

OPERATIONS AT PORT IMPRESS SHIPPING LINE

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Prime Minister Gaston Browne is leading a delegation in helping to plead the case of island nations for climate justice before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg, Germany. *Story on page 5.*

Operations at the St. John's port impress shipping line

One of the main shipping lines that bring cargo into the St. John's Harbour weekly, Tropical Shipping, diverted two of its largest vessels into the harbour on Sunday because of the swells caused by the passage of Hurricane Lee.

But according to Port Manager, Mr. Darwin Telemaque, the shipping line chose the St. John's Harbour as a safe port because of the swells and high tide that had been affecting several islands in the Western Caribbean.

The two vessels – Tropic Jewel and Tropic Unity – contained cargo that was destined to other islands that were off-loaded in Antigua and Barbuda for transshipment elsewhere. As a result, many of the supermarkets and other importers were able to receive their weekly goods a day earlier than normal.

However, according to Telemaque the most important outcome from this exercise was the ability of the St. John's Harbour to demonstrate to



Tropical Shipping that its level of efficiency in its operation makes a strong case for it to be considered seriously as a transshipment point for the shipping line.

He reported that the vessels off-loaded 122 containers from the Tropic Jewel, which arrived first by

midday.

“This was done much to the surprise of Tropical Shipping as our staff lead by acting Terminal manager, Dale Phillips, and his team executed brilliantly and the first vessel was able to be discharged in less than six hours. The excellent work of the team exceeded what the shipping line had anticipated,” he disclosed.

The port manager said there have been ongoing discussions with Tropical Shipping to make use of the St. John's Harbour as a transshipment hub for goods destined to the rest of the Caribbean. He is of the view that the efficiency of the operations demonstrated over the last two days has made a strong case for that to become a reality.

“What we are seeing is that the port is able to execute in ways that it could not have done before. These are two large vessels and we were able to clear them in record time. I am hoping that Tropical takes notice of this and decide that this is the place to do it,” he indicated.



Date set for the arrival of the first Oasis Class cruise ship

The much-anticipated arrival of the Oasis Class cruise ship, the largest cruise ships afloat today, is slated for January 2, 2024.

The announcement comes from Tourism Minister, the Honourable Charles Max Fernandez, who said the vessel is on the schedule for next year as Royal Caribbean stated its intention to sail the vessel into the St. John's Harbour on that date.

However, according to the tourism minister this would depend on the completion of the dredging of the St. John's Harbour to accommodate the vessel.

Both the Government and port authority officials

have long since indicated that the completion of the dredging of the harbour has been delayed by the presence of volcanic rocks on the seabed that have proven to be particularly difficult to dislodge.

The company carrying out the dredging has had to bring in bigger equipment to help them in dislodging and clearing up the ocean floor in order to accommodate the bigger class of cruise ship.

Royal Caribbean has indicated that it did not want to put its vessel at risk by sailing it into the harbour until it is satisfied that it has the required depth to accommodate the Oasis Class vessels.

"We are almost there. I have said so in the past, but that is the information that has been communicated to me.

"From what I have seen with the biometrics that they have showed me, they have pointed out one spot where they now have to clear. The turning basin has been completed, the channel, most of it has been completed.

"It just the entrance that

they are concentrating on and they asked us to give them until the end of October to have everything completed," he stated.

Fernandez has indicated that Royal Caribbean has also signaled its intention to proceed with the tourism development at Fort James that would be geared towards passengers who arrive aboard its vessels in the St. John's Harbour.

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Tourism minister says he is against subsidizing airline flights into the country

Antigua and Barbuda's Minister of Tourism, Honourable Charles Fernandez says he is against subsidizing airlines for them to operate regular flights into the country.

Speaking on the Browne and Browne radio programme over the weekend, Fernandez says he prefers to spend the money promoting the destination thus increasing demands for flights to Antigua and Barbuda. This, as the minister explains that many other competing Caribbean destinations have been willingly offering subsidises to the airlines for flights.

"One of the things I would say is that a number of our competitors pay a lot of money to some these airlines to get a flight in. I agree that you have to find a way to balance it but I am not one who would agree to put money in a flight when you can take that money and put it to promote the destination. In other words, if you just bring a flight



Minister of Tourism Charles "Max" Fernandez

in as is the case where another island paid US\$1 million a year to bring in a flight weekly and they weren't getting too many people on the flight. So soon

after the flight was discontinued," he disclosed.

The tourism minister holds firmly to the view that promoting the destination is a better option as it will drive demand for additionally seats to which the airlines would naturally respond.

"For example, this past July there was a big increase in the number of flights that was driven by the demand. This was despite the complaints about the high costs of flights into Antigua and Barbuda," he noted.

According to Fernandez he favours working along with the airlines to help reduce costs such as joint promotions as well as a waiver of landing and other airport fees for the first six months of operation.

However, the minister noted that other islands have been quite competitive in their attempts to lure more airline flights into their country. He said

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ITLOS hearing continues in Hamburg, Germany

The hearing of the case before the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) continues today in Hamburg, Germany. It is the second day of hearing into the case brought jointly by Antigua and Bar-

buda and Tuvalu, an island nation in the Pacific Ocean.

Honourable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda is leading a delegation in helping to plead the case *cont'd on pg 6*



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

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after months of negotiations with a particular airline, he was told by its executive that another island made an offer of subsidy that led to that island getting the flight instead of Antigua and Barbuda.

“This one-up-man ship is not good for us, it’s not good for the industry and I would wish that we could come together island Caribbean nations and work out a system that would not have us trying to outdo the other,” he remarked.

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of island nations for climate justice before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg, Germany.

Prime Minister Browne and the Honourable Kausea Natano, Prime Minister of Tuvalu are co-chairs of the Commission of Small States on Climate Change and International Law, COSIS, which brought the matter before the Court. COSIS is seeking to persuade the court that greenhouse gasses emitted by industrial nations should be considered pollution and those responsible should be held accountable.

In making his case during oral presentations, PM Browne stated, "We

are the peoples of the ocean, surrounded by vast stretches of waters that have sustained us for time immemorial...The ocean is essential to the preservation of the climate system on Earth. All that we ask is that you clarify existing obligations under international law."

Prime Minister Browne is making the case for small island states on the impacts of climate change, particularly that they are ongoing, devastating and that they are expected to worsen in the future.

Prime Minister Browne has previously pointed to the the perilous circumstances into which the people of small island states and their countries are be-

ing plunged.

He has said that consistently on an annual basis, small island states have listened to promises to mitigate climate change which remain unfulfilled.

The country's leader spoke about small island states fragile economies as most are dependent on tourism.

He spoke about the consequences of climate change as it jeopardise Antigua and Barbuda's tourism economy which accounts for sixty percent of the nation's gross domestic product.

He also linked climate change to increased natural hazards, sea-level rise, and ocean acidification and warming which all risk

coastal destruction and the collapse of marine ecosystems that support tourism attractions and recreation of both Antigua and Barbuda and other small island states.

Prime Minister Browne is accompanied by Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States, Sir Ronald Sanders and Professor Payam Akhavan, an international lawyer and member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague.

He is also a Senior Fellow at Massey College at the University of Toronto and a visiting adjunct at its Faculty of Law.

Prime Minister Browne returns to Antigua and Barbuda on Thursday.

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A new classroom block opened at Golden Grove Primary School

A new block of classrooms has been opened at the Golden Grove Primary School to ease over-crowding at the institution.

Funded by the Board of Education, the extension of the school plant includes three new classrooms and a staff room for teachers. It represents Phase One of an ongoing expansion programme planned for the school.

Senior government officials, including Foreign Affairs Minister, the Honorable E.P Chet Greene, who represented Honourable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister at the ceremony, as well as Education Minister, Honourable Daryll Matthew, were on hand to participate in the opening exercises.

Matthew said it was unrealistic to expect students to perform at their op-



Education Minister Daryll Matthew

timum level in conditions that are not conducive to learning. "I made a commitment to the staff that as long as I am here and as long as I have life and breathe I would do everything I can to change the dynamics at the Golden

Grove School. The construction of this new wing is just the first step," Matthew, the parliamentary representative for the area declared.

In his remarks, Minister Greene announced a challenge for those students at the school who will be writing the Grade Six assessments at the end of the school year, 2024. He said those students who pass in the top 100 will receive a laptop to start of their academic journey at the secondary level.

The top student emerging from this year's Grade Six assessment was Ms, Carhira Gerald who placed 7th overall and who is now attending the Antigua Girls High School. Gerald joined representatives of the school and the government officials in cutting the ribbon to formally open the new wing.

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Crispa Plantain chips for the Police

The local producers of the popular Crispa Plantain Chips, the team of Jeremiah Joseph and his wife Joanne Joseph donated 300 packets of assorted plantain chips to Inspector Frankie Thomas at Police Headquarters.

The donation is part of the nationwide annual Police Week, during which the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda donate gifts for worthy causes in the spirit of serving the public.

Jeremiah "JJ" Joseph stated that he was delighted to oblige once again and Crispa would always try to chip in for a good cause.



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Technology



Spotify denies 30-second trick could make you rich

By Ruth Comerford

The head of Spotify has denied claims that users can repeatedly listen to their own uploaded 30-second track to rake in monthly royalties.

Finance analysts at JP Morgan had said that Spotify subscribers could make \$1,200 (£960) a month by listening to their song on repeat, 24 hours a day.

The claim suggested Spotify's royalty payment structure could be manipulated.

But Daniel Ek, the streaming giant's CEO, says that is not how the platform's royalties work.

The theory was first reported in the Financial Times, and then tweeted about by Julian Klymochko, founder of Accelerate, a Canadian-based investment company.

"If that were true, my own playlist would just be 'Daniel's 30-second Jam' on repeat!" Mr Ek tweeted back



in response.

"But seriously, that's not quite how our royalty system works.

Concerns have been raised that artificial streaming - where devices run chosen tracks on loop - is hindering the music industry, with JP Morgan executives estimating as much as 10% of all streams are fake, according to

the Financial Times.

Just last week, Swedish Newspaper Svenska Dagbladet reported that criminal gangs were using Spotify's royalty system to launder money made through drug deals.

According to Spotify's website, it has two tiers of royalties, and artists are paid out once a month - but how much they get can vary.

"Contrary to what you might have heard, Spotify does not pay artist royalties according to a per-play or per-stream rate," the website says.

"The royalty payments that artists receive might vary according to differences in how their music is streamed or the agreements they have with labels or distributors."

Universal Music Group and Deezer recently announced they will jointly launch a music streaming model aimed at generating bigger royalties for artists - meaning they will be paid more if users actively choose to listen to their music.

This could mean Spotify, and other streaming services such as Apple Music, will be forced to adjust their own models.

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New Covid variant BA.2.86 behind Norfolk care home outbreak

By Philippa Roxby

A new Covid variant is spreading in England and is behind an outbreak at a care home in Norfolk, health officials say.

There have been 34 confirmed cases of BA.2.86, with 28 of those at the care home. There have been no deaths.

It is too early to draw conclusions on whether it is more serious than past variants, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) said.

People eligible for a booster jab this autumn are encouraged to come forward.

The government recently announced that the vaccine rollout would be earlier than planned because of the new variant. It will start next week.

The UK Health Security Agency's latest briefing on Covid includes an analysis on BA.2.86, an Omicron spin-off.

It says out of the 34 cases confirmed through sequencing in a lab, five people have needed hospital treatment.

Based on detection of multiple unlinked cases in different regions of the UK, it's likely there is "established community transmission of BA.2.86", UKHSA says.

Scotland has also recorded two cases.

Norfolk County Coun-



cil has been offering infection advice and support to the care home where there has been an outbreak.

Staff and residents were asked to have tests when an unusually high number of people became unwell, health officials say.

Lab analysis found that BA.2.86 was confirmed in the majority of samples from those tests.

This is an early indication that the variant "may be sufficiently transmissible to have impact in close contact settings", the analysis said.

The variant has been detected in a number of countries around the world.

Dr Renu Bindra, incident director at UKHSA, said BA.2.86 had a significant number of mutations

compared to other Covid variants circulating at the moment.

But she added: "The data so far is too limited to draw firm conclusions about the impact this will have on the transmissibility, severity or immune escape properties of the virus."

Dr Bindra said it was likely to be some time before a confident assessment on that could be made.

"It is clear that there is some degree of widespread community transmission, both in the UK and globally, and we are working to ascertain the full extent of this," she said.

Two cases of BA.2.86 have been identified in Scotland through lab testing.

No cases have been reported in Wales or Northern Ireland.

The Department of Health and Social Care has been criticised for changing its mind on the start date of the autumn Covid and flu vaccine programme.

It usually begins in early September, but was pushed back to October to increase protection in December and January when flu and Covid are more likely to cause problems.

The timing has now changed again, to 11 September, because of concerns over the new variant.

Pharmacists said last week that they had been left with very little time to prepare for the rollout of Covid and flu vaccines.

Regional News



St Kitts: Buckley’s homicide under police investigation

A fatal shooting has been recorded in St Kitts.

The deceased has been identified as Deondre Browne, alias “Bush”, 24, of New Road, St Kitts.

The Royal St Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) says on September 9 between 11 pm and 11:30 pm, officers received reports of gunfire heard in the Buckley’s area on St Kitts.

Upon investigation, Browne was found lying motionless on the ground in the movie theatre’s parking lot.



Further examination revealed that Browne had been shot several times about the body. He succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Preliminary inquiries indicate that Browne had been walking in the parking lot when two armed assailants accosted him and opened fire.

The Crime Scene Unit (CSU) processed the scene and took into custody some items of evidential value.

An investigation into the matter is in progress.

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Bahamas: Passengers survive plane crash

CMC - The Aircraft Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) has launched a probe into the crash of a US-registered Piper PA32 seven-seater that police said crash landed in bushes near Spring City, south of the airport in Abaco late Sunday.

The AAIA said that the crash occurred shortly after the plane at 4.10 pm (local time), with five people on board including the pilot, took off from Leonard Thompson International Air-



Abaco plane crash (Photo via: Facebook)

port at Marsh Harbour. plane was inbound to Marsh Harbour from Eleuthera night, the police said that the when it began to experience

engine failure and the pilot crash landed in bushes near Spring City, south of the airport. Media reports said a number of local residents tried to reach the site to assist but were hindered by rain.

Four passengers were on board as well as the pilot, and no one was injured.

The Piper PA32 seven-seater plane is registered in Wilmington, Delaware with the registration N106MR.

Police said it was owned by Inter Island Charters.

Guyana: Availability of forex to be discussed in upcoming meeting

CMC - The availability of foreign exchange in the country is one of several issues to be discussed when representatives from the banking sector and the business community convene a meeting on Monday.

This was announced on Saturday by President Irfaan Ali who said that he has instructed the Minister of Finance Dr Ashni Singh to convene a stakeholder meeting with the private sector, the Bank of Guyana, all commercial banks and other key stakeholders.

“We’re going to have everyone in the room and to discuss this issue in a holistic manner and to bring to me a report based on those consultations so that we can further examine this matter.”

Speaking during a news conference, Ali said figures from the Bank of Guyana and the Cambios as well as reviews by the Central Bank Governor



and the technical team show that “they have sufficient foreign currency to satisfy the existing demand.”

On Saturday, foreign exchange was being traded at a buying rate of GUY\$202 for US\$1 and selling at GY\$216 for US\$1.

The meeting is being held as several of Cambios have opted not to post the selling rate on their boards.

In addition, Vice President Bharrat Jagdeo recently observed that a num-

ber of Trinidadian businesses had been using Guyana’s foreign exchange market to buy their goods for export to Port-of-Spain because of the prolonged foreign exchange crisis in the twin-island republic.

Guyana has a floating exchange rate, but under the coalition-led government, the Central Bank had ordered cambios to trade the United States dollar within a GUY\$3.00 spread for the buying and selling rates.

Canada Truck attack: Trial begins for man accused of killing Muslim family

By Nadine Yousif

A man accused of murdering a Muslim family in a hate-fuelled attack has gone on trial in Windsor, Ontario.

Nathaniel Veltman, 22, faces four counts of terrorism-motivated first degree murder, and one attempted murder charge.

He is accused of deliberately running over the Afzaal family with his truck while they were out on an evening walk in London, Ontario in 2021.

Mr Veltman has pleaded not guilty.

His fate will be decided by a 14-member jury, which began to hear opening arguments in court on Monday.

The case marks the first time a jury in Canada will hear arguments on terrorism related to white supremacy.

Salman Afzaal, 46, and his wife Madiha Salman, 44, were killed in the attack - along with their daughter Yumna Afzaal, 15, and Mr Afzaal's mother Talat Afzaal, 74.

The couple's nine-year-old son was seriously hurt but survived.

Prosecutors have argued that Mr Veltman, who was 20 at the time of his arrest, was motivated by hate and white nationalist ideologies when he allegedly jumped the curb with his truck and struck the Afzaal family, who were Pakistani-Canadian Muslims.



From left to right: Yumna Afzaal, Madiha Salman, Salman's mother Talat Afzaal, and Salman Afzaal were "the best" of their community, friends said.

He "left his home with a specific purpose in mind: to find Muslims to kill," prosecutor Sarah Shaikh told the court on Monday.

Ms Shaikh claimed that the accused had told police after the attack: "I know what I did, I don't regret what I did. I admit that it was terrorism. This was politically motivated, 100%."

The trial will be watched closely by law experts in Canada to see if the country's terrorism charges, enacted in the wake of the 11 September attacks in New York City, could be applied to someone who allegedly targeted a family because they are Muslim.

"If the Crown succeeds here, we would have a much more expansive and inclusive definition of terrorism that could in principle be applied to many other of-

fences," Andrew Botterell, a law professor at the University of Western Ontario, told the BBC.

But Prof Botterell added that even if the terrorism charge is not successfully argued, the jury could still find the accused guilty of first degree murder.

Mr Veltman was arrested shortly after the attack on 6 June 2021 in a parking lot close to London's oldest mosque, where the Afzaal family were devoted members.

The suspect was wearing what appeared to be body armour and a helmet, police said.

The attack sent waves of grief and fear across Canada, as London's tight-knit Muslim community mourned the loss of a beloved family.

It also spurred calls for

measures to combat Islamophobia in the country.

According to the London Free Press, federal prosecutor Ms Shaikh claimed that the accused targeted the Afzaal family because they were wearing traditional Pakistani clothing.

Uthman Quick, a spokesperson for the National Council of Canadian Muslims, was present at the courtroom, and said that revisiting the details of the case has been "traumatizing".

"It's two years now since this actually occurred, and it's a bit of reopening of wounds," he told the BBC.

But he added the trial is important as it marks the first time in Canada where Islamophobic violence has been categorised as terror-

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Trump asks judge in federal elections case to step aside

By Max Matza

Donald Trump has asked the judge overseeing his federal election meddling case to step aside due to previous statements she made in court.

He said in a legal filing some past comments create a perception of bias against the former president.

The request for a recusal was filed to Judge Tanya Chutkan on Monday.

She is overseeing the case being brought by special counsel Jack Smith, who accuses Mr Trump of a conspiracy to overturn his 2020 election loss.

Mr Trump has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The former president said last month that he planned to petition Judge Chutkan for a recusal.

The Monday filing does not expressly call the judge prejudiced against Mr Trump, but says certain statements she has made in her court "create a perception of prejudgment incompatible with our justice system".

"Although Judge Chut-

kan may genuinely intend to give President Trump a fair trial - and may believe that she can do so - her public statements unavoidably taint these proceedings, regardless of outcome," it says.

The petition highlights several comments, including one she made in October 2022 while sentencing a 6 January Capitol rioter.

"This was nothing less than an attempt to violently overthrow the government, the legally, lawfully, peacefully elected government, by individuals who were mad that their guy lost," she said.

She later added: "It's blind loyalty to one person who, by the way, remains free to this day."

Mr Trump's lawyers say she was implying: "President Trump is free, but should not be."

Under US federal law, any judge of the United States must voluntarily recuse themselves in any proceeding in which their impartiality might reasonably be questioned.



Judge Tanya Chutkan was appointed in 2014.

If the judge denies the motion, Mr Trump's lawyers could appeal to a higher court requesting that she be required to step aside.

Judge Chutkan, who was appointed by then-President Barack

Obama in 2014, has earned a reputation for harsh punishments against the rioters who stormed the Capitol on 6 January 2021.

She was randomly assigned to oversee this federal case against him.

Mr Trump, the current frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, faces mounting legal troubles.

He has been criminally indicted four times, including in this federal investigation into efforts to overturn the result of the 2020 presidential election.

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ism.

This, he said, sends a message that "terrorism charges are equally assessed, no matter the ideology or ethnicity of the attacker."

Superior Court Justice Renee Pomerance will be overseeing the case. She moved the trial from London to Windsor,

a town about 200km (125 miles) away, earlier this year for reasons covered by a publication ban.

The court is expected to hear defence arguments from Mr Veltman's lawyers later in the trial.

On Monday, Judge Pomerance said she expects the trial to last around eight weeks.

Sports News



Dredgers get only win as rain disrupts T20 Tape Ball Classic

Heavy showers across Antigua and Barbuda severely disrupted the third round of matches in the LL Supply Limited Island Boys Sports Club (ISBC) T20 Tape Ball Classic on Sunday.

Dredgers managed to secure victory over PEL Desi Boys in the only match that was completed.

The Dredgers pulled off a seven-wicket win against Desi Boys in the first game of a scheduled double-header at the Powells playing field in Barnes Hill.

Desi Boys won the toss and batted, scoring 139 for seven off their allotted 20 overs. Nagaraj Mysore hit 48, and Bijay Kumar Barik got 36.

Mervin Higgins snapped up three wickets for nine runs, and Mike France captured two wickets for 37 runs.

Tyrone Williams Jr. then

slammed a half century as the Dredgers coasted to victory at 142 for three with 6.2 overs to spare.

Williams Jr. hammered 70, and Higgins capped a fine all-round performance by hitting 34 not out.

They got good support from Kirk Douglas, who hit 21 not out, while Samuel Joshua picked up two wickets for 29 runs.

However, the second encounter between Bryson's Shipping & Insurance Bullets and TG's Welding & Fabricate Underdogs was abandoned due to rain. Both teams shared the points for the rained-out encounter.

Heavy showers across Antigua on Sunday morning also forced the abandonment of both matches, which were scheduled to take place at the Antigua Grammar School (AGS) playing field.

VIP was slated to face



Dredgers batsman Tyrone Williams Jr. claimed the man of the match award for his brilliant half century against PEL Desi Boys. (ABSCA)

the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) Warriors, and Sisserou was scheduled to tackle Rackaman Construction Strictly

Business.

The four teams involved in both matches also had to share points in their rained-out affairs.

Benna Boys seek redemption against Puerto Rico in Nations League

Antigua and Barbuda's Benna Boys will be seeking to rebound from their opening round loss in Group D of League B in the Concacaf Nations League (CNL) when they face Puerto Rico at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas, today (Tuesday).

The Benna Boys were beaten 5-1 by Guyana in their opening encounter on home soil at the ABFA's Technical Center on Saturday.

Antigua and Barbuda will look for redemption in their first trip of the campaign when they face the Puerto Ricans at 8:06 pm in the Bahamas on Tuesday. Raheem Deterville scored the lone goal for the Benna Boys in their heavy loss to the Guyanese.

The Puerto Ricans showed they have one of the best offenses of any league by crushing the Bahamas 6-1 in the opening Group D encounter on Saturday.

Gerald Diaz and Joel Burgos each

scored twice in the encounter with Ricardo Rivera and Rodolfo Sulia also writing their names on the scoresheet.

Antigua and Barbuda and Puerto Rico have met twice before, in the Caribbean qualifiers for the 2017 Gold Cup, with each side taking a victory. This will mark their first competitive match in nearly eight years.

Guyana will host the Bahamas at the National Track and Field Stadium in Lentonora, Guyana, at 7 pm on Tuesday.

TKR march on to qualifier with victory over St. Lucia Kings

Trinbago Knight Riders ensured a top-two finish and place in the 2023 Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League (CPL) Qualifiers with a seven-wicket victory over the St. Lucia Kings at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad on Sunday.

The home team won the toss and chose to field, but it was their former player Colin Munro who was the star of the Saint Lucia Kings innings, scoring an unbeaten 72 runs to take the side to 167 for three after 20 overs.

The Knight Riders' chase was headlined by a superb half century from Mark Deyal, alongside support from wicket-keeper Lorcan Tucker and Andre Russell, to take the side to a seven-wicket victory in their final game this season in front of their home crowd.

The St. Lucia Kings lost powerful opener Johnson Charles in the Powerplay, as fast bowler Jayden Seales celebrated with a wicket on his birthday, but the Kings would rebuild as Colin Munro and Roston Chase patiently scored runs in their 76-run partnership, which came off 58 balls.

Chase was dismissed off a Waqar Salamkheil delivery and that was followed shortly afterwards



Mark Deyal, right, and Lorcan Tucker guided the Trinbago Knight Riders to victory over the St. Lucia Kings in the 2023 Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad on Sunday, September 10, 2023. (CPL T20/Getty Images)

with the big wicket of captain Sikandar Raza, who fell to Sunil Narine.

A late cameo from Sean Williams, who smashed 34 runs off 17 balls would see the St. Lucia Kings score 58 runs in the last five overs to finish on 167 for three.

The Trinbago Knight Riders had an early scare as opener Martin Guptill was given out LBW from just the third ball of the innings, but the decision was overturned on review.

Guptill eventually lost his wicket in the fourth

over, and when Nicholas Pooran, leading run scorer for the franchise this season, lost his wicket in the final ball of the Powerplay to an Alzarri Joseph delivery, the Knight Riders looked in trouble at 45 for two.

However, opener Mark Deyal would compose a brilliant half century, reaching 57 before being caught on the boundary by Peter Hatzoglou.

Lorcan Tucker provided invaluable support with 38 runs before a flurry of boundaries from Andre

Russell in a knock of 29 not out off 13 balls secured the Trinbago Knight Riders victory.

The CPL action now moves on to the final leg in Guyana, with the Guyana Amazon Warriors taking on the Jamaica Tallawahs on Wednesday evening.

Scores: Trinbago Knight Riders 169-3 (Deyal 57, Tucker 38; Joseph 2-42, Chase 1-25) beat Saint Lucia Kings 167-3 (Munro 72 not out, Williams 34 not out; Seales 1-23, Salamkheil 1-23) by 7 wickets.



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Grass Roots Academy came third in BPL

Antigua and Barbuda's Grass Roots Cricket Academy (GRCA) finished third in the inaugural Bermuda Premier League (BPL) T20 competition.

The Antiguans ended their campaign in the BPL by romping to an emphatic 63-run victory against the Bermuda Select XI in the third-place playoff at the National Sports Centre in North Field on Sunday.

Captain Kadeem Henry guided Antigua Grass Roots Academy to their victory.

The 22-year-old all-rounder stroked a brisk 34 and claimed four wickets with his medium pace as the Bermuda Select XI were dismissed for 100 in 19.3 overs in reply to the Grass Roots Academy's daunting 163 for four.

The Bermuda Select XI were 82 for six before completely capitulating, with their remaining batters being dismissed for the addition of 14 runs in five overs.

The ambidextrous Henry inflicted the heaviest damage with the ball as he took four for 15, and he received solid support from off spinner Paul Miller, who claimed three for eight, while Uri Smith bagged two wickets without conceding a single run.

The local team's spectacular collapse overshadowed some brilliant batting by opening pair Treadwell Gibbons Jr. and JD Alber-



Antigua and Barbuda's Grass Roots Cricket Academy team. (File photo)

tze, who added 78 for the first wicket to lay a solid foundation for the chase.

Albertze led the way with an aggressive 50 from 51 balls, with five fours and a six, while Gibbons stroked a run-a-ball 29 that included three fours and a six.

Henry made the initial breakthrough in the 12th over after taking a return catch to remove Gibbons.

It was then one-way traffic after Albertze was run out, and Henry trapped all-rounder Allan Douglas Jr. (10), who was the only other local batter in double figures, leg before in the space of eight balls.

Among those failing to bother the scorers were wicketkeeper Jarryd Richardson, Jordan Burgess, and Shakai Darrell.

Earlier, the Antigua Grassroots Academy got

solid support from their top order after being sent into bat.

Henry and wicketkeeper Michael Dover (27) added 62 for the first wicket, with the former adding a further 20 with top scorer Smith (39) before being dismissed in the twelfth over of the innings.

Larry Audain (28) and Amahl Nathaniel (16 not out) also chipped in with useful contributions before the overs expired.

Douglas (two for 31) was the pick of the local team's bowlers, while promising all-rounder Jermal Proctor took one for 27.

Barbados won the inaugural BPL competition at the same venue on Sunday. The Bajans defeated the Bermuda senior national team by seven wickets in the final to finish unbeaten

in the four-team T20 competition.

The Bermudans won the toss and batted, but could only muster 124 for seven off their 20 overs.

Tre Manders hit a top score of 38 and shared a 53-run fourth-wicket partnership with Dominic Sabir, who made 34. Charles Trott chipped in with 21.

Off-spinner Kemar Smith, who was named Man of the Series, claimed two for 14, while fast bowler Zidane Clarke captured two for 21.

Shaquelle Parris struck an unbeaten half century to propel Barbados to victory at 126 for three with 4.2 overs to spare.

Parris hit 50 not out off 37 balls with three sixes and three fours, while Leniko Boucher chipped in with 40 off 33 balls with three fours and two sixes.

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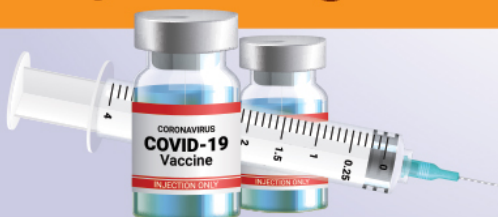
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Matthews leads Barbados Royals to 2023 WCPL title

Barbados Royals finished the 2023 Massy Women's Premier League (WCPL) season as champions after pulling off an eight-run win against the Guyana Amazon Warriors in the final at the Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Trinidad on Sunday.

After topping the group stage with two wins over the Warriors and a win and a loss over previous winners Trinbago Knight Riders, the Royals claimed the second ever WCPL title.

Having lost the toss and being put into bat for the first time, the Royals posted 169 for seven with captain Hayley hitting 82 off 59 balls with 10 fours and two sixes, and Rashada Williams getting 36 off 23 balls.

In response, competition top scorer Sophie Devine, who made 22, could only manage a start before some tight bowling restricted the run rate required, leaving the Warriors short.

Gaby Lewis got the Royals off to a blistering start before falling inside of the PowerPlay with the score on 37 for one after six overs.

Matthews prevailed through the middle overs, putting on the first century partnership of the competition with Rashada Williams. The Warriors clawed



Barbados Royals celebrate after being crowned the 2023 Women's Caribbean Premier League champions. (CPLT20/Getty Images)

back the Royals by capturing six wickets for 32 runs in the final five overs.

After an early struggle for wickets, Shabnim Ismail showed her quality by capturing four for 30, picking up the wickets of all the Royals top four batters.

The Guyana Amazon Warriors, in similar fashion to the Royals, had an important middle over partnership after making the most of the PowerPlay, with Suzie Bates (36) and Shemaine Campbelle (47 not out) putting on 60.

The Royals' bowlers did enough with the ball to

restrict the run rate to deny the Warriors despite some late hope given by Natasha McLean with a 17-ball 28, including taking 16 runs from the 17th over.

But Matthews was at the forefront once again in key moments. McLean was run-out off Matthews' bowling at the non-striker's end with some misfortune in her dismissal combined with some brilliant reactions from the Barbados captain.

Royals bowlers were economical as they have been throughout the competition with overseas star

Amanda-Jade Wellington, in particular, starring by claiming four for 23, including three wickets for two runs in the penultimate over when the Warriors required 23 from 12 balls.

Campbelle's brilliant unbeaten knock of 47 was in vain as Matthews was able to defend 21 off the final over despite Ismail's cameo giving the Royals a late scare.

Scores: Barbados Royals 169-7 (Matthews 82, Williams 36; Ismail 4-30, Patil 1-25) beat Guyana Amazon Warriors 161-8 by eight runs.

Sports

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023

DEWS

Browne is King of the Hill

Tahje Browne of the Wadadli Cycling Academy has continued to enhance his reputation as the current top cyclist on the domestic scene in Antigua and Barbuda.

The 16-year-old Browne followed up on his success in winning the Antigua and Barbuda Cycling Federation's (ABCF) Three-Stage Race last month by capturing the King of the Hill title on Sunday.

Browne left the pack trailing as he won the Junior Male Class to be crowned the overall champion of the road race, which staged by the East Side Raiders Cycling Club in conjunction with the ABCF.

Browne completed the 34.89-mile course in a time of one hour, 54 minutes, and 4.02 seconds to win the Junior Male category. Team-mate Jayonte Jo-



Tahje Browne of the Wadadli Cycling Academy rides on the course during the King of the Hill road race on Sunday, September 10, 2023. (Photos courtesy East Side Raiders Cycling Club)



Tahje Browne, right, and Wadadli Cycling Academy team-mate Jayonte Joseph on the Junior Male class podium during the presentation of awards ceremony at the end of the King of the Hill road race at the Block House at Shirley's Heights, English Harbour, on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

seph finished second by clocking two hours, 24 minutes, and 6.47 seconds, while Jahiem Telemaque, also of Wadadli Cycling Academy, did not finish the race.

Lone competitor Telesha Choy of the Vipers Cycling Club won the female division title in a time of one hour, 49 minutes, and 45.97 seconds.

Conroy Thomas of Team Terminix won the Elite Male Class by clocking two hours, two minutes, and 18.91 seconds. Newell Mack of Team Pillars Cycling came in second with a time of two hours, six minutes, and 14.67 seconds.

Cosmos Richardson of Vipers Cycling Club won the Sports Class by clocking one hour, 58 minutes, and 34.25 seconds. Marcos Ozuna of Little Rascals came in second in a time of two hours and 1.54 seconds. Independent cyclist Jason Adams finished in third place with a time of two hours, 13 min-

utes, and 37.17 seconds.

Independent cyclist Ira Fabian won the Masters Class by clocking two hours, six minutes, and 4.43 seconds. Edward Henry of the Andre Simon Cycling Academy finished second in two hours, 11 minutes, and 47.12 seconds.

Jomari King of Vipers captured the Cadets 14 to 17 age group class in a time of one hour, 58 minutes, and 29.15 seconds. Dejaun Francis of the Wadadli Cycling Academy took second place by clocking two hours, 15 minutes, and 42.39 seconds. Aiden Tonge of the Eastside Raiders failed to finish the race.

Lone competitor and independent cyclist Elite Thomas won the Cadets 11 to 13 age group class. Thomas completed the course in a time of 40 minutes and 37.79 seconds.

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