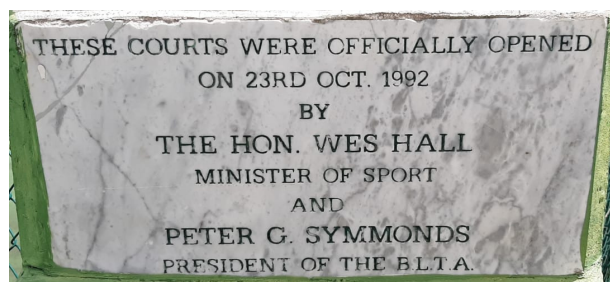
* Mr. Andrew Thornton resigned in January 2020.

** Mr. Paul Stewart retired in October 2020

NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

Overall COVID-19 impacted the NTC and its revenue, since the COVID-19 protocols limited the number of people able to be on the court at any given time, as well as opportunities to socialise and spectate. Though NTC was forced to close on March 27, 2020 as part of the islandwide lockdown, the tennis courts were ultimately reopened for play on May 20, 2020 and tennis lovers across Barbados were grateful since tennis was one of the first sports to be granted permission to resume play. The BTA saw a small increase in membership due to those who took the opportunity to participate in tennis for much needed exercise.

The NTC implemented guidelines for members and non-members visiting the facility, in line with the COVID protocols. The Clubhouse was officially closed to the public for most of 2020 post the COVID-19 lockdown and players were encouraged to walk with their own water and water bottles, though where necessary, they were allowed to use the bathrooms.



The BTA's new online court booking system (launched in February 2020) was made available to members and non-members through the BTA's official website and increased the ease of checking court availability. It also eliminated the need for paper booking sheets, the system also helped the BTA to further reduce social contact previously associated with booking.

The customary maintenance on the grounds were carried out during 2020 to ensure that the surroundings were satisfactory. Among other things new utility poles were erected to facilitate the clearing of the trees and diversion of the power feed to allow commence of the of the expansion project. Regular court maintenance also continued as usual including replacement of nets and windbreakers.



NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

The long anticipated National Tennis Centre Expansion Project started in August 2020 and was possible thanks to the generous donation from the **Maria Holder Memorial Trust**. **Cooper Kauffman Consultancy** was the main consultant and the general contractor for the project was **Godson Builders**. Civil engineering design and support was provided by **Stantec** while **ADEB Consultants** provided mechanical and electrical services. The project included works to build three (3) new tennis courts along with enhancements to the existing Clubhouse. When the Expansion project entered the construction phase, portable toilets were provided for members using the courts since the Clubhouse became part of the construction zone.

Further, the regular access path to the courts was interrupted from August to December due to construction. Alternate entry locations were provided so that members could access the courts and enjoy the facility as best as possible.



THE COVID-19 EFFECT

Barbados was able to participate in the following overseas tournaments during the first quarter of 2020:

1. World Junior U14 Team Events,
2. Junior Davis Cup Event
3. Junior Fed Cup Event
4. Davis Cup Tie vs Norway

However on March 21, 2020 the Government of Barbados moved to Stage 2 of its pandemic plan which meant, among other things, that the number of persons who could gather socially was restricted to twenty-five (25). Out of an abundance of caution for the staff, players, members and the public, the Executive of the Barbados Tennis Association took the difficult decision to suspend all operations at the National Tennis Centre (NTC) effective 6:00pm on March 25, 2020.

In response:

1. Local coaches and clubs embraced technology in an effort to keep tennis alive while ensuring that tennis players stayed fit, connected and safe, by hosting live fitness sessions via Zoom, tennis challenges via Whatsapp and vlogs via Facebook and Instagram.
2. The BTA partnered with MarNiko Media, as well as with its members and with friends of tennis to launch eight (8) new issues of its BTA Serve's Up series, all available on its dedicated YouTube Channel.
3. The BTA offered a new online registration form to increase the efficiency of its tournament administration.

The tennis community was elated when effective May 20, 2020 tennis courts reopened for single play only, supported by special Physical Distancing Guidelines along with Physical Distancing Guidelines for Coaches While Using the Courts of the National Tennis Centre.



THE COVID-19 EFFECT

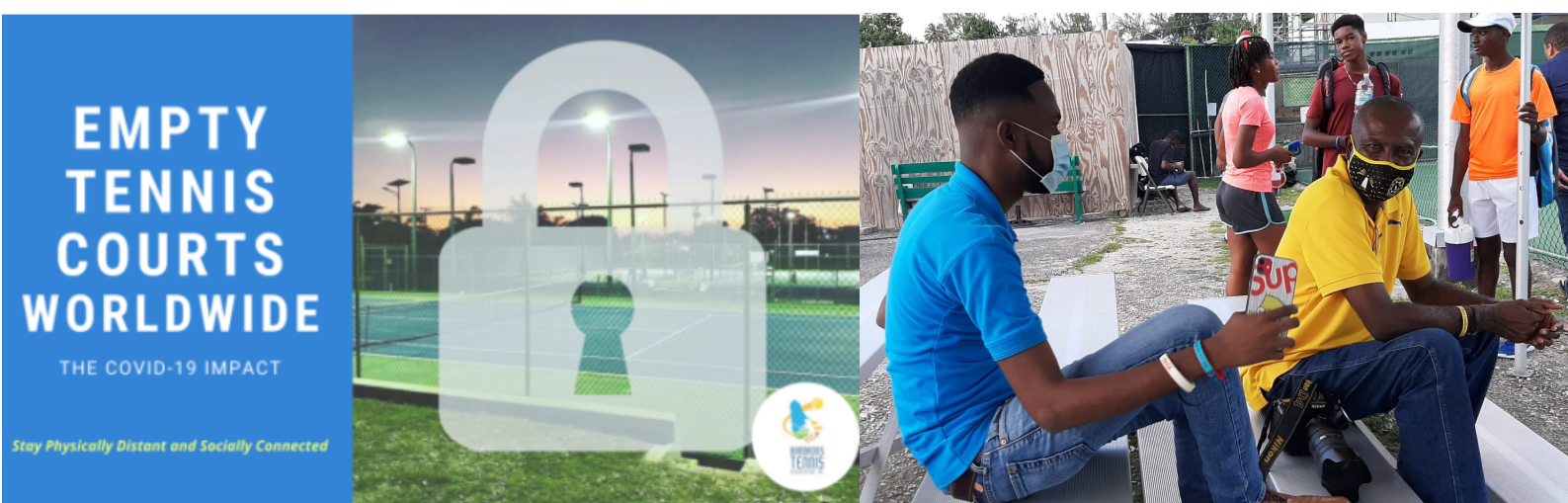
On June 26, 2020 the International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced that the 2020 Davis Cup Finals and the 2020 Fed Cup Finals would not happen before 2021 and on the local scene, while social tennis was permitted, competitive sporting events were prohibited under Government guidelines until July 2021.

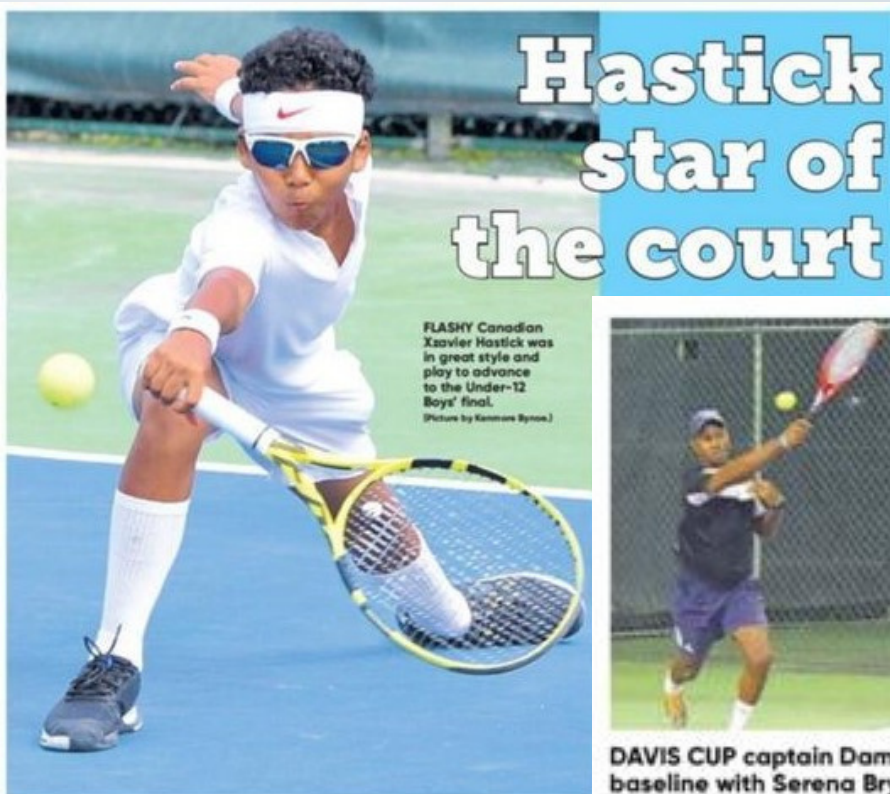
However, due to their timing, coaching conferences, as well as the following tournaments and events were unfortunate casualties of the worldwide pandemic:

1. U12 ITF/GSDF COTECC
2. C.O. Williams Barbados International Juniors (ITF U18 and U14)
3. COTECC SR4 - Mixed Doubles and U16 Masters
4. Billie Jean King Cup (formerly Fed Cup)
5. Pan American Games
6. Senior National Games & Huntsman World Senior Games
7. Barbados Cup (ITF)
8. BOA INDEPENDENCE INVITATIONAL GAMES (BIIG)

The BTA's Annual Spring Tennis10s Festival initially scheduled for March 22, 2020 had to be cancelled, while fundraising efforts, local tournaments as well as national rankings were also negatively affected due to COVID. Fortunately, the following local events were possible:

- Series 1 of the Fortress/Nassco Junior Tennis Tournament started on March 13 was originally scheduled to conclude on March 27, 2020 however U12 & U16 finals, as well as all U14 & U18 matches were delayed due to COVID-19 as well as Tropical Storm Gonzalo. It resumed on July 24, 2020.
- Series 2 of the Fortress/Nassco Junior Tennis Tournament
- C.O. Williams Junior Nationals 2020
- ICBL Senior and Open Nationals 2020
- Windward Agencies Inter-Club Competition
- BTA's Annual Independence Tennis10s Festival
- Milo Christmas Junior Tournament
- Top 8





Hastick star of the court

FLASHY Canadian
Xavier Hastick was
in great style and
play to advance
to the Under-12
Boys' final.
(Picture by Kenmore Bynoe.)



DAVIS CUP captain Damien Applewhaite making a return from the baseline with Serena Bryan at net during their doubles' victory on Monday night. (Picture by Kenmore Bynoe.)

Chambers and Bryant advance

TOP UNDER-16 SEEDS Hannah
Chambers and Serena Bryant
continued on a collision course when
Day 2 of the CO Williams Junior National
Tennis Tournament continued yesterday
at the National Tennis Centre.

Chambers, who is ranked No. 1, was
almost ruthless in dismissing her Ocean
View club mate Taisha Jones 6-1, 6-1 to
book a semifinals date tomorrow with
Jolie Phillips. Jones strangely seemed
intimidated facing Chambers and played
a sub par match where even her normally
blistering serves lacked their potency.

Bryant, who also represents Queen's
College in netball, was just as clinical in
defeating southpaw Shonte Sargeant 6-3,
6-1. The onlooker ignorant of the scoreline
would have been impressed with the efforts
from Sargeant, but she was no match for the
superiority of Bryant who will meet Leah
Ollivierre tomorrow.

On Day 1 on Saturday, Chambers
beat Asha King in the Under-18 to face
Ollivierre today. Jones will be hoping for
better fortune when she meets Bryant in
today's Under-18 semis.

The Boys' Under-16 battles were just as
entertaining with the unflappable Kai Owen
stopping the stout Isaiah Roland after two
hours of vicious serves and matching ground
strokes 6-4, 6-2. At times it appeared that
Roland held the upper hand, but the slender
Owen, a son of former national hockey
player Mark Owen, soaked up the pressure
to advance to meet No. 1 Adam King.

Jaden Chandler needed three sets
to turn away Neil King 4-6, 6-2, 6-2
to book an appointment with Xavier
Peter-Gooding. Unfortunately, that
marathon apparently taxed Chandler
too much as he later met and folded
to No. 2 seed Peter-Gooding 2-6, 0-6. (KB)



NO. 2 PLAYER in the Girls Under-16 Division,
Serena Bryant was in good form yesterday.
(Pictures by Kenmore Bynoe.)



THE ICE-COOL Kai Owen won a hard-fought two-hour battle
with Isaiah Roland to storm into the last four of the Under-16s.



DIGGING DEEP
No. 1 seed Russell Massey needed the tie-break to overcome 17-year-old Kyle Griffith.



HAYDEN LEWIS advanced to the quarter-finals where he will face the defending champion, Russell Massey.



ASHA KING won her first-round match against Leah Ollivierre 6-4, 6-2 on Saturday evening to continue the St Michael School's surge on the tennis court.



Chambers makes two finals
TOP SEEDS Hannah Chambers and Serena Bryant will battle in the first of two girls' finals in the C.O. Williams Construction Limited National Junior Tennis Tournament on Saturday. Chambers, 14, is the defending champion and Bryant, 13, is the runner-up from last year. Chambers is also the defending champion of the Under-14 girls' singles and doubles titles. Chambers is also the defending champion of the Under-14 girls' singles and doubles titles. Chambers is also the defending champion of the Under-14 girls' singles and doubles titles.

Sport 2

Top seeds to clash for girls' tennis crown



THE GIRLS' Under-14 final of the C.O. Williams Construction Limited National Junior Tennis Tournament will be a clash of the titans as the top two seeds, Hannah Chambers and Serena Bryant, meet in the first of two girls' finals on Saturday. Chambers, 14, is the defending champion and Bryant, 13, is the runner-up from last year. Chambers is also the defending champion of the Under-14 girls' singles and doubles titles. Chambers is also the defending champion of the Under-14 girls' singles and doubles titles.

Teenager tests top seed

BY KENMORE BYNOE
SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD St Michael School (SMS) student Kyle Griffith put on a superb display of tennis to threaten No. 1 seed Russell Massey when the C.O. Williams Construction Limited National Junior Tennis Tournament continued on Monday night at the National Tennis Centre, Wilby.

Employing a powerful top spin and moving with tremendous speed and purpose, Griffith literally outmanoeuvred the veteran Massey in the opening set, winning 6-4. Griffith's powerful backhand and his ability to move forward with his own winning shots, taking the game away from the youngster.

Interestingly, Chambers and Bryant are also set to battle in the Under-14 girls' doubles final.

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Wonder boy King in four finals

BY KENMORE BYNOE
FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD St Michael School student Adam King earned the right to battle for four crowns when the semi-finals of the C.O. Williams Construction Limited National Junior Tennis Tournament climaxed yesterday at the National Tennis Centre.

The No. 1 ranked player King ruled over Christian Gill 6-2, 6-0 to advance to the boys' Under-16 finals. King had already qualified for the Under-18 Boys' finals as well as the Under-16 and 18 doubles finals. He will team up with Curt Seifert in the Under-18s and Nathanael Gill in the Under-16s.

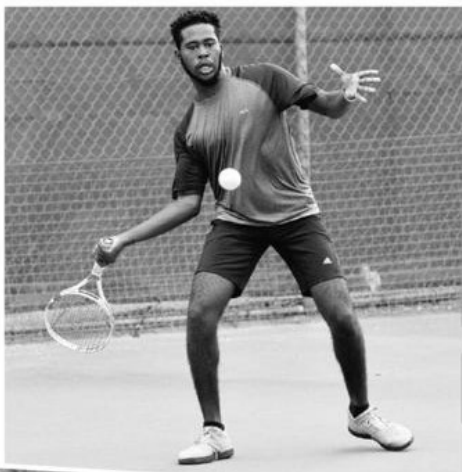
King will face a serious threat in his bid to claim the Under-18 crown with the defending champion and recently capped Davis Cup player Stephen Slocombe predictably making the finals by ousting Xavier Peter-Gooding 6-3, 6-1. Last year, Slocombe grabbed the four crowns which King is hoping to capture this year.

Too breather
Yesterday, King took a breather and then returned with Seifert to beat the unrelated Neil King and Kai Owen 6-1, 6-2 in the Under-18 Boys' semis. Maintaining his bid to thwart King's sovereignty, Slocombe joined with Tyler Baptiste to reach the finals by dismissing Kyle Griffith and Justin Atkins 6-3, 6-3.

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Clarke and Hastick will be on opposite sides of the net when three finals serve off from 8.30 this morning at the **Tennis Centre**. Those two will meet in the Under-16 boys' finals. The Under-16s finals



STEPHEN SLOCOMBE is the defending champion and heavy favourite to capture the Boys' Under-18 singles. (Pictures by Kenmore Bynoe.)

King, Hastick do the double

By Kenmore Bynoe

Top-ranked players Adam King and the stylish Xavier Hastick each easily captured two crowns when the C.O. Williams Construction Limited Junior Tennis Tournament continued yesterday at the National Tennis Centre, Wilby.

King maintained his sovereignty over Xavier Peter-Gooding 6-4, 6-3 in the Boys' Under-16 final to take the title. After getting adequate rest, King returned with Nathanael Gill to win the Under-16 Boys' doubles final, edging Leah Ollivierre and Taisha Boland 6-3, 6-6, 10-8.

King will team up with Curt Seifert to battle Stephen Slocombe and Tyler Baptiste in today's Under-18 doubles final and he will engage defending champion Slocombe in the Under-18 Boys' final.

Pressure
Yesterday, King was able to soak up some pressure from the steadily improving Peter-Gooding, who had beaten him more when they were 12 years old, to keep on track for four crowns.

This is the first step towards four titles. I felt some pressure when the Under-16 Boys' final was expected to be my easiest chance of victory. Even so, I was not overconfident since Xavier has been improving a lot," said King.



Adam King won the Under-16 Boys' doubles and singles titles yesterday. (Pictures by Kenmore Bynoe.)

The Canadian with Grenadian heritage did make amends in the doubles, as he and Leah Ollivierre easily dismissed Ethan Kirtos 6-2, 6-0.

The Girls' Under-16 final provided a tremendous duel with No. 1 seed Hannah Chambers being made to fight for every point before defeating No. 2 seed Serena Bryant 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. Bryant had led 2-1 in the first two sets.

The players, each dressed in Nike outfits, matched each other stroke for stroke with even Chambers' parents Grace and Alvin applauding when Bryan blasted a couple of fine drives past their daughter en route to taking the second set.

Breeze for birthday boy
NEW YORK - Second seed Demitri Thion celebrated his 27th birthday. Sixth seed also moved on.

The combination of Christ Church Foundation School's Shontae Sargeant and Leah Phillips of The St Michael School scored a surprise win over Taisha Jones and Leah Ollivierre 6-4, 6-5 in the

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Boach Village's Wickham tames HLF Tigers

The other two half-centuries came from the bats of Kamario Grant, who slammed 59 for Survivors, and Shakeem Blades, who hit 55 not out for St Catherine.

Five rounds have now been completed in the tournament, which is being held under the auspices of the Hamilton Lashley Human Development Foundation. (A)

Chambers wins thriller

Medical treatment

After winning the first game of the decider, Chambers needed medical treatment for her elbow, and the contest was paused for nearly two hours. On resumption, Chambers went to 2-0 before Leslie took a game with some effective serves and blistering counters, hitting with fierce backhand drives.

Maintaining her composure, Chambers cruised to 4-1 before Leslie resumed at 4-3, taking that third

a lethal weapon.

Chambers teased Leslie and her supporters by making some simple errors after winning the big abshebs. But in spite of a relentless effort from Leslie, she could not deny Chambers taking the set and match.

Replay

Replay was the option of the **Barbours**.

Chambers caused the postponement of the men's final, with defending champion Stephen Slocombe leading Rod Taylor 2-1 before Taylor set after winning the first 6-3. That match was to be concluded last night.

Peter-Gooding and King Christmas tourney champs

good players in the competition. My confidence is a little low right now but hopefully it is up for that tournament," he said.

Kings' success plan working

THIS WEEKEND **MIDWINTER** continues a series of articles highlighting the opportunities and plans for the development of athletes.

By KENNETH RYAN

WILSON **Adrian King and his sister** **Adrian King** are successful tennis players in their own right. They are also successful in their own right as they have been able to keep their tennis careers on track.

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Sir Austin makes appeal for improved conditions at National Stadium
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Junior achievers

JONES, KING TAKE UNDER-18 TENNIS TITLES

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Marshall wins Howitt title after Moseley defaults
By Nick Marshall
Marshall won the Howitt title after Moseley defaulted.

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Tennis
Various tennis news and updates.

JUNIOR TENNIS INITIATIVE PROGRAMME

In 2020 the Junior Development Programme (JDP) at the NTC continued to be run under the auspices of Coach Damien Applewhaite who was appointed the JTI Technical Director in September 2019. The new in-house programme now includes the following highly qualified and experienced team members:

- Chair Junior Development: Craig Smith
- JTI Coordinator: Andrew Thornton
- JTI Technical Director: Damien Applewhaite
- JTI Head Coach: Julian Baird
- JTI Assistant Head Coach: Christian Maxwell.
- JTI Coach: Simon Lewis
- JTI Coach: Seanon Williams (from November 2020)

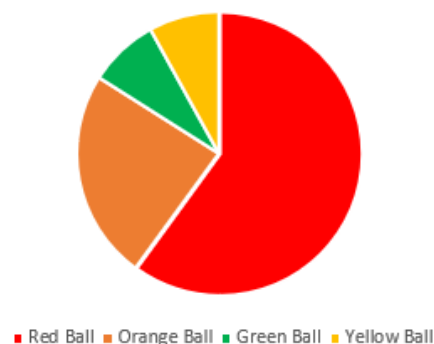
The JTI Programme resumed in 2020 from January 7 – March 27, 2020 as the JTI Coaching Team continued their training efforts for beginners, intermediates and advanced players between Monday and Friday from 3:30 – 6pm. Additionally, at the end of January the team also introduced Saturday morning sessions for interested parties.

The COVID protocols prevented JTI group sessions during the second term, however, in keeping with the guidelines, the JTI Coaching Team offered private/semi-private sessions for many of the JTI players.

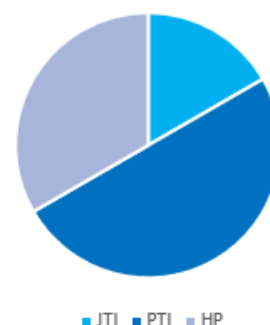
Summer camp was also from late July until the end of August. The third term of the JTI programme was held during October 5, 2020 and December 18, 2020.

At the end of 2020 the After-School Programme recorded 50 players across red, orange, green and yellow ball classes, of which 13 were female. In addition, there were a further 12 players recorded in the PTI and 8 in the High-Performance group.

2020 Junior Tennis Initiative Programme



Yellow Ball Players in the 2020 After School Programme



JUNIOR TENNIS INITIATIVE PROGRAMME



The PTI-Advanced group was put through their paces during the last week of the JTI Programme for the year.

SOL Primary School's Programme

The SOL Primary School's Programme involving the three neighbouring schools - Blackman and Gollop, Grantley Prescod and Luther Thorne continued during the first term of 2020, but did not resume due to the school's Covid-19 protocols during the rest of the year. A successful fun competition between the 3 schools did take place before the cessation of the programme in March.

JUNIOR TENNIS INITIATIVE PROGRAMME

MegaPower

In addition, thanks to Mr. Richard Edghill and Megapower, a new programme started in October 2020 with coaches Andrew Thornton and Julian Baird introducing pupils of the School House for Special Needs to tennis.



TENNIS10S

Due to the COVID pandemic only one Tennis10s event held, the Annual Independence Tennis10s Festival, hosted at the National Tennis Centre on November 29, 2020. 36 participants across three categories Red, Orange and Green Ball competed in their blue and yellow.



The winners and finalists hailed from many training camps – the BTA's JTI, Ocean View, ATS, MD Tennis, Smash Tennis and Kandicrush.

| | Winner | Runner-Up |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Red Ball | Zanai Goddard (JTI) | Ava Warner (JTI-Kandicrush) |
| Orange Ball - Boys | Caleb Wilson (Ocean View) | Cruz Thornton (Smash) |
| Orange Ball - Girls | Erika Petko (ATS) | Isabella Comrad (ATS) |
| Green Ball | Ammon Archer (MD Tennis) | Aiden Wharton (Kandicrush) |

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION

Seven (7) clubs participated in the 2020 Inter-Club Competition :

1. Ocean View
2. Windward
3. Summerhayes
4. UWI
5. Tennis Centre
6. Yacht Club
7. Paragon

The annual Windward Agencies Inter-Club tournament started on January 25, 2020 with a round robin where all teams played each other weekly. After seven rounds the top 4 teams advanced to the knock-out phase - the semi-finals and finals. The semi-finals and finals were initially scheduled to be held on March 21 and 28, 2020 respectively, but were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The semi-finals matches - Ocean View vs Yacht Club Windward vs Paragon - were ultimately scheduled on July 18 with Ocean View and Windward once again making it to the finals.



| | WINNER | RUNNER UP |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2020 | Windward Cricket Club | Ocean View |
| 2019 | Windward Cricket Club | Ocean View |
| 2018 | Windward Cricket Club | Paragon Tennis Club |
| 2017 | Ocean View | Windward Cricket Club |
| 2016 | Summerhayes Club | Barbados Yacht Club |
| 2015 | Paragon Tennis Club | Tennis Centre |



The final was played at the National Tennis Centre on August 23, 2020 and Windward claimed their 3rd inter-club championship in a row when they overcame a stiff challenge from Ocean View. As a result of an injury, Ocean View regrettably defaulted the number 1 ladies doubles when leading 8-1, and eventually the winner was determined in the last match seeing Windward victorious by an overall score of 52 games to 49.

| | | MATCHES | | GAMES | |
|-------------|-------------|--|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Round | Home | Away | For | Against |
| January 25 | 1 | Ocean View UWI Windward Paragon | Tennis Centre Summerhayes Yacht Club BYE | 62 40 58 0 | 36 52 30 0 |
| February 1 | 2 | Yacht Club UWI Ocean View Windward | Tennis Centre Paragon Summerhayes BYE | 44 39 55 0 | 45 58 49 0 |
| February 8 | 3 | Tennis Centre Paragon Summerhayes Ocean View | UWI Windward Yacht Club BYE | 44 35 51 0 | 39 60 60 0 |
| February 15 | 4 | Summerhayes UWI Paragon Yacht Club | Tennis Centre Windward Ocean View BYE | 45 34 46 0 | 42 59 51 0 |
| February 22 | 5 | Tennis Centre Paragon Ocean View Summerhayes | Windward Yacht Club UWI BYE | 28 49 56 0 | 63 48 31 0 |
| February 29 | 6 | Windward Yacht Club Tennis Centre UWI | Summerhayes Ocean View Paragon BYE | 61 43 49 0 | 27 38 51 0 |
| March 14 | 7 | Summerhayes Yacht Club Windward Tennis Centre | Paragon UWI Ocean View BYE | 48 55 61 0 | 50 23 27 0 |
| July 18 | Semi-finals | Ocean View Windward | Yacht Club Paragon | | |
| August 23 | Finals | Windward | Ocean View | 52 | 49 |

BTA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS HELD IN BARBADOS

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted the number of tournaments held during 2020. There were a number of BTA sanctioned tournaments held.

1. Fortress/NASSCO tournaments were held at the National Tennis Centre
2. CO Williams Junior Nationals
3. The ICBL Senior and Open Nationals,
4. Milo Christmas Junior Tournament
5. Christopher Howitt Championship 2020, held at Ocean View Tennis Club.

The Selection Committee recognises that the lack of local tournaments in the last one to two years has further reduced the ability of the national rankings under the current system to reliably determine meaningful national rankings. The BTA has a published Ranking System, Selection Criteria and a Coaches Advisory Committee and a Selection Committee to assist with recommendations for selection for national duty to Council. The goal is to have a reliable ranking system that can be used as the main factor in selection.

Traditionally, the BTA and the Selection Committee, continued to experience challenges in selecting teams since many players were not entering sufficient tournaments to ratify the reliability of the rankings. Challenges have also been experienced in holding trials and even with these, on reaching consensus on team selection.

The Committee continues to look at the existing ranking and selection criteria & regulations (and the impact of the lock downs on those). It is necessary to continuously evaluate available data with a view to providing clearer guidelines for selection, particularly during this transitional period before we return to a full calendar year of tournaments. These will include having trials as much as possible, and for Open rankings, recognising overseas matches by, introducing ranking points based on overseas results against UTR rated players.

FORTRESS/NASSCO SERIES 2020 WINNERS



XZAVIER HASTICK, TAISHA JONES, JADEN CHANDLER, ASHA KING, ADAM KING
(MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS. TAISHA JONES & JADEN CHANDLER)

FORTRESS/NASSCO RACE OF CHAMPIONS 2020 Ranking Positions 1 & 2

| | BOYS | | GIRLS | |
|-----|---|---|---|--|
| | Singles | Doubles | Singles | Doubles |
| U12 | Xzavier Hastick Aidan Clarke | Ethan Warner Dimitri Kirton Xzavier Hastick Aidan Clarke | Kimaya Hamblin Hayley Scott | |
| U14 | Xzavier Hastick Thomas Oneil | Xzavier Hastick Aidan Clarke Thomas Oneil Llewelyn York Matthew Barnett Conrad Davis | Nadia Dacosta Naiyah Wurdeman | |
| U16 | Adam King Xavier Peter-Gooding Lance Castagne-Clermont | Xavier Peter-Gooding Adam King | Jolie Phillips Shonte Sargeant Serena Bryan Taisha Jones | Hannah Chambers Shonte Sargeant Taisha Jones Jolie Phillips |
| U18 | Adam King Jaden Chandler | Nathaneal Gilkes Tyler Baptiste Christian Gill Adam King | Taisha Jones Asha King Serena Bryan | Hannah Chambers Serena Bryan Taisha Jones Asha King |

*Ranking Position #1 in **green font**.



Xzavier Hastick and Aidan Clarke



Asha King and Taisha Jones



Ethan Warner and Dimitri Kirton



Aidan Clarke



Adam King



Hannah Chambers





Taisha Jones
(Most Improved Player)



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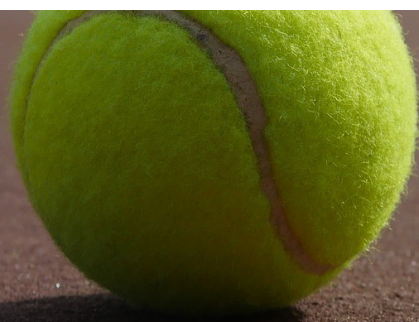
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(Most Improved Player)



Xzavier Hastick



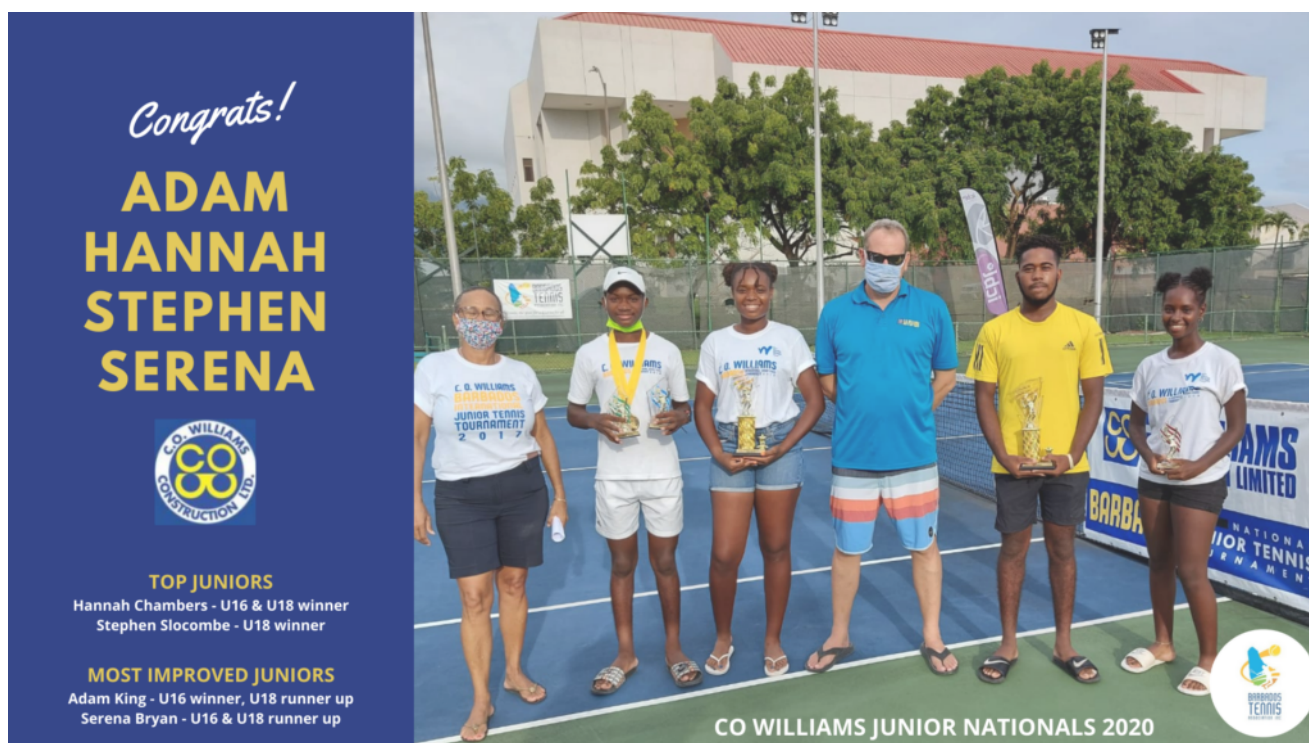
C.O. WILLIAMS BARBADOS JUNIOR NATIONALS TOURNAMENT

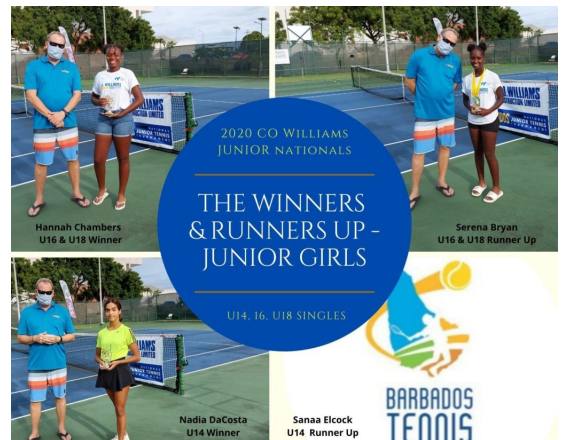
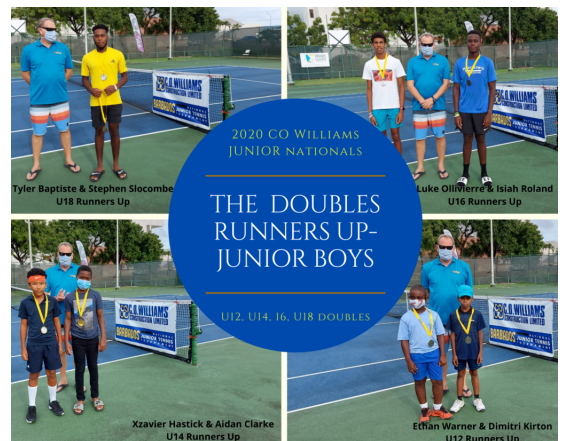
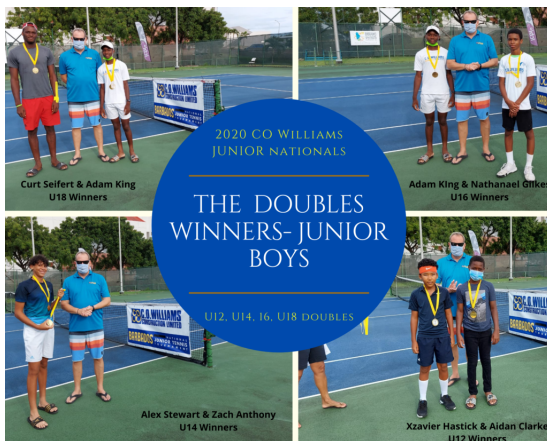


Council once again extends a special thank you to the C. O. Williams Group of Companies who have been the sponsors of the C. O. Williams Barbados International Junior Tennis Tournament since 2017. Regrettably the 2020 tournament which was cancelled was their last year of sponsorship. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Barbados Junior ITF Championships in April, C.O. Williams Group of Companies kindly stepped in to sponsor the 2020 Junior Nationals..

This Tournament is a prestigious event and provides our players with an opportunity to compete at a higher level at home. The Tournament is sanctioned by the ITF as a Grade 4 event on the ITF U18 Junior Circuit and a Grade 2 in the COTECC U14 circuit.

The Barbados Cup scheduled for November 2020 was regrettably also cancelled. It is a Grade 5 ITF junior event which had been hosted for three years under the direction of Mr. Karl Hale of Canada (and sponsored by the BTMI).





2020 OPEN/SENIOR NATIONALS



The 2020 Open/Senior Nationals were played in September and October 2020 with the support of the new sponsor, the Insurance Corporation of Barbados (ICBL).

Barbados's former Davis Cup player Russell Moseley won the Open title, defeating Stephen Slocombe in a highly competitive Final that was played over 2 days because of rain. After trailing 3-6,0-2 on Sunday, Russell Moseley turned the match around to win by a score of 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and to claim the prestigious ICBL Barbados Nationals Men's Open title when play resumed on the Wednesday night.

In the ladies division, Hannah Chambers claimed the Barbados Nationals Women's Open title when she defeated Gabrielle Leslie in a keenly contested three setter, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

| | Singles | Doubles |
|--------|--|---|
| Men | Men's Open: Russell Moseley Men's O35: Ryan Moseley Men's O45: Junior King Men's O55: Craig Smith | Doubles Men's Open: Kaipo Marshall & Stephen Slocombe Men's O35: Ryan Moseley & Rick Taurel Men's O45: Lloyd Slocombe & Craig Smith Men's O55: Harry Mackenzie & Colin Murray |
| Ladies | Ladies Open: Hannah Chambers Ladies O45: Donna Gibbs Ladies O55: Marvo Jemmott | Ladies Open: Hannah Chambers & Melena Lopez Ladies O35: Donna Gibbs & Sue Rogers Ladies O45: Donna Gibbs & Sue Rogers Ladies O55: Sonia Grant & Rosie Roach |
| Mixed | | Mixed Doubles: Stephen Slocombe & Gabrielle Leslie |





Lloyd Slocombe & Craig Smith
(Men's O45 Doubles)



Rosie Roach
(Ladies O55 Doubles)



Ryan Moseley & Rick Taurel
(Men's O35 Doubles)



Craig Smith
(Men's O55 Singles)



Donna Gibbs
(Ladies O35 Singles)



Gabrielle Leslie & Stephen Slocombe
(Mixed Doubles)



Hannah Chambers
(Ladies Open Singles)



Junior King
(Men's O45 Single)



Russell Moseley
(Men's Open Singles)



Ryan Moseley
(Men's O35 Singles)



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MILO CHRISTMAS JUNIOR TOURNAMENT 2020



We were fortunate that the Barbados protocols in December 2020 permitted competitive tennis, and the last junior tournament, the annual Christmas tournament, went ahead under strict protocols.

The Milo Christmas Junior Tournament was well subscribed, with the Boys U16 single group attracting a J 32 draw and Boys U16 doubles group a 16.

Following are the winners and runners up in each age group of the Milo Christmas Junior Tournament 2020.

| | BOYS | | GIRLS | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SINGLES | Winner | Runner Up | Winner | Runner Up |
| U18 | Adam King | Alex Stewart | Hannah Chambers | Asha King |
| U16 | Adam King | Xavier Peter-Gooding | Hannah Chambers | Taisha Jones |
| U14 | Xzavier Hastick | Aidan Clarke | Naiyah Wurdeman | Kimaya Hamblin |
| U12 | Thomas O'Neill | Aidan Clarke | | |
| DOUBLES | | | | |
| U18 | Adam King Xavier Peter-Gooding | Curt Seifert Alex Stewart | | |
| U16 | Adam King Xavier Peter-Gooding | Justin Atkins Luke Ollivierre | Hannah Chambers Jolie Phillips | Taisha Jones Leah Ollivierre |
| U14 | Aidan Clarke Thomas O'Neill | Dimitri Kirton Ethan Warner | | |
| U12 | Aidan Clarke Thomas O'Neill | Dimitri Kirton Ethan Warner | | |

U18 Boys Finalists
Adam King and Alex Stewart



Junior Girls
Taisha Jones, Asha King, Hannah Chambers
and Leah Ollivierre



TOP 8 INVITATIONAL

The Top 8 invitational is the BTA's open tennis showpiece to end the year. Up to 8 of our top men and women compete in a round robin event, followed by a semi-final and final round. If necessary, a qualifying round is also held. The tournament also generated a great deal of interest for the males, resulting in a 32-player qualifying draw. The main draw was held between December 27 and 31, 2020.

In 2020 veteran Haydn Lewis defeated Kaipo Marshall 4-6,6-1,7-5 in a thrilling three set final which saw him save 2 match points. For the first time ever, the event included a qualifying draw which determined the last 2 spots in the Top 8 men's event. Adam King and Kyle Griffith qualified for the Top 8 and joined Haydn Lewis, Xavier Lawrence, Kaipo Marshall, Stephen Slocombe, Russell Moseley and Ryan Moseley in the two round robin groups of 4.



After the round robin stage, Kaipo and Haydn advanced from the knockout stage defeating Xavier Lawrence and Stephen Slocombe respectively, in the knock-out semi-finals.

In the women's' category, there were eight competitors, Hannah Chambers, Gabrielle Leslie, Serena Bryan, Asha King, Taisha Jones, Leah Ollivierre, Shonte Sargeant and Jolie Phillips. In the final Gabrielle Leslie defeated fellow Fed Cup squad member Hannah Chambers in a three-set thriller 4-6,6-4,6-1



Gabrielle Leslie



Leah Ollivierre



Taisha Jones



Asha King



Shonte Sargeant



Hannah Chambers



Jolie Phillips



Serena Bryan



Xavier Lawrence



Kyle Griffith



Russell Moseley



Stephen Slocombe



Adam King



Kaipo Marshall



Ryan Moseley



Haydn Lewis

NATIONAL RANKINGS

As a result of the pandemic, a simple amendment was made to the ranking rules (as at Aug 24th 2020). The junior's rankings include the last 2 Kristen tournaments (held in May and July 2019) that were not played this year - points are still the top 6 out of last 8 tournaments, but over the last 16 months instead of 12 months.

Junior Boys

As at December 31 2020

| | Under 12s | Under 14s | Under 16s | Under 18s |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Xzavier Hastick | Xzavier Hastick | Adam King | Adam King |
| 2 | Aidan Clarke | Aidan Clarke | Xavier Peter-Gooding | Jaden Chandler |
| 3 | Dimitri Kirton | Alex Stewart | Nathanael Gilkes | Stephen Slocombe |
| 4 | Ethan Warner | Thomas O'Neil | Christian Gill | Kaipo Marshall |
| 5 | Thomas O'Neil | Zach Anthony | Jaden Chandler | Xavier Peter-Gooding |

Junior Girls

As at December 31 2020

| | Under 12s | Under 14s | Under 16s | Under 18s |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Kimaya Hamblin | Shonte Sargeant | Hannah Chambers | Hannah Chambers |
| 2 | | Nadia DaCosta | Serena Bryan | Serena Bryan |
| 3 | | Naiyah Wurdeman | Taisha Jones | Taisha Jones |
| 4 | | Kai Millington | Shonte Sargeant | Asha King |
| 5 | | Jolie Phillips | Jolie Phillips | Gabrielle Leslie |

Juniors Boys

As at December 31 2019

| | Under 12s | Under 14s | Under 16s | Under 18s |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Xzavier Hastick | Xavier Peter-Gooding | Adam King | Adam King |
| 2 | Elliot Anthony | Nathanel Gilkes | Xavier Peter-Gooding | Alexander Small |
| 3 | Aidan Clarke | Justin Atkins | Alex Small | Stephen Slocombe |
| 4 | William Mackenzie | Kai Owen | Lance Castagne-Clermont | James MacKenzie |
| 5 | Noah Jordan | Adam King | Nile Morris | Kaipo Marshall |

As at December 31 2018

| | Under 12s | Under 14s | Under 16s | Under 18s |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Elliot Anthony | Adam King | James MacKenzie | James MacKenzie |
| 2 | Zach Anthony | Lance Castagne-Clermont | Lance Castagne-Clermont | Stephen Slocombe |
| 3 | William Mackenzie | Xavier Peter-Gooding | Kyle Griffith | Kyle Griffith |
| 4 | Neil King | Christian Gill | Stephen Slocombe | Kaipo Marshall |
| 5 | Xzavier Hastick | Nathanel Gilkes | Alex Small | Romani Mayers |

Juniors Girls

As at December 31 2019

| | Under 12s | Under 14s | Under 16s | Under 18s |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | | Serena Bryan | Asha King | Hannah Chambers |
| 2 | | Shonte Sargeant | Serena Bryan | Serena Bryan |
| 3 | | Shannon Vaughan | Shonte Sargeant | Chloe Weekes |
| 4 | | Leah Ollivierre | Taisha Jones | Asha King |
| 5 | | Jolie Phillips | Hannah Chambers | Tangia Codrington-Riley |

As at December 31 2018

| | Under 12s | Under 14s | Under 16s | Under 18s |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Nadia Dacosta | Hannah Chambers | Hannah Chambers | Hannah Chambers |
| 2 | Zahria Trotman | Serena Bryan | Chloe Weekes | Gabrielle Leslie |
| 3 | Shonte Sargeant | Dana Bryan | Gabrielle Leslie | Tangia Codrington-Riley |
| 4 | Faith Moore | Kaylee Kivong | Dana Bryan | Chloe Weekes |
| 5 | Jolie Phillips | Taisha Jones | Serena Bryan | Serena Bryan |

DAVIS CUP GROUP 1

NORWAY 6 – 7 MARCH, 2020

Following their loss to Brazil in the 2019 World Group knock out tie in September 2019, Barbados was drawn to play Norway in the 2020 World Group 1 Play-offs.

The team of Darian King, Haydn Lewis, Kaipo Marshall and Stephen Slocombe with non-playing captain Damien Applewhaite travelled to chilly Oslo in March 2020. Against the strong Norwegian team featuring current world no 9 – Casper Ruud, Barbados lost 0-4 resulting in their relegation to World Group 2.

However, the next tie against Indonesia scheduled to be played in Barbados in September 2020 was subsequently postponed due to the pandemic and rescheduled for September 2021.

The involvement of new Davis Cup sponsors Ratuken who replaced BNP Paribas in 2019, has seen an increase in participation funds for competing in the competition. As recommended by the ITF, the Association has therefore been able to set aside funds for special development projects including squad training, player development initiatives, administration and facilities improvement, plus funding for future home Davis Cup ties, and officiating courses.

DAVIS CUP TEAM 2020
Kaipo Marshall, Haydn Lewis, Darian King, Stephen Slocombe
Damien Applewhaite (Captain)

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**Davis Cup
Barbados vs Norway
March 6 & 7, 2020**

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OVERSEAS JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS/EVENTS

1. World Junior U14 Team Event (Boys) – Dominican Republic 12 – 18 January, 2020
2. World Junior U14 Team Event (Girls) – Dominican Republic 19 – 25 January, 2020
3. Junior Davis Cup Event – El Salvador 2 – 7 February, 2020
4. Junior Fed Cup Event – El Salvador 8 – 13 February, 2020
5. Junior Achievements

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 (U14)

A Boys' team comprising Kai Owen, Neil King and Zach Anthony accompanied by Coach Christopher King (Captain) was sent to compete in the World Junior Tennis Championships team event held in the Dominican Republic (DR), January 12 – 18, 2020. The team defeated Curaca and placed 12th out of 14, defeating.



A week later a Girls' team comprising Shonte Sargeant, Jolie Phillips and Nadia DaCosta accompanied by Julian Baird (Captain) gained invaluable experience but unfortunately placed 14th out of 14 teams.



JUNIOR DAVIS CUP & JUNIOR FED CUP 2020

A Boys and a Girls team were sent to compete in the Junior Davis Cup/Junior Fed Cup held in El Salvador, February 2 – 7 2020, followed by the girls February 8 - 13, 2020. The boys' team accompanied by coach Damien Applewhaite (Captain) and comprising Adam King, Xavier Peter-Gooding and Alexander Small placed 10th out of 16 teams. The girls team comprising Hannah Chambers, Serena Bryan and Dana Bryan and accompanied by coach Andrew Thornton (Captain), placed 6th out of 14 teams.



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

At the end of 2020, our top ranked juniors on the ITF Junior circuit were Hannah Chambers, Kaipo Marshall, Gabrielle Leslie, Stephen Slocombe and Kyle Griffith.

Early in 2020, Hannah Chambers was selected to participate in the Regional 17 & Under ITF/COTECC Team to J2 and J3 tournaments in COTECC. This project was financed by the GSDF and administered by COTECC. She was afforded this opportunity because she was the highest ranked 16 year old ITF U18 player from the COTECC region. Hannah ended 2020 ranked #486 in ITF U18s. She has also received COTECC assistance based on her past U14 and current U18 rankings.

This is an excellent example of opportunities available to our junior players who play and excel in their age groups. We therefore encourage juniors to play in their age groups locally, regionally and internationally. By doing so those who shine will get many opportunities such as these noted above, to advance their game with assistance from the BTA, COTECC and the ITF.



ATP PROFESSIONAL

DARIAN KING

Darian started 2020 with a trip to Australia where he played in one warm up tournament prior to the Australian Open Qualifying event.

At the Canberra Challenger relocated to nearby Bendigo due to the forest fires, Darian had a good win over Jason Jung of Chinese Taipei (#125 ATP) but then lost to #89 Jaume Munar of Spain in three sets in the second round.

Unfortunately the first week of the 2020 Australian Open was also marred by bad conditions and play and practice was seriously hampered due to the high level of smoke which created serious breathing problems for many players.

Darian played against the #13 seed Steven Diez (ATP#116) of Canada in the first round of qualifying but despite fighting in the tough conditions lost the match in two close sets.

Darian was also having some difficulty with a reoccurring left wrist injury and returned to California where he consulted with medical experts who advised taking time off the court to assess the problem. However, in early March, Darian did travel with the Barbados Davis Cup team to Oslo for the World Group I tie against Norway, but unfortunately was not able to play more than one match due to his injury.

All Pro-Circuit competition was then suspended indefinitely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, so Darian returned to Barbados where he had surgery on his wrist in June. The surgery was successful and he was given permission by his surgeon and physio to start moderate intensity training sessions from mid-July.

The Pro-Circuit resumed in August with a few tournaments in North America and Europe, but these attracted high ranked players looking for match play so it was very difficult to gain acceptance. Darian therefore chose to finish his season and stay in Barbados where he continued to work on his fitness.

In November he did spend several weeks in California, where he trained with other professionals preparing for the 2021 season.

Darian ended the year with an ATP ranking of #257.



EDUCATION

During 2020 at least 8 educational seminars and webinars were offered, many of which were delivered virtually as a result of the physical distancing requirements and other COVID protocols.

FACE TO FACE

- February 24, 2020 - Dr Adrian Lorde, Director of the Barbados Olympic Association and President of the Barbados Sports Medicine Association, delivered an interactive lecture/discussion on anti-doping on at the Barbados Olympic Association's conference room.
- March 13, 2020 - The BTA hosted a seminar entitled "Transforming High Performance athlete training into Success in Life" at the Barbados Olympic Association. This seminar featured JC Colvin, a High Performance Coach from Canada and aimed to assist players with the relationship between and transition from High Performance Training to life.
- September 5 - 8, 2020 - The BTA hosted a Play Tennis Course, facilitated by Coach Damien Applewhaite, for prospective coaches.

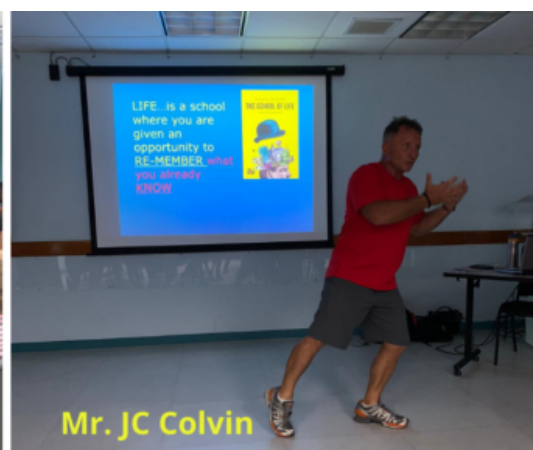
Educational seminars are one of the many ways that the Barbados Tennis Association (BTA) promotes the positive growth and development of tennis in Barbados, at all levels.

During the first quarter of 2020 the BTA hosted two seminars:

(1) **Mr. JC Colvin** presented *"The Missing Link between sports and life success"*

&

(2) **Dr. Adrian Lorde** presented *"Anti Doping - What Every Tennis Player Should Know"*

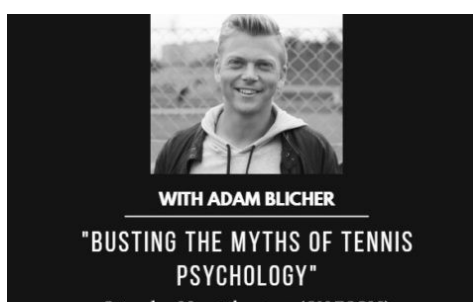
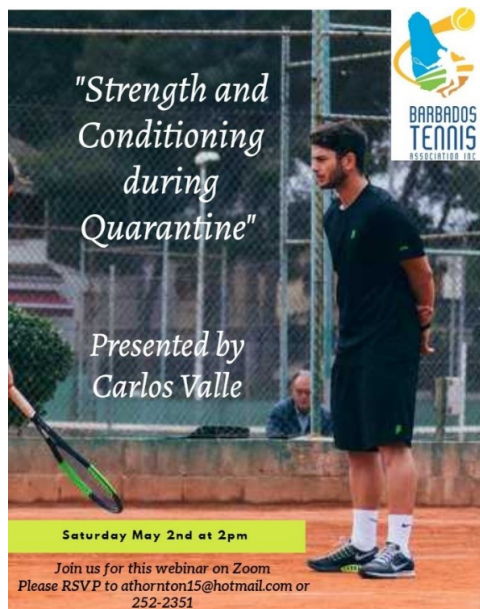


EDUCATION

VIRTUAL WEBINARS and COURSES

- ITF Academy – “To assist the 164,000 tennis coaches globally during this time of uncertainty, the ITF is making more resources on its ITF Academy platform available for free for the duration of this period of imposed shutdown...”
 - April 2020 - **"Parents of Beginner Players – Introduction to Tennis"** was a new course recently released on the ITF Academy.
- April 17, 2020 – **"My Tennis Community"** A Zoom meeting was hosted by Mrs. Grace Chambers to discuss tennis in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic
- April 24, 2020 – **"Activate Your High-Performance Mindset"** was facilitated by Dr. Vernice Richards
- May 2, 2020 - **"Strength And Conditioning During Quarantine"** was conducted by Mr. Carlos Valle, a Strength and Conditioning Specialist from Valencia, Spain. He also had experience as a Tennis Coach and currently works at the Pancho Alvarino Academy where he trained WTA, ATP and ITF players in addition to collaborating with the ITF on various projects.
- May 9, 2020 – **"Busting The Myths of Tennis Psychology"** –featured Adam Blicher, a Sports Psychology Consultant who was part of the External Team of Sport Psychology Consultants at Team Denmark. He worked with everyone from the local club hero to athletes competing at European/World Championships and the Olympics. He hosted a Tennis Coaching Podcast called “Dissecting High Performance in Tennis” where 70+ Tennis Experts have shared their experience and knowledge. It was the highest rated Tennis Coaching Podcast on iTunes

The Barbados Olympic Association also hosted a number of webinars which were accessible to members.



AFFILIATIONS

National Sports Council (NSC)

The Association received a subvention for the period 2019/2021 plus elite athlete Darian King also received funding from the NSC during 2020.

Barbados Olympic Association (BOA)

The BOA supported the Association with grants towards administration, ITF membership fees and representation at international and regional Annual General Meetings. In addition funding was provided towards local and overseas competitions and the Tokyo Olympic scholarship for Darian King continued during the year.

International Tennis Federation (ITF)

Grants were received from the ITF in respect of Davis Cup and JTI Development, and towards travel expenses for junior teams.

Arts and Sports Promotion Fund (ASPF)

No applications were made to the ASPF during 2020.

Sponsors

Council again wishes to thank our corporate sponsors who continued to support both junior and senior tournaments throughout the year. Our tournament sponsors in 2020 were C.O. Williams Group of Companies, ICBL Ltd, Fortress Fund Managers Limited, Nassco Limited, Windward Agencies and MILO.

FUNDRAISERS/ SPONSORSHIPS

Despite all efforts to BTA's Fundraising Dinner & Auction initially scheduled for December 12, 2020 had to be postponed.



There is significant work to be done and the BTA needs your support. All those interested in assisting the Association with fundraising or other activities are encouraged to email us at tennisbarbados@caribsurf.com. Please refer to the section on The Committees of Council for details on the existing committees.

NEW INITIATIVES STARTED

The BTA launched its Online Court Booking System on February 17, 2020 which facilitated the booking of any of the existing four (4) courts at the National Tennis Centre via the BTA's official website. This online system allowed members and non-members alike to pre-book courts through the website at least 24 hours in advance. The new website was completed thanks to Mr. Erskine Hinds.



The knowledge of and exposure to tennis in Barbados continued to increase thanks to the services of MarNiko Media and the many players, coaches and supporters who shared their voices, the BTA also released eight (8) new issues its BTA Serve's Up series during April and June, all available on its dedicate YouTube Channel



BTA Serve's Up - Richard Henry!

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BTA Serve's Up - Brian Peter!

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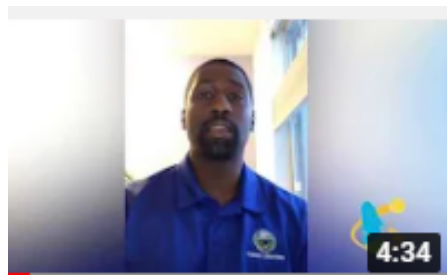


BTA Serve's Up - Duane Williams!

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NEW INITIATIVES STARTED

Additionally, in an effort to improve the efficiency of tournament administration, the BTA started its new online entry/registration form in August 2020.



BTA Serve's Up - Steven Browne!

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BTA Serve's Up - Michael Date!

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BTA Serve's Up - Ancia Ifill!

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REMEMBRANCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Barbados Tennis Association was held on October 25, 2020 at the Marriot. Thirty-two (32) persons were present and a moment of silence was held for passing of members



Owen Williams



David Gittens



Edward Walcott
(Honorary VP)



George Grant



Anthony "Bugs" Skinner

(at 18 years old on the 1964
Barbados Team)



Colleen DeGannes

(a friend of tennis from the Tennis
Association of Trinidad and Tobago)

FINANCIAL TRENDS

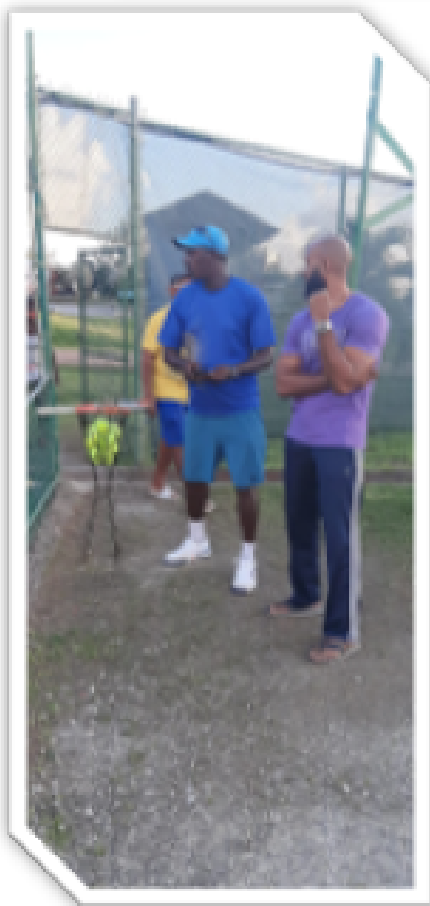
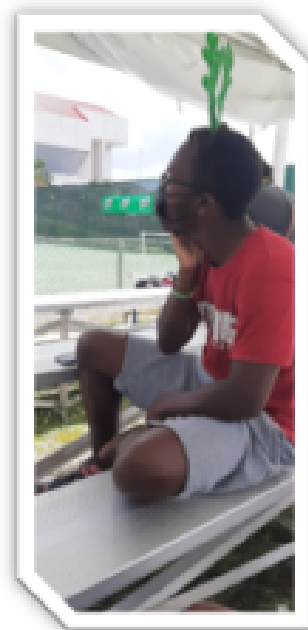
Audited financial statements as at December 31, 2020 will be presented at the AGM 2021 and following is a summary of the balance sheet and income statements presented over the prior 7 years to facilitate a review of financial trends over the period 2014 – 2020.

| BALANCE SHEET | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ASSETS | 291,506 | 303,274 | 328,380 | 336,547 | 246,129 | 281,097 | 352,266 |
| Cash at bank | 57,490 | 75,499 | 92,010 | 82,462 | 32,927 | 58,746 | 107,494 |
| Term deposit | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Trade receivables | 7,736 | 4,499 | 1,885 | 17,558 | 6,263 | 5,405 | 46,564 |
| Prepayments | 12,156 | 14,654 | 30,551 | 37,813 | 13,321 | 28,487 | 14,904 |
| Accrued interest on term deposits | 628 | 222 | 630 | 504 | 504 | 441 | 383 |
| Fixed Assets | 173,496 | 168,400 | 163,304 | 158,210 | 153,114 | 148,018 | 142,921 |
| Building (net of depreciation) | 173,496 | 168,400 | 163,304 | 158,210 | 153,114 | 148,018 | 142,921 |
| LIABILITIES | 18,026 | 35,579 | 58,343 | 49,948 | 12,096 | 22,605 | 61,641 |
| Current liabilities | 18,026 | 35,579 | 58,343 | 49,948 | 12,096 | 22,605 | 61,641 |
| Trade payables and accrued liabilities | 8,078 | 25,579 | 19,143 | 39,948 | 2,096 | 12,605 | 34,049 |
| Deferred income | 9,948 | 10,000 | 39,200 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 27,592 |
| NET ASSETS | 273,480 | 267,695 | 270,037 | 286,599 | 234,033 | 258,492 | 290,625 |
| <i>General fund</i> | <i>168,990</i> | <i>167,743</i> | <i>170,138</i> | <i>172,272</i> | <i>192,535</i> | <i>160,931</i> | <i>161,745</i> |
| <i>Junior Development Fund</i> | <i>8,828</i> | | | | | <i>57,584</i> | <i>56,784</i> |
| <i>Elite & Emerging Athletes fund</i> | <i>21,178</i> | <i>17,558</i> | <i>11,408</i> | <i>18,434</i> | <i>1,498</i> | <i>(760)</i> | <i>30,711</i> |
| <i>Court Repair fund</i> | <i>74,484</i> | <i>82,394</i> | <i>88,491</i> | <i>95,893</i> | <i>40,000</i> | <i>40,737</i> | <i>41,385</i> |

| INCOME STATEMENT | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| INCOME | 511,341 | 626,549 | 385,871 | 686,089 | 532,356 | 383,806 | 246,982 |
| Tournaments | 369,000 | 464,772 | 232,546 | 427,951 | 360,808 | 242,362 | 111,828 |
| Grants | 67,489 | 72,470 | 72,922 | 159,055 | 107,491 | 50,553 | 76,858 |
| <i>National Sports Council</i> | 9,000 | 9,000 | | 43,750 | | | 12,500 |
| <i>Barbados Olympic Association</i> | 51,132 | 45,925 | 62,375 | 44,500 | 98,301 | 42,662 | 57,400 |
| <i>Arts & Sports Promotion Fund</i> | | | | 50,000 | | | |
| <i>International Tennis Federation</i> | 7,357 | 17,545 | 10,547 | 20,805 | 9,190 | 7,891 | 6,958 |
| Profit from Fund Raising Activities & Donations | 51,341 | 62,597 | 46,214 | 69,121 | 25,180 | 47,906 | 22,287 |
| <i>Donations and other income</i> | 6,000 | 20,500 | 555 | 41,936 | 10,620 | 19,985 | 22,287 |
| <i>Caribbean Night</i> | 31,311 | | | | | | |
| <i>Annual Fundraising dinner</i> | | 33,387 | 19,787 | | | 15,081 | |
| <i>Apes Hill fundraiser</i> | | | 25,039 | 16,530 | 14,560 | 6,965 | |
| <i>Online Auction</i> | | | | 10,655 | | | |
| <i>Other Fundraiser</i> | 11,697 | 6,710 | | | | 5,875 | |
| <i>Advertising banners</i> | 2,333 | 2,000 | 833 | | | | |
| Tennis Centre Court Rentals | 5,909 | 10,473 | 18,324 | 17,509 | 21,194 | 24,943 | 24,779 |
| Membership subscriptions | 10,065 | 10,195 | 13,160 | 11,730 | 13,220 | 12,750 | 11,635 |
| Summer Camps (net) | 6,326 | 4,565 | 2,645 | 660 | 4,397 | 5,224 | (475) |
| Coaching Course | 398 | | | | | | |
| JTI/STI/High Performance Programmes (net) | 713 | 1,355 | | | | | |
| Interest on security deposit | 100 | 122 | 60 | 63 | 66 | 68 | 70 |

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|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| EXPENDITURE | 514,473 | 621,086 | 378,437 | 677,425 | 568,786 | 345,410 | 246,168 |
| Tournaments | 364,980 | 473,831 | 225,518 | 429,073 | 385,242 | 177,888 | 105,704 |
| Tennis Centre | 104,719 | 104,194 | 107,741 | 192,453 | 113,618 | 98,360 | 100,933 |
| <i>Wages and NIS</i> | 42,220 | 35,133 | 36,405 | 34,742 | 33,066 | 35,179 | 32,630 |
| <i>Repairs and Maintenance</i> | 31,062 | 45,316 | 32,595 | 50,426 | 15,653 | 35,019 | 22,076 |
| <i>Court painting</i> | | | | 37,541 | 31,309 | | |
| <i>Court lighting</i> | | | | 28,233 | 8,627 | 4,252 | 25,000 |
| <i>Other court repairs</i> | | | 14,810 | 19,589 | 2,649 | 1,149 | |
| <i>Utilities</i> | 31,437 | 23,745 | 23,931 | 21,922 | 22,314 | 22,761 | 21,227 |
| Administrative | 21,441 | 21,336 | 19,536 | 31,493 | 35,159 | 37,741 | 16,955 |
| Membership dues | 10,423 | 10,601 | 10,566 | 10,531 | 10,648 | 10,879 | 11,167 |
| Coaching Course | | | | | 9,974 | | |
| JTI/STI/High Performance Programmes (net) | | | 4,390 | 2,445 | 2,363 | 8,730 | 621 |
| Insurance | 6,028 | 6,028 | 5,590 | 6,336 | 6,686 | 6,716 | 5,691 |
| Depreciation | 6,882 | 5,096 | 5,096 | 5,094 | 5,096 | 5,096 | 5,097 |
| | | | | | | | |
| (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | (3,132) | 5,463 | 7,434 | 8,664 | (36,430) | 38,396 | 814 |









CONCLUSION

As a non-profit organization, the costs of tournaments and other events are covered in large part by the fundraisers, donors and sponsors. Additionally, active participation by the BTA membership, as well as the ongoing support of family and friends of tennis continues to be essential. The Council therefore thanks all sponsors, donors, tennis coaches and participants of the BTA's events, who continued to support both junior and senior tournaments throughout the year.

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