

Report on Commencement of NBD Primary Schools Football Championship 2010

In its thrust to foster the development of football in the Primary Schools the Sports Division runs an annual Primary Schools Football Championship, which was very successful in the last six years. What had started in 2003 as a one day Festival (8 schools) has grown to a Championship lasting 4 days with 36 schools participating in 2009.

This year, a record number of forty five (45) Primary Schools have registered to participate in the Primary Schools Football Championship organized by the Sports Division. Approximately four hundred and fifty (450) U-13 boys will be in action during the month of February culminating to a grand final at the Windsor Park Stadium early March.



The increase in participation clearly shows the positive impact of the better structured Physical Education and Sports programs in the Primary Schools. The fact that more equipment has been distributed adds to this encouraging result. But the increasing numbers of participating schools make the program more expensive as it calls for additional game days, more transportation costs, more officials and more specific equipment.

The Sports Division was therefore seeking part or full sponsorship for its Primary Schools Football Championship 2010 and we are happy to announce that our sponsorship request of over EC \$ 11,000 has been approved by the National Bank of Dominica.

Official Opening

The official Opening took place at the Benjamin's Park on Thursday, 4th February at 10:30 am.

Ms. Fiona Vidal, District Sports Officer of the North, welcomed the invited Guests and the participating Schools. The ten School Teams were then addressed by the representative of the Portsmouth Town



Council, Mr. Lawrence, the NBD representative, Ms. Scotland and the Sports Coordinator, Mr. Shillingford.

Ms. Scotland then handed over the NBD sponsorship check to the Sports Coordinator and the 2010 tournament was officially opened.

The first phase of the tournament is played as a round robin in eight (8) Zones of the different districts all over the Island. The first three (3) placed teams in each Zone will qualify for the second round, which will include twenty four teams and will be played at four (4) different venues. Eight teams will then qualify to play the quarters, semis and the Final at the Windsor Park Stadium in Roseau on the 10th March.

Results of the North and North Eastern Zones, who played their first round in Portsmouth after the Opening, are as follows:



ZONE North		Points
1	St. John's	12
2	Savanne Paille	7
3	RDPS	4
4	Bense	3
5	Paix Bouche	1



ZONE North East		Points
1	Calibishie	10 (24)
2	Woodford Hill	10 (12)
3	Vielle Case	6
4	Penville	3
5	Thibaud/Dos D'Ane	0



On Friday, 5th February the North West Zone completed their qualifying Round in Dublanc and the outcome was as follows:

ZONE North West		Points
1	Warner	12
2	St. Joseph Jr.	9
3	Salisbury	4 (-6)
4	Dublanc	4 (-7)
5	Colihaut/Coulibistrie	0

The NBD Primary Schools Championship 2010 has kicked off very successfully, whereby so far 9 teams from 3 Zones have qualified to the next Round (in bold).

We are very grateful for the generous assistance by the NBD and are looking forward to a fruitful a long relationship in the development of Sports in Schools.

The games will resume in the other five District Zones after Carnival as follows:

Day	Date	District	Venue
Thursday	18th February	W	Lindo Park
Friday	19th February	W	Lindo Park
Monday	22nd February	SE	La Plaine
Tuesday	23rd February	C	Lindo Park
Wednesday	24th February	S	Grand Bay
Thursday	25th February	E & S	Castle Bruce & Grand Bay
Friday	26th February	E	Castle Bruce
Friday	5th March	Round 2	P'mouth, Dublanc, Castle Bruce & Lindo Park
Wednesday	10th March	Finals	Windsor Park Stadium