



Department of Sport and Recreation NEWSLETTER

THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ AUGUST 2024

Bermuda Rugby Football Union



U19 Rugby Team's Historic Achievement

The Bermuda U19 National Rugby Team, proudly sponsored by **Coralisle Group Ltd. (CG)**, made history by securing a **silver medal** at the **2024 Rugby Americas North (RAN) U19 Championships** in Querétaro, Mexico.

Despite a 27-14 loss to USA South in the final, the team's growth, skill, and determination were inspiring throughout the tournament. "We are incredibly proud of how the boys performed throughout the tournament," said Head Coach Chris

Naylor. "Their dedication, hard work, and team spirit have been evident in every game. They have shown that they belong at the top table of Caribbean rugby for the Under-19s, and to see them finish second is a fantastic achievement."

This historic run would not have been

possible without the incredible support from sponsors like CG Coralisle. Their commitment to the team has been unwavering, providing the resources and encouragement needed to help these young athletes excel on and off the field.

“CG Coralisle’s support has been invaluable to the success of our squad,” said BRFU President Gemma Godfrey. “Their backing has allowed us to compete at this level and showcase what Bermuda Rugby is all about. We are deeply grateful for their continued dedication to our athletes and the sport.”

Squad List

1. Daniel Kunst
2. Dylan Sangster
3. Dante Noel-Simmons
4. Ollie MacLoughlin
5. Samir Tavares Place
6. Nathan Wilson
7. Malachi Paynter
8. Finn Watson
9. Brandon Sangster
10. Kwame Naylor
11. Matthew Groves
12. Tom MacLoughlin
13. Aiden Kendall
14. Nyindae Smith
15. Sam Jenkins
16. Wysdem Symonds
17. Cameron Morris
18. Luke Summers
19. Osiris Buffonge
20. Yann Pugi

Key players: **Kwame Naylor** (Flyhalf) and **Matthew Groves**

Head Coach: **Chris Naylor**, Assistant Coach: **Anthony Cupidore**.

Coach Naylor said, "The team has shown remarkable dedication and teamwork, leaving a lasting legacy for Bermuda Rugby."

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

DAY 1

Bermuda	17–10	Mexico
Trinidad & Tobago	0–34	USA South
Cayman Islands	0–7	Mexico
Bermuda	14–11	Trinidad & Tobago
USA South	31–3	Cayman Islands

DAY 2

USA South	35–3	Bermuda
Trinidad & Tobago	5–3	Cayman Islands
USA South	17–6	Mexico
Bermuda	33–0	Cayman Islands
Trinidad & Tobago	19–17	Mexico

FINAL

Trinidad & Tobago	14–27	Mexico
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Rugby team in action



Rugby team



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Bermuda Cricket Board Summer Internship Programme

The Bermuda Cricket Board (BCB) hosted summer interns in partnership with the Department of Workforce Development (Youth Employment Programme) and Skill Craft Bermuda. **Jayden Lambert**, **Desmond Crockwell Jr.**, and **Cheyenne Tavares** (a returning intern from 2022) brought enthusiasm, youth, and social media expertise during their 12-week internship. The BCB extends best wishes for their academic year 2024/2025.



Cheyenne Tavares



Jayden Lambert



Bermuda Football Association CONCACAF Girls' Under-15 Championship

Bermuda's Under-15 National Team had a strong showing at the **2024 CONCACAF Girls' Championship** in Trinidad. Despite a loss to the Dominican Republic, they secured impressive victories against **Suriname, Cayman Islands, and Cuba.**

Key players:

Evans Welch, Miyari Trott, Nila Samuels, Milan Gibbons-Thomas

The team finished 5th in their group under the leadership of **Head Coach Don Vickers.**

CFU Under-14 Boys Championship

Bermuda's Under-14 Boys National Team showcased immense talent in the **2024 Caribbean Football Union Tier II Challenge Series.**

Key highlights:

- Unbeaten in the group stages.
- Finished 2nd after a dramatic final against Barbados, narrowly losing 4-3 in a penalty shootout.

Key players:

Jeon Wolfe (Top Goal Scorer),
Xavier Thomas-Bassett (Top Goalkeeper),
Carter Thomas (Finals MVP)

HEAD COACH: **Vashun Blanchette.**

Save the Dates:

- **Dudley Eve Competition:**
SEPTEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 9, 2024

- **Bermuda Senior Men's National Team (CONCACAF Nations League 4.0):**
SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER, 2024

Gregory Grimes and Leonard DeRoza
Holder Group Stages:
SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2024



U14 Team -Football

Bermuda Football Association continued



U14 Boys - Football



U15 Girls - Football

National Archery Association of Bermuda Caribbean Development Archery League 2024

Five archers from Bermuda competed in the Caribbean Development Archery League.

Key Performances:

- **Elektra Smith:** 1st place (Gold Medal Match)
- **Michael Smith:** 2nd place (Recurve Men's 30m event)
- **George Esterhuysen** finished in 5th
- **Jamie Fraser** finished in 8th
- **Braeden Fraser** finished in 12th

Coach Ross Roberts said, "This has been a great experience for our developing archers to compete in the Caribbean Development Archery League. Our Archery team has been supported by the mental skills program that Larry Wise and David McDuff developed for the past year.

Coach Larry said "All three athletes made good progress in applying the skills learned while simulating their shooting rounds. It was great to be able to coach them here on my property which provides the right element for focus and the required distances for shooting. It is always great to have a team visit PA and I especially enjoy visiting Bermuda".



Above: Elektra Smith

Below: Coach Ross Roberts, N'Dera Smith, Jaydon Roberts, Robin Selley and Coach Larry Wise- Archery



Pickleball Association of Bermuda

Bermuda to Participate in Pickleball World Cup 2024

The Pickleball Association of Bermuda (PAB) is excited to announce that Bermuda will be sending both Elite and Senior Division teams to the Pickleball World Cup 2024, which will take place from October 22-27, 2024, in Lima, Peru.

Junior player Jaden Jones will also participate, further showcasing Bermuda's young talent.

Selected Teams:

ELITE MEN

- Gavin Manders
- Benjamin Jones
- James Finnigan
- Jamie Stowe

ELITE WOMEN

- Sasha Fisher
- Melisa Judd
- Patricia Mills
- Imani Phillips

SENIOR DIVISION MEN

- Mark Cordeiro
- Michael Way
- Stuart Smith
- George Thomas

SENIOR DIVISION WOMEN

- Tori Powell
- Christine Todd
- Sarah Fox
- Val Stevenson

For more information and registration for the III Official Pickleball Tournament – International, [visit this link](#).

COMMERCIAL PICKLEBALL LEAGUE – SUMMER 2024

- **Division 1 Winners:** WJ Boyle & Son Ltd.
- **Division 2 Winners:** Orbis

This season saw **140 participants** across **17 organizations**, marking a **27% increase** in participation compared to previous seasons.



Congratulations and thank you to all participating teams!

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