

2008 Schools' Table Tennis Championships

DATE OF COMPETITION: February 14th, 15th, and 18th

VENUE: St. Gerald's Hall

TIME: 2pm – 6pm

Preparation and Training

Leading up to the table tennis championships a training plan was put in place in collaboration with the Dominica Table Tennis Association (DTTA). District officers were asked to identify schools that would be participating in the tournament. Subsequently a training plan and schedule was organized in order that the coach, Mr. Abraham Brown could visit those schools to implement the program. Each school was visited only once as only two weeks were allotted for the program due to some difficulties between the Dominica Olympic Committee (DOC) and the DTTA.

Participating Schools

Below is a list of schools that were engaged in the training program conducted by Mr. Brown.

Primary Schools

1. Morne Prosper Primary
2. Vielle Case Primary
3. Penville Primary School
4. Wills Strathmore Stevens
5. St. Joseph Jr.
6. Boetica Primary School
7. Jones Beaupierre Primary
8. Paix Bouche Primary School

Secondary Schools

1. St. Martin Secondary School (SMSS)
2. North East Comprehensive School (NECS)
3. Pierre Charles Secondary School (PCSS)
4. Isaiah Thomas Secondary School (ITSS)
5. Portsmouth Secondary School (PSS)

From the above list only the following took part in the Championships:

Primary Schools

1. Morne Prosper Primary
2. Vielle Case Primary
3. Wills Strathmore Stevens
4. Boetica Primary School

Secondary Schools

1. NECS
2. PSS
3. SMA
4. PCSS
5. DSC

Format of Championships

As usual the championship was run in two general categories; Team events and Open Singles events. These were further sub-divided as follows:

Primary Schools

➤ TEAM EVENTS

- Boys
- Girls
- Boys Open Singles
- Girls Open Singles

Secondary Schools

➤ TEAM EVENTS

- U-14 Boys
- U-14 Girls
- U-16 Boys
- U-16 Girls
- U-20 Boys
- U-20 Girls

➤ Boys Open Singles

➤ Girls Open Singles

The notable difference in this year's format is the primary schools competed among themselves with no age categories while the Dominica State College (DSC) and the other secondary schools competed among themselves.

In response to recommendations and criticisms from previous championships this year's open singles followed a different format. Participants in the various categories were seeded and placed in groups systematically. In the respective groups participants were allowed to play a round robin. Subsequently the top players (usually the top two) in each group were then placed in the Knock out draws from which the overall singles champion in each category was finally determined.

RESULTS

TEAM EVENTS BOYS

- **U-14**
 1. PSS
 2. NECS
- **U-16**
 1. PSS
 2. NECS
- **U-20**
 1. PSS
 2. NECS

- **Primary School Boys**
 1. Will Strathmore Stevens
 2. Morne Prosper Primary

TEAM EVENTS GIRLS

- **U-14**
 1. NECS
 2. PSS
- **U-16**
 1. NECS
 2. PSS
- **U-20**
 1. PSS
 2. PCSS

- **Primary School Girls**
 1. Will Strathmore Stevens
 2. Vielle Case Primary

OPEN SINGLES

- **Secondary Schools' Boys**
 1. Jean Louis Sango (PSS)
 2. Dane Taylor (PSS)
- **Secondary Schools' Girls**
 1. Abina James (NECS)
 2. Sherian Joseph (PSS)
- **Primary Schools' Boys**
 1. Kendel Sylvester (WSS)
 2. Garvin Gordon (WSS)
- **Primary Schools' Girls**
 1. Larrysa Samuel (WSS)
 2. Danella Georges (WSS)

OFFICIALS

Six tables were provided by the DTTA. The availability of these tables facilitated an expedient execution of the competition.

Officials were assigned at each table in pairs; Scorer and referee. These officials were provided by the Sports Division and the DTTA. They Include:

FROM SPORTS DIVISION:

Jennifer Shillingford, Jennifer Nantan, Godwin Dorsette, Edmond Audain, Tomas Kentish, Tessa Darroux, Yehudi John, Mr. Oswald Savarin, Rhonna Daniel, Isaac Andre

FROM DTTA:

Mr. Abraham Brown, Brian Mathew, Ms. Joan, Dario Frank, Mr. Joseph

LIMITATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Measures should be taken to deal with the late registration of schools. This may include a total non inclusion of the team and individuals in the championship.
2. Teams and officials arrive late on most days. The number of schools registered to participate was small yet the entire three days were used to complete the championships. In future I suggest that the three days should be used but instead commence the competition from morning. This will be of even greater need as we anticipate increased participation of schools.
3. To increase the participation a proper training plan should be designed to be implemented over the course of the school year leading up to the date of the competition.
4. It has been noticed that there is a serious lack of interest by the officers of the sports division. This maybe as a result of seemingly incompetence in the sport or as a result of a lack of commitment to our jobs.

I therefore suggest that we undertake a training session to help develop the officers in areas of coaching and officiating.

NB. A verbal unofficial request has been made to Mr. Brian Mathew to help facilitate such training and he has consented.

5. With an anticipated significant increase in the participation of schools and the demand for time to execute the championships. I am suggesting that reservations be made to have district competitions from which a national competition can be short listed, if needs be.

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