



Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation

NEWSLETTER

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Above and inset photo: Jediah Cumbermack

Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association Highlights

Through funding provided from the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme, promising motorcycle rider Jediah Cumbermack was chosen as the first to participate in the 2B MotorSports initiative, that enabled him to broaden

his horizons at training camps in North Carolina and West Virginia last month. 2B MotorSports was formulated to bridge the gap between racing in Bermuda and transitioning young riders into the more Elite 300SSP Race Series in the US. Jediah

has ambitions to race professionally in the future and being exposed to bigger bikes and tracks has put him a step closer to realizing his ambition.



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Bermuda Volleyball Association Highlights



Action from Bermuda Volleyball Association season opener.

As summer has sadly come to a close, we have officially made the switch from Horseshoe Bay Beach to the indoor court. Indoor training for U12, U13, U14, U16 and U18 boys and girls, as well as Men's and Women's national teams, began in late October following the government's approval of Return to Play guidelines.

November 1st also marked the start of the BVA Indoor Winter League for the 2021/22 season. Registered teams of six (plus subs) hit the courts during the first week of November and will play every week until the end of the month when we break for Christmas. The league is open to all members of the public, with Women's League on Monday nights, Men's League on Tuesday nights and Coed (mixed) League on Wednesday nights.

To keep up with changing times, all players are required to show a valid SafeKey to enter the gym on each league night, take an antigen test provided by the BVA every two weeks and have a current membership with a signed COVID waiver. While spectators are not allowed at this time, we are hopeful the rules will change soon and we can welcome parents, friends and other members of the public to stop by and watch!

Bermuda Triathlon Association Highlights

Through funding provided via the National Junior Athlete Sponsorship Programme, 14 junior triathletes took part in a 5 day camp with a guest coach from England, Jack Maitland. A highly respected coach, Maitland was a major instigator and long-term head coach of the Leeds Triathlon Centre, which played an instrumental role in the successes of British elite triathletes Alistair and Jonny Brownlee, Vicky Holland and Non Stanford. This camp is intended to be a long-term investment in youth triathlon development as the BTA look to keep junior athletes improving yearly whilst developing their ability to compete and represent Bermuda.

The weather was not very cooperative as camp started and ended with rain, but we were able to get a couple days of sunshine in the middle. Each day consisted of various activities which included reviewing old skills and learning new ones while the day always ended with a yoga session led by Jack's partner, Kirsten Steffensen. Throughout the week, the athletes showed enthusiasm and the willingness to learn, whether it was a cycle skills session on the go kart track, or a team relay run around the track in torrential rain. They were ready for whatever was thrown at them and it was a beneficial week for all involved.



Camp included various activities including swimming and yoga.





Sebastian Kempe in action at Youth Europeans.



Nicole Stovell in action.

Bermuda Sailing Association Highlights

Competitive international sailing has eased back into a semblance of normality over the summer with racing coming back online in much of Europe and the Americas. After a year of almost no competitive racing Bermuda sailors had a tough battle getting back into it. There were, however, some excellent results for Bermuda sailors in key events.

ILCA 6 & 7 (Laser) North Americans, San Francisco

Bermuda was represented by three sailors:

Nicole Stovell in the ILCA 6 (*in her first big international event in this class*) finished 33rd of 75, 10th female, 3rd Under 17 – this was a mixed fleet male and female.

Campbell Patton and **Benn Smith** sailing in the Laser full rig finished 9th and 12th, respectively, in challenging San Francisco Bay conditions.



Benn Smith

ILCA 6 Youth World Championships, Lake Garda Italy

Sebastian Kempe capped off a series strong UK and European events with 3rd (of 264) place at the ILCA 6 Youth Worlds, 2nd in the Under 17 standings. A brilliant result in an extremely competitive fleet.

Upcoming Events:

Adriana Penruddocke and **Benn Smith** will represent Bermuda in the inaugural Jr. Pan American games in Colombia Dec 2-4th in the single-handed female and male events. A great opportunity for both to shine in a key event and steppingstone to Paris 2024.



Adriana Penruddocke

Sebastian Kempe and **Nicole Stovell** are participating in the World Sailing Youth World Championships in Mussanah, Oman in mid-December in their respective single handed events.

2022 will be an important year for all these athletes qualifying Bermuda and themselves for a packed 2023 year of competition in advance of Paris 2024.

There were other events and sailors but we congratulate these highlight performances and wish these and all our athletes good luck in their future events.

Please see our website: www.sailing.bm to follow their results and successes.

Bermuda Netball Association Highlights



Left to right: Kimale Evans – BNA President, Graham Joyce – Assistant Head, Upper School, Nick Tester – Head of Co-Curricular, Danielle Raynor – BNA Second Vice President

Netball Athlete Advancement and Scouting Opportunity

Rugby School located in the UK were on island participating in the Boarding Schools Fair November 22 & 23. During their visit Nick Tester (Head of Co-Curricular) and Graham Joyce Assistant Head, Upper School) expressed interest in interviewing with netballers aged 13-17 who may be interested in studying abroad. The BNA made provisions for netballers to show off their skills and be seen by the school officials. Additionally, individual meetings were set up for parents and players to learn more about the school and their offerings to our netball athletes.

Additional information on Rugby School

- They are affiliated with Wasp Super League Netball team in UK.
- They have a pathways to the Netball Super League (a paid professional netball league).
- Netball is played 2-5 times per week at the school

- They have a full complement of physio and strength conditioning staff
- They offer 26 different sports programs at the school
- Financial aid and scholarships are available to students who qualify

The visit by Rugby School is expected to be the beginning of a relationship with the BNA, as we aim to show our athletes and parents pathways that netball can take our athletes.

League Play

Our first league matches were played Saturday November 13th. The day was rain free and players finally were able to return to the courts. Matches are played Saturdays 12:00PM – 8:30pm.

The junior and senior leagues are comprised of seven (7) clubs/teams, some of which have multiple teams across several age groups.

Docksidiers Ladies

Lindo's Tigers

North Village Community Club



Phoenix Netball Club

Royal Bermuda Regiment

Southampton Rangers

Storm Sports

Netball fans can visit [@bdanetball](https://www.instagram.com/bdanetball) on Instagram to follow the teams and to keep updated on netball news.

Coach and Umpire Development

Americas Netball (formerly ANFA) currently has four (4) participants from Bermuda enrolled in their online Level 1 Coaching Course; and, Level C Award Umpire practical training is underway for six (6) umpires that passed the C award theory exam earlier this year.

Grassroots Development

A new online netball sport curriculum is being introduced to government and private primary schools this semester.

The curriculum includes 12 progressive lessons across four age groupings at the primary school age level. Schools will have access to all four (4) age groupings for lessons that align with the BNA player development guidelines.

Although school sports competition may be infrequent this school year the BNA want to make it easier for schools to teach netball fundamentals, which help develop key motor skills in children, and can be used across a variety of other sports and activities.

Bermuda Cricket Board Highlights

T20 Regional Qualifier — after two and a half months of vigorous training captained by Kamau Leverock, under Head Coach, Herbie Bascome, Assistant Coach Clay Smith, Analyst Lorenzo Tucker and consultant to the BCB, Gus Logie. Also, travelling with the squad was Manager, Russell Richardson and Marketing and Fund Development Manager, Rajan Simons.

Despite being delayed for three days in Miami, Florida due to airline cancellations the team was able to successfully train for two days in Fort Lauderdale and arrive in Antigua, entering the ICC tournament bubble on November 2 with matches commencing on November 8.

Final Results:

November 8 - USA 172 Bermuda 149/8

November 10 - Bermuda 239/9 Bahamas 99/8

November 11 - Canada 187/5 Bermuda 141/7 Bermuda 181/6 Panama 95/8

November 13 - Bermuda 89/3 Belize 85

November 14 - Bermuda 133/7 Argentina 130/5



National Cricket team

Although we didn't get the qualifying result we prepared for, the tour was successful. Both players and staff were able to return to Bermuda with multiple takeaways and are looking forward to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League in the upcoming months. The BCB would like to sincerely thank our tour sponsor CG Insurance once again for their support and purchase of our regional qualifier playing shirts. We are excited about the possibility of continuing our partnership in the future.



Bermuda Football Association Highlights

Stefan Maybury makes history

Bermuda referee Stefan Maybury has made history by becoming the first male to officiate at a Concacaf U20 Tournament.

Maybury made an appearance as he was one of the officials in the Concacaf U20 Championship match between Belize and St. Lucia on Sunday, November 7 2021.

Natasha Trott Officiates Concacaf U17

The Bermuda Football Association Referees Committee is pleased to announce that Natasha Trott was selected to officiate at the Concacaf Women's Under 17 qualifying tournament in IMG in Florida.

Ms. Trott made history by becoming the first Bermudian female match official to be selected to officiate in a Concacaf

tournament. She was also appointed to the recently concluded CFU Under 14 tournament in the Dominican Republic, where she officiated in the Tier 2 girls final.

BFA Referees Chairman Crenstant Williams said "We are extremely proud of her progress and hope that she will inspire more females to become match officials"



Stefan Maybury at the Concacaf U20 tournament

Bermuda Football Association Highlights cont'd

Men's U20 participate in the Concacaf U20 Championship Qualifiers

Bermuda Men's U20 travelled to Dominican Republic to partake in the Concacaf U20 Championship Qualifiers. The draw in September 2021 revealed that the Bermuda U20 Men were placed in Group C with, Puerto Rico, Barbados, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Following the conclusion of the Qualifiers, a total of 20 teams will participate at the Concacaf Men's U20 Championship during the summer of 2022. This will include the top four teams from the Qualifiers and the region's top 16 ranked teams (based on the Concacaf Men's U20 Rankings) who received a bye to the Championship.

The Men's U20 played their first match against Barbados, on Saturday November 6. 10-men Bermuda won with a goal in stoppage time to beat Barbados 3-2. Their second match against St. Vincent and the Grenadines was played on Monday, November 8. Bermuda U20 won that match 3-0 and it placed on top of their qualifying table. The third and final match was played on Wednesday, November 10 and was against Puerto Rico. Bermuda lost 6-0 putting them level on points with both Puerto Rico and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Bermuda placed 3rd in their group due to goal difference.



Natasha Trott officiating at the Concacaf U17 tournament.

Bermuda Equestrian Federation Highlights

Cody Rego secures a commendable 9th place in the prestigious ASPCA Maclay Finals

Less than a year ago Bermuda's Cody Rego embarked upon his dream to train and compete in the USA. Cody's horsemanship skills and strong work ethic were quickly recognized resulting in an invitation from well-known trainers *Missy Clark* and her husband *John Breenan* to join the acclaimed *North Run equestrian facility* as a working student. The opportunity to train and be a part of the North Run team is a dream come true for 16-year-old Cody.

In a relatively short time, Cody has already achieved top three finishes in the Platinum Performance USEF Show Jumping Talent Search 2 and the WHIS Jumper Phase, first place in a Dover Saddlery Hunt Seat Medal Class, and successfully qualified and competed in two of the most esteemed annual Equitation Championships, namely the Dover Saddlery Seat Medal Finals and ASPCA Maclay Finals. The ASPCA Maclay Championship is one of the most prestigious competitions for junior riders in the USA. Hundreds of juniors compete in numerous Regional competitions, with the sole goal of qualifying for the

ASPCA Maclay Finals. The annual ASPCA Maclay Finals is traditionally held during the National Horse Show at the Kentucky Horse Park and is the most competitive class in the show!

At this year's Finals (held on Sunday 7th November) Cody was one of 178 skilled riders to successfully qualify for the Finals—an outstanding accomplishment in and of itself! Riding the 7-year-old chestnut gelding, *Tanzanite De Semilly*, Cody skillfully rode and captured an extremely commendable 9th place finish. An outstanding achievement!



Cody Rego and Tanzanite De Semilly jumping in the Maclay Finals.

Bermuda Dressage Group Kicks off the Season with “Faux” Dressage show

With equestrian sport recently given the “go ahead” from the Bermuda Government to return to sport at the National Equestrian Federation, eager dressage enthusiasts were “chomping at the bite” to return to the show ring. Answering the call, the Bermuda Dressage Group was first off the mark to host a 2021/2022 “welcome back” event at the NEC on Saturday 6th November. Organized by Clare Turner, Secretary of the Bermuda Dressage Group, the innovative “Faux” Dressage competition invited participants to select a USDF test of their choice and to also select a “judge” of their choice – qualification was not a requisite! Indeed, even Mother Nature’s threat of rain did not deter the enthusiasm of the dressage riders who completed 37 dressage tests ranging in levels from Introductory A to Training Level 3! Claire said the goal of the event was to provide riders with a “stress free and relaxed environment” so as to reacquaint themselves with the NEC after a very lengthy absence due to the pandemic. The event was enjoyed by all riders and ran very smoothly with all requisite government Covid protocols being adhered to.



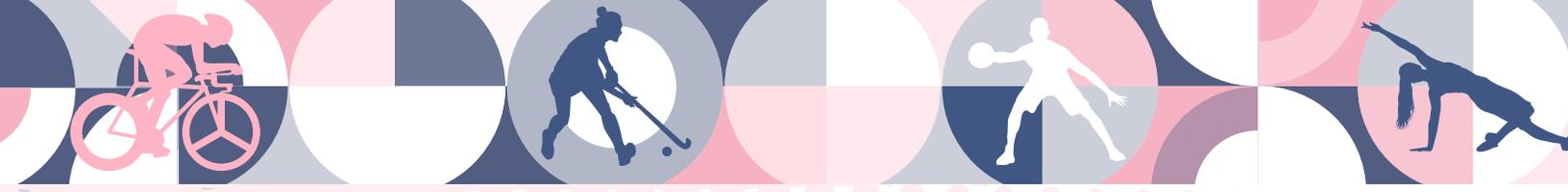
Grace Lightowler on Just Pete – Photo credit: Lucie Garipey photography



Cody Rego and Tanzanite De Semilly receiving their 9th place ribbon.



Cody Rego and Tanzanite De Semilly taking a victory lap.



ONES TO WATCH

This month's segment of 'Ones to Watch' will highlight the athletes that will be representing Bermuda and competing at the Junior Pan-Am Games in Cali, Columbia. The Junior Pan Am Games will take place from November 25 to December 5 and was established to provide a platform for developing athletes from across the region and as a build up to the 2023 Pan American Games as well as the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. The Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation wish you luck!

Benn Smith – Sailing

Benn Smith is poised to showcase his talents on the international stage at the upcoming inaugural Pan-Am Games. History...Smith qualified for the Games through competing at the Youth World Championships and then winning a three event qualification series against Campbell Patton (who qualified as well). Benn Smith will be competing in the Single-Handed Laser Class.



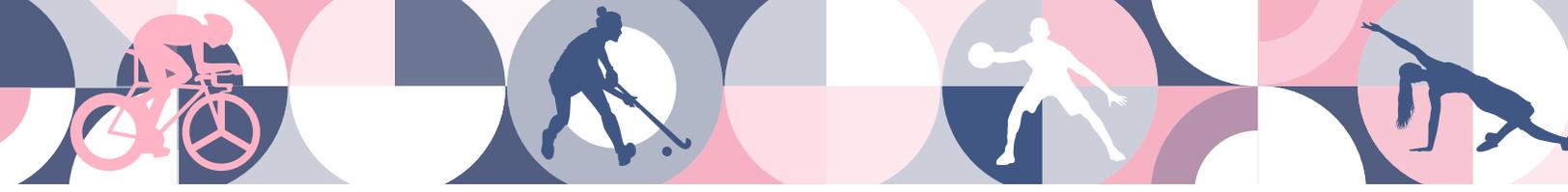
Conor White – Cycling

Conor White has had professional experience and exposure which has improved him as rider tremendously. A Gold medal in the time-trial at the Caribbean Cycling Championship has more than earned him his nickname of 'Conor the Cannon' on the local cycling scene. Conor's specialty is the time-trial, which is a very discipline format of cycling and he has demonstrated the discipline required to propel him to the top of the region.

Adriana Penruddocke – Sailing

Adriana Penruddocke has plenty of experience, having competed at the Youth World Sailing Championships in Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Youth Laser Radial World Championships in Kiel, Germany, and has competed in the Laser Radial for three years. She qualified for the Junior Pan-Am games through admiral performances at the aforementioned events. Adriana Penruddocke will be competing in the Single-Handed Laser Class.





Finn Mosely – Swimming

Finn Mosely has represented Bermuda at the Carifta Games 2017-19 and CCCAN 2017-19 where he picked up a silver medal in the mixed 4x50 freestyle relay. He intends to use the exposure he's gaining at Plymouth Leander swimming program to earn a scholarship into university in the US or UK to further his ambitions of representing Bermuda at the highest levels. Finn Mosely will be competing in the 100M Butterfly, 100M Freestyle and 50M Freestyle.

Jaydon Roberts – Archery

Jaydon Roberts has been harnessing his skills at the Southside facility consistently for years as he continues to impress locally and internationally. As one of the youngest members of the Bermuda contingent travelling to the Games, he has the experience behind that belies his tender age and is ready to represent Bermuda at the highest level.



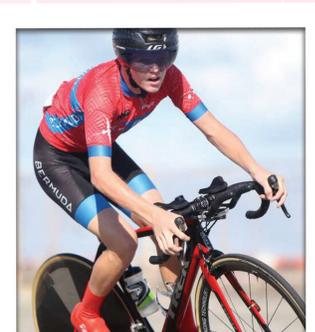
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Myeisha Sharrief – Swimming

Myeisha Sharrief is one for the future! As one of the youngest on the team, she has been working on her strength and consistency locally with the Harbour Swim Club whilst also gaining exposure at overseas events, which has prepared her for the upcoming Junior Pan-Am Games. Myeisha will be competing in the 100M Butterfly, 100M Backstroke and the 50M Freestyle.

Nicholas Narraway – Cycling

At 18 years old Nicholas Narraway's dedication throughout his junior development is starting to show the potential he has to achieve great things in the sport of cycling. A recent podium finish at the Caribbean Cycling Championships is evidence of his ability. Nicholas is part of a Bermudian cycling team that is currently dominating their region and punching above their weight. He will competing in the road race at the games.





Kaden Hopkins – Cycling

Kaden Hopkins is currently enjoying life as a professional cyclist on the European circuits, where he is adapting well to the rigorous demands. Kaden’s growth in his first season as a professional saw him earn an invite as a guest rider for the Dominican team Inteja in the grueling ten day 1,200 Kilometer Tour of Guadeloupe. Once again, he was impressive in helping his team to a fourth place overall finish and narrowly missed out on a stage win after leading a sole breakaway. Whilst at the Pan-Am Games, Kaden will be competing in the Time Trial and road race.

Robin Horsfield – Mountain Biking

For years, Robin Horsfield has displayed a love for mountain biking, and if you were up early enough, you’d have witnessed his dedication with his morning rides. Robin has superior technical skills on a mountain bike which saw him dominant the local MTB races and now applies his talents in Canada whilst attending university. He is working hard to reach his ambition of becoming a professional and racing in the UCI MTB series.



Nicholas Pilgrim – Triathlon

At 19 years of age, Nicholas Pilgrim has shown dedication and discipline by applying himself to the demands of becoming a top triathlete. He has competed and dominated all three disciplines (swimming, cycling, and running) on the local circuits during his junior development. Coming from a family of athletes, in addition to the buzz Bermuda has for the sport of triathlon, Nicholas will be one to watch as he looks to further cement Bermuda’s place in the sport.

Daniel Phillips – Tennis

Honing his skills and competing in Florida, Daniel Phillips is ready to face the challenges that await him in Columbia. Competing in the Junior Pan-Am Games is reward for the steady strides he has made developing his skills on the court and he is very much looking forward to representing Bermuda in by playing my favorite sport, tennis. Daniel Phillips will be competing in the Singles Tournament.



Photo credit: Island Stats



Sports has an amazing and unique way of making a positive impact in society and it's no different in Bermuda. The local sporting scene has adapted well to the complexities of hosting sporting events during these unprecedented times. In an effort to raise awareness of the many positive sporting lights permeating through our country, it is the perfect opportunity for Department of Youth, Sport & Recreation to partner with National Sports Governing Bodies to share exciting news and highlights within all sports in Bermuda monthly.



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