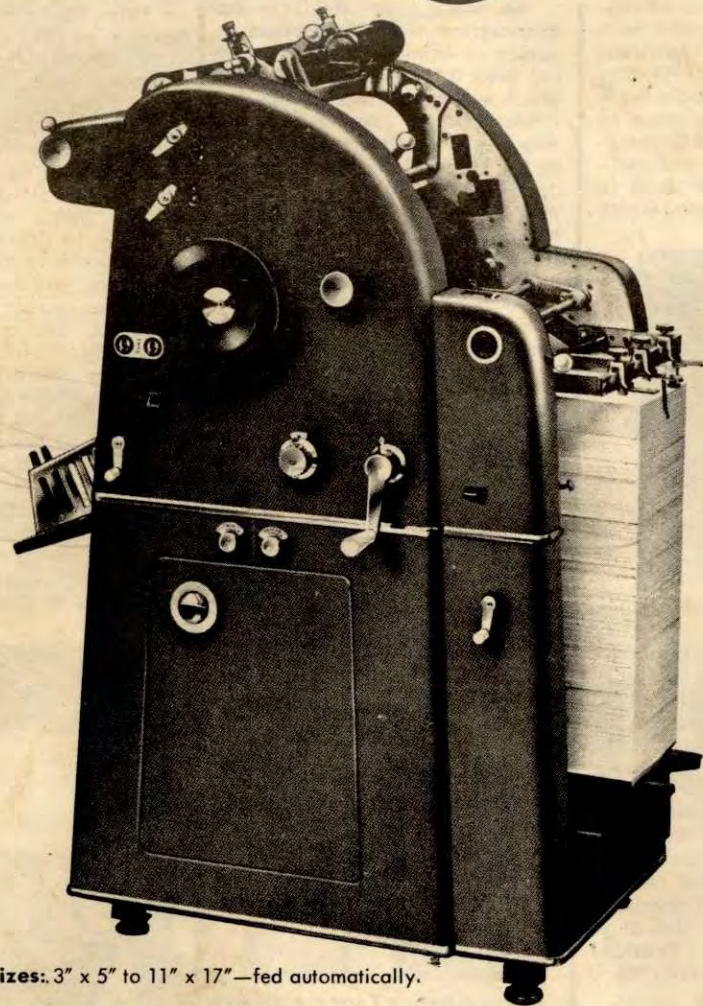


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BASKETBALL:

It is expected that should the Trinidad Basketball Association be represented on the territories team to the Caribbean and Central American Games in Jamaica, matches in the Port of Spain competitions will be suspended. In the Southern League, the officials hope that the 1962 season, which was delayed due to the erection of the San Fernando Public courts, will come to a conclusion early in October, hence it is expected that matches will be run off at Skinner Park every afternoon.

TABLE TENNIS:

It is proposed that the West Indies Championships will be held in British Guiana, but due to the political unrest in that country a definite date has not been fixed. If no final arrangements are made the Trinidad body proposes to invite a team from Aruba for a series in conjunction with the attainment of Independence.

SPEARFISHING:

The Trinidad and Tobago Spearfishing Association is expected to participate in the International Spearfishing Championships at Miami, Florida, U.S.A. These Championships commence on August 13.

FOOTBALL:

Preliminary rounds in League and cup games will be played every afternoon, except Sundays in the competitions run by the Port of Spain League, Northern League, East St. George Association, Arima League, Southern Association, Central League, and the Southern League. All matches start at 4.45 p.m.

HORSE RACING:

August 25th will herald the start of the Arima Race Club's five day meeting. The other days are Thursday 30th August, Saturday 1st September, Thursday 6th September, and Saturday 8th September.

LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION MUST GO AN AHEAD

Peter Valdez—our cover picture, has been on the lawn tennis scene for the past thirteen years. But are we to continue to rely on the Valdez's family and Alrn Price to defend the name of Trinidad in Lawn Tennis indefinitely? In this article the editor suggests methods whereby new stars may be found and groomed to take their places in years to come.

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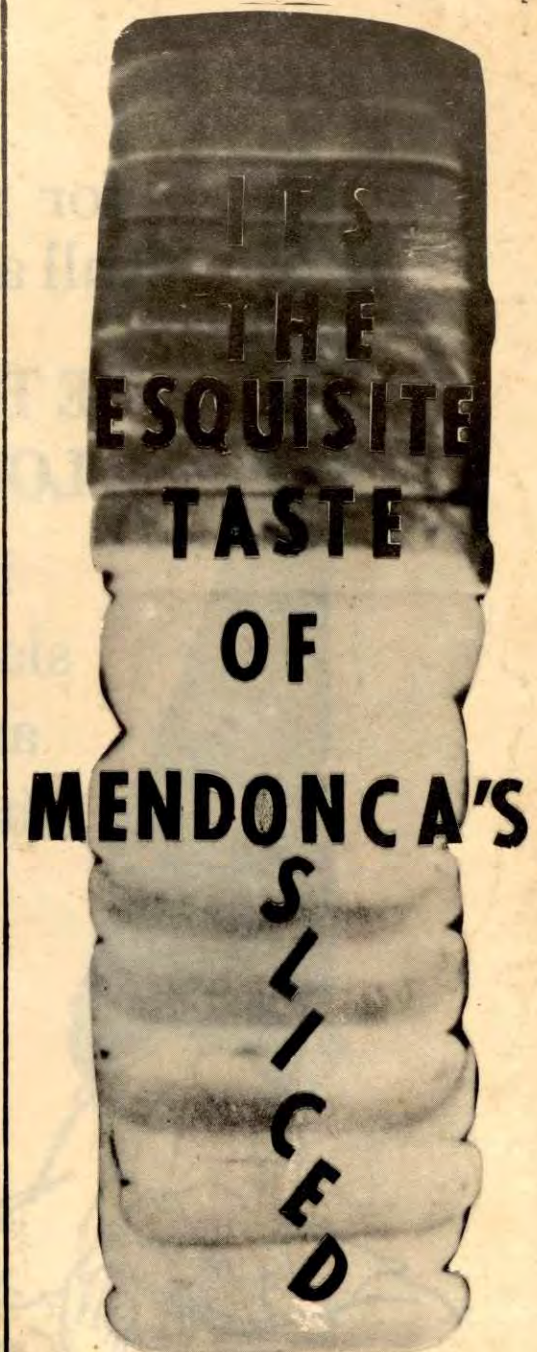
The selection of Trinidad Athletic teams had long been criticised. For the Caribbean and Central American Games which will be held in Jamaica later this year, the local A.A.A. selected their team after an official trial. The eventual team still left room for a minor controversy, but the Trinidad and Tobago A.A.A. has grown up

HOCKEY MUST IMPROVE

Hockey is now regarded as one of our leading sports, during 1962, we have seen much done to improve our standard in this game but we are still a long way off to meet the international standards of this sport.

MEET MRS. NETBALL.

Dedication to any endeavour is one of the great assets of human beings. This has been the case with Mrs. Lystra Lewis. Because of Mrs. Lewis' dedication to netball in the West Indies, the game has risen from near obscurity to one of the National past-times for women.



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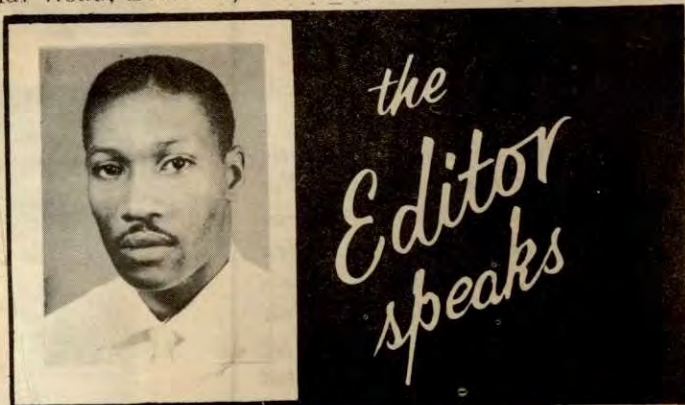
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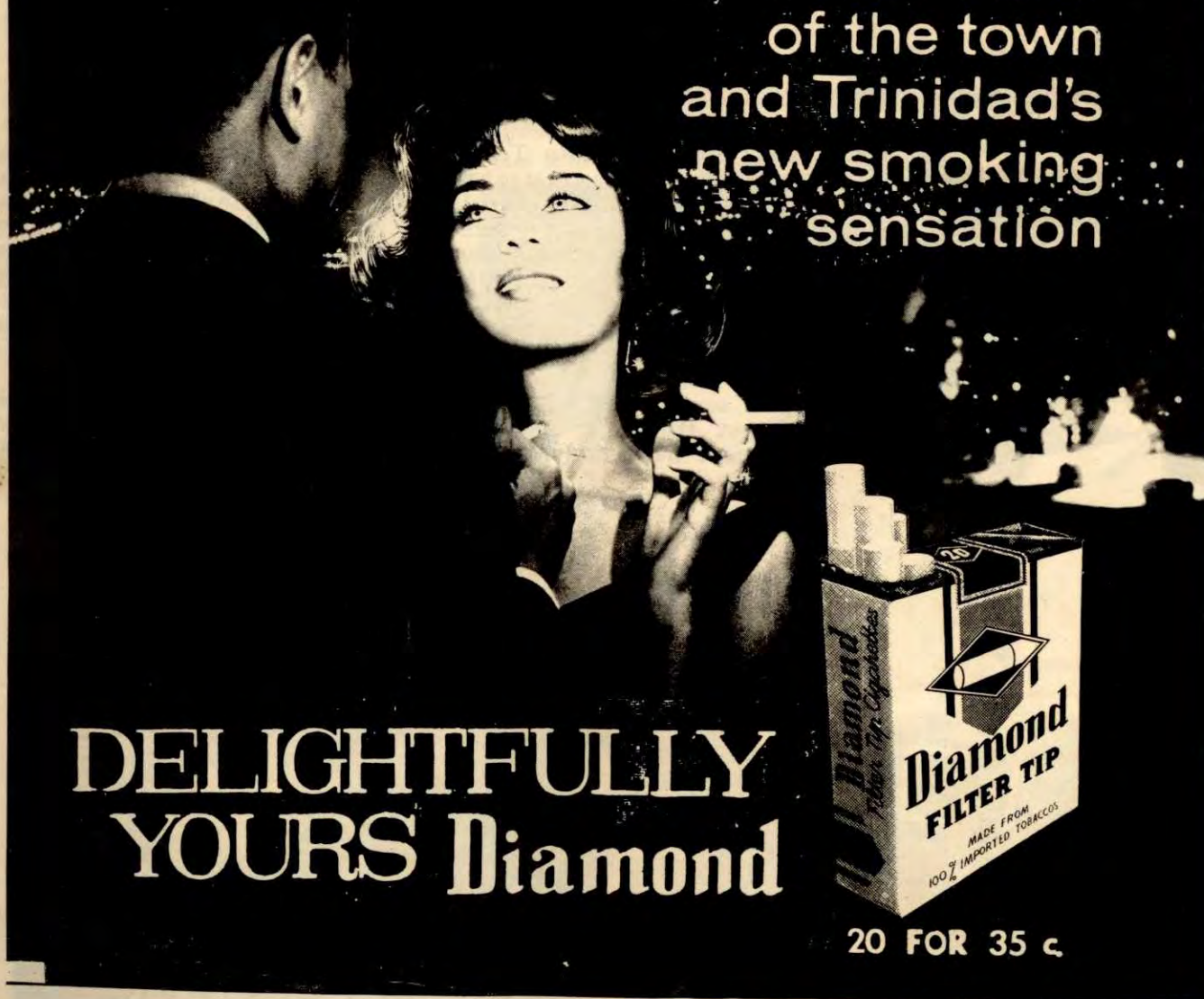


Sport throughout the ages has been an integral part of the activities of every community. It has been the making of and the breaking of many. We have the local newspaper which gives us the day to day records, and relays to us some of the happenings behind the scenes. The newspaper however, does not supply us with all the salient facts. We of Carib Sports propose to supply this need. We intend to dig, and dig deep and bring to the reading public the facts pertaining to Sports and Sports organisations.

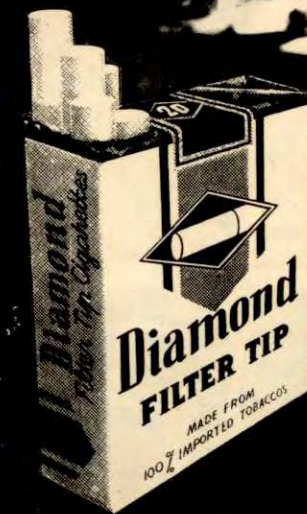
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LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION MUST PLAN AHEAD

by
Hugh Solomon

Trinidad's Lawn Tennis is now riding on the crest of a wave. A wave occasioned by victories in the Brandon Trophy series and the Caribbean singles tournaments. But how long will they hold this enviable position?

The names of Peter Valdez and Allan Price have been linked with Trinidad's tennis for the past seven years but one cannot expect that these players will continue indefinitely on the lawn tennis scene.

Peter Valdez started playing tennis about thirteen years ago and after sweeping through the junior ranks, continued to show such remarkable progress that in a very short while he was among the best of the senior players. It was no surprise when he was awarded an "Ovaltine" scholarship along with Allan Price.

The Scholarship gave both Peter and Allan an opportunity to see and play against some of the top players in the United King-

MRS. JEAN MARSDEN, Trinidad's new Open Women's Lawn Tennis Champion is all smiles as she receives from Mr. Gerry Gomez her beautiful trophy. Mrs. Marsden beat the former champion, Miss Mildred Cambridge, in the final this year.



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dom and since their return the names of these two players have become a by-word in Trinidad tennis.

Peter's game is played from the baseline. He never appears to be ruffled and employs his forearm and backhand drives to such great advantage that many of his opponents have had futile chases about the court without any great measure of success.

He has been a member of the West Indies Davis Cup team for the past six years and when it is considered that the West Indies have been represented by two-man teams almost from its entry into the Davis Cup series, it must be conceded that this player has been at the forefront from that time.

Allan Price, the other stalwart of Trinidad tennis, has been called the "golden boy" even since his days as a junior. But his game, which on his day equals the best seen on local courts, is not steady and he cannot be relied upon in a crisis. True he handed Peter Phillips, the Jamaican champion, his first defeat on Trinidad courts when they met in the West Indies Singles championships, but on the succeeding afternoon he failed miserably against the accurate placements of Valdez and the match was all over in fifty-eight minutes.

Next in line comes Michael Valdez, Peter's younger brother, and perhaps the only other player who is capable of representing this territory in any tournament.

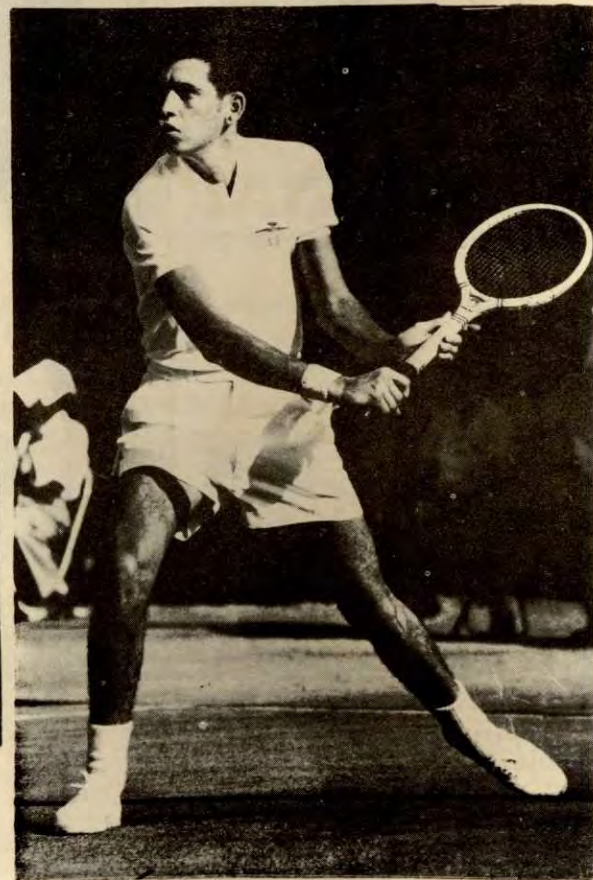
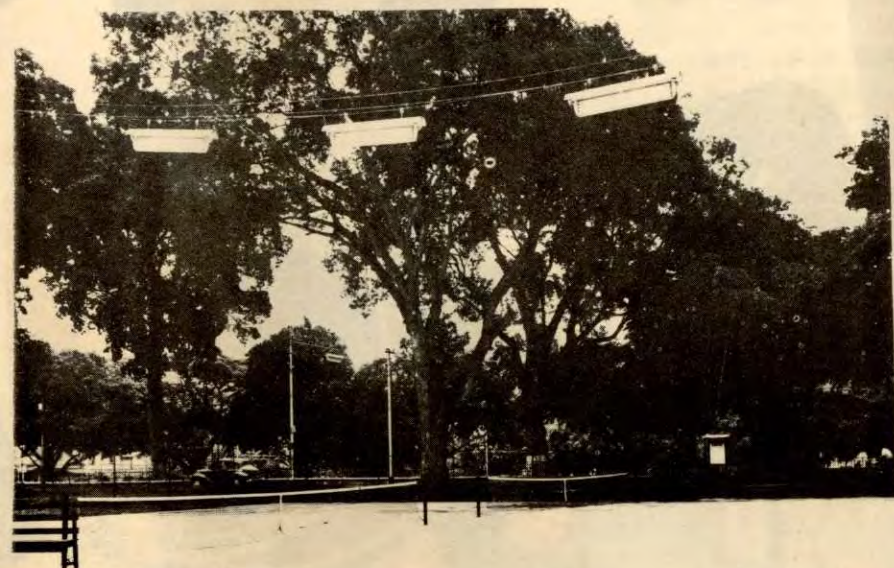
ALAN PRICE AND PETER VALDEZ proudly hold the Brandon Trophy, the symbol of Lawn Tennis supremacy in the Caribbean, after they, together with Michael Valdez, swept Trinidad to a four one victory over Jamaica in the final at the Tranquillity Courts in May.





ONE of the young Women prospects on the Trinidad Lawn Tennis scene, Ria Chong Ashing, displays a forceful back hand drive during the recent Open Trinidad Championships. Miss Chong Ashing was beaten by Miss Mildred Cambridge in one of the semi-finals.

Perhaps the best thing which has been done in Lawn Tennis is the Public Courts which is pictured below. This is where we can expect many of our future stars.



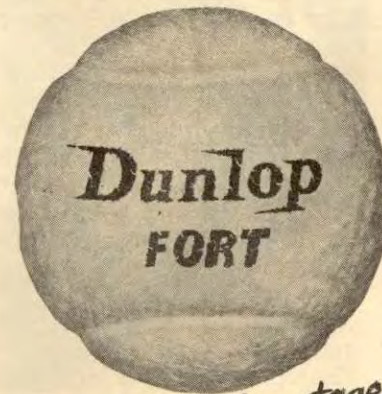
ALLAN PRICE, the "Golden Boy" of Trinidad Tennis, prepares to make a backhand volley during play at the Tranquillity courts. Allan has been for many years the brightest star in the Trinidad firmament but he cannot be relied upon in a crisis.

But even Michael has not had the benefit of overseas experience which means so much in actual competition.

Other than these three players, what has Trinidad to offer? From among the ranks we cannot find players capable of filling in for one of the top players if absent.

If a diligent search can be made I am sure that there are players capable of equalling or perhaps surpassing the standards set by the present day stalwarts, but this can only be achieved if scholarships could be obtained

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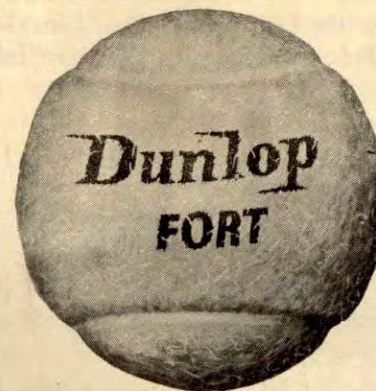


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for a group of players to have the opportunity to see and play against the top exponents in other parts of the world.

This then is the job which the Lawn Tennis Association of Trinidad has to accomplish if they intend to keep Trinidad at the forefront of West Indies tennis.

Arriving at the personnel best suited for these scholarships should not be a very difficult task for the L.T.A., as they can encourage the individual clubs around the island to hold open tournaments and by the performances of players at these tournaments much can be gained for the eventual selection.

These tournaments too, will help to boost the appalling standard which exists among the woman players in the territory. In the recent Trinidad championships, women's tennis received a much needed shot in the arm when Jean Marsden, a comparative unknown, triumphed over Mildred Cambridge, who had ruled the roost for the past two decades.

Mrs Marsden who hails from the south and Miss Ria Chong Ashing, one of the semi-finalists have both shown what could be accomplished, and their victories should encourage southerners to still a greater effort on the lawn tennis courts.

The public courts is another of the media through which improvement can be attained. But greater encouragement and more coaching on the various technical points of the game, combined with regular tournaments would all go a long way towards improvement.

Taken as a whole, Trinidad's tennis is not in a very sorry state, but it is the business of the Lawn Tennis Association to plan for the years ahead. Their's is the task of ferreting out the latent talent among the enthusiasts.

The motto in all sport is to find them young and groom them, and this applies to Lawn Tennis as well. The L.T.A. must succeed in maintaining at least a continuity in the standard which exists today.

Today we have more players in the game than ever before, but unless they are directed along the correct lines, this territory will become blessed with scores of sub-standard players, all incapable of hitting their way out of a paper bag.

MICHAEL VALDEZ, one of the top three in Trinidad Lawn Tennis is seen making an overhead smash at the Tranquillity courts during the Brandon Trophy tournament held in Trinidad recently. Valdez who has shown tremendous improvement in the past two years, is the last in the line of the territory's top flight players.



PROMOTION AND RELEGATION A MUST

Football which vies with Cricket as one of Trinidad's biggest crowd drawing sporting activities, needs revitalizing.

This is something which was hinted at years ago, but to this date nothing tangible has been done.

Teams have changed from the roving centre-half to the more up-to-date third back system, but while the players have realised that it is important that they keep in line with the changing times, the administration has not.

Port-of-Spain is considered the headquarters of Soccer in Trinidad. It is the home of the Port-of-Spain League and the fast improving Northern League. At the helm of things in the Port-of-Spain League, is the Secretary of the Trinidad Football Association, Mr. Eric James.

All these factors seem to suggest that the systems which obtain in the city should be the most progressive in the island, but that is not so.

Instead of injecting new ideas into the administration, the Port-of-Spain League persists in maintaining a system which is both outmoded and fails to sustain spectator interest up to the end of the season.

The administration also has had a hand in the complete obliteration of at least two clubs which had shown promise and of which a great future in Trinidad soccer was predicted. I allude to Imperium and Luton Town.

Both these teams had produced a revolutionary brand of soccer in the Northern League. Both these teams have met with a great measure of success. They were at the top of their divisions during the years that they had taken part in the Northern League competitions. They were fortunate to have displayed this brand of football before the knowledgeable crowds in front of the Grand

Stand and were accepted.

Because of these teams, the Northern League rose from being just another League in the Hayward Shield inter-league series to a contender for top honours. But the lack of serious opposition worked adversely against them. They found that they were not allowed enough scope for improvement and eventually had to disband. They have now found their several ways into some of the accredited first class teams, but this move has failed to meet with the success which they had hoped.

By finding themselves in other Clubs, the patterns and methods which were employed when they were banded together as a team have now been lost in the myriad of old fashioned ideas which are ever present in the long established first class teams, and the familiarity which was enjoyed by constant practice and the confidence in the other players, have left these would-be stars among the other mediocre players who still adorn the first division.

The blame for this must

CARLTON FRANCO, (Centre), stares with disbelief as the Apex goalkeeper dives and saves his shot almost on the goal line. Briggs, a defender, looks on. Action was in the F.A. Trophy final between Malvern and Apex on the P.O.S.F.L. ground on the Queen's Park Savannah.



surely lie on the shoulders of the administration. They who cater for the crowds and players who throng to the Queen's Park Savannah from July to December of each year, and yet yearly they serve up the same menu to the sport loving players and spectators of North Trinidad.

Let us have a change of systems. Let us have a method through which we can truly say that football in all sections of the playing community is being catered for. If the administration is not capable of thinking for themselves, let me suggest a revision of the 'A' and 'B' divisions which now obtain in the first division. In order that we have the best we must certainly have a promotion and relegation system.

The administration may argue that it may mean that the Colleges will suffer, but let us face the facts. The colleges have given us very few of our present day stars.

When a very promising star from the college is ready for one of the clubs in the first division, he eventually has to choose be-

A CHANGE IS NEEDED



Mr. Eric James has been the Secretary of Trinidad Football for several years. During the time which he has held office, the popularity of this pastime has waned. The Trinidad Association has been able to show a formidable bank balance but the players themselves have not benefited. The standard which was achieved during the office of the previous Secretary has fallen away. First division players are sometimes denied access to the stands when they are not playing. The ground upon which the most important matches (North-South, F.A. Trophy final) are played is considered by both player and spectator alike as being the worst in the territory. When play is impossible on this playing field - as it almost always is - token repairs are made. The system of arriving at League champions are a hand-down from former years and is outmoded. But clubs affiliated to the P.O.S.F.L. must share the blame for this situation. They have it in their power to right the wrongs and up to now have done nothing. They are summoned to meetings but fail to turn up. They sometimes arrive at important meetings with ideas which could mean a big improvement to Trinidad football but lack the necessary fight to achieve these ends. If these things continue what could Trinidad Football achieve.....?



Guenwyn Cust



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PATRICK RAYMOND

tween sport and a career, and, invariably sport suffers. Are we then to allow football as a whole to suffer in order that the Colleges are able to enjoy the benefits of playing First Division soccer?

Added to this, there are two teams which grace the first division, Sporting Club and Notre Dame, who make the term 'First Division' sound as a farce by their performances. They have both served as stepping stones for the other teams which are favoured by the luck of the draw to progress in the knock out competitions.

With the coming of Independence, it is expected that everything in Trinidad would be run on a National level. We also expect that organisations would all commence to think of Sport for the benefit of the nation. If this is to be so, then, there must be some definite step towards the revitalization of our football.

We must have no doubts as to which is our champion team in the first division. We must not be able to say that there are other teams whose performances merit first division status but this was denied.

Formulate plans for the running of three divisions and with the promotion and relegation system we should have at all times a battle for survival at the bottom of the table and the great and glorious fight for the Championship at the top. Also there will be no recurrence of the obliteration of promising teams such as has occurred in the past.

COLT'S HAS PLANS

Colts Club has taken the lead in a new venture with the hope of raising their soccer standard back to its former heights. The Committee under St. Elmo Gopaul, Secretary, thought up a novel idea of awarding two-year scholarships with everything free to promising young players. Grasping this chance to make good are former Luton Town and Northern League stars Mikey Price, goalkeeper, Ming Alleyne, James Greenidge and Cust, forwards.

Colts, dubbed the 'Eight Army' in the late '40s with former stalwarts Dudley Husbands, 'Diamond Jim' Harding, Reggie 'Piggy' Joseph, Noel Winn, Neville Evans, Carlton Downes, Popo Simmonds, Randolph Merritt, now crippled, Leon Munroe, the Moore brothers, Sonny and Ivan, just to name a few, must hold their heads in shame to witness the low depth the club has fallen to on the soccer field.



By Raffle Knowles

What a fleeting object time is! For it seems only like yesterday that everyone was looking on at the opening game of the season and wondering what good things were in store for the players. New officials were elected, all bubbling over with energy, rumours of a tour to Jamaica were well in the air. Maple and Guardian were to enter a team for the first time, the possibility of an English coach coming to Trinidad - oh, the 1962 season really looked like being the best ever!

And now it is June. All is over, the season a thing of the past. And the decision to those who care to be truthful - a season, it was of increased popularity in the game, resulting in high crowds, but the standard - still only average. To those who refuse to see further than the end of their noses and who don't know any better - a great season!

One might ask then, how can the crowds increase, the game become popular and the standard remain average? That is easy. It is the same as in Football. Trinidad is such a sport loving country that sport fans will go to any place that a ball game provides excitement. And the Football influx of the football heroes - Maple the football heroes - Maple - plus the football personalities of Malvern also taking up the game, acted like a magnet to men and women who did not know one side of the hockey stick from the other. They got their excitement all right, but in hitting and running, not in the basic principles that are necessary for proper hockey.

TRINIDAD'S HOCKEY

MUST IMPROVE

For look at what happened when England's ex-prize forward - John Conroy - passed through here with a Jamaican touring team after a coaching assignment, in the Isle of Springs. He took one look, shuddered and said 'But, all the players want to do is run fast and hit the ball. Your hockey is 20 years behind hand'. He pleaded, he showed them the correct idea, the same way I have done since 1960 when I first saw Hockey played in Europe and the Far East, but his words, like mine, fell on deaf ears.

And the result, the sad debacle in Jamaica this month. Defeat by that country and in Barbados too - for the very first time. Oh, I know the grounds were bad, the umpiring was poor, but make no

Trinidad gets a scare during their match against British Guiana Chinese at Bourda, Georgetown. Vere Greer, Ken Cooke and Dennis Warner are the Trinidad players seen in action.



mistake our standard was poor also, without any idea of a plan either in defence or attack. And the reason, it is hard to say, but it is true. A complete lack of disciplinary coaching. Someone to say 'John Conroy was right, do as he says, or else'.

Well, presumably, South were the ones to provide the opposition. For fit and strong, and with Pat Gomez to guide them, they hit and ran and won a series against North for the first time. But came the big moment - six of their team were considered good enough to go to Jamaica - but alas, footwork bad, stickwork poor - failures most of them. All is not energy and heart in an Inter-Territorial series. We live and learn - the hard way. The players are not to blame, the

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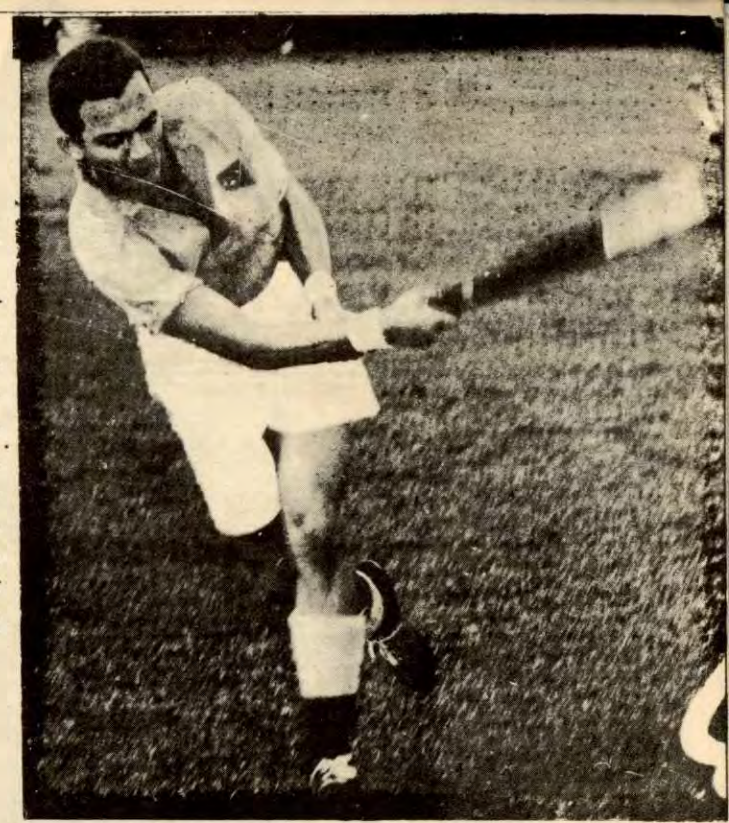
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PAT GOMEZ has been responsible for the initial success of the Southern Men's Hockey team against their Northern counterparts this year. Gomez was formerly one of the bulwarks of Casuals and North and because of his work now plays for Shell in the South. He is captain of both Shell and South and plays at inside-right.



administrators are the ones.

Fortunately my own Club - Casuals after 3 years of begging, beseeching and becoming unpopular, is beginning to see wisdom. For in part, they played sensible hockey, and with their customary heart of gold, despite the loss of Pat Gomez, Clive Pantin, and Harold de Silva, hung up an unbeaten record of 14 games, sharing the League title in Port of Spain with Notre Dame and Police and becoming the team of the year by winning the Knock-out series also. Their defence was easily the best covering defence in the League but when one remembers that in 5 of their games - two were goalless - they had to come from behind to square the game, it really was their determination that won the day.

It was good to see Notre Dame up on top in Hockey. There is nothing that could be better for Hockey. Unfortunately they are one of the 'hit and run and hope' teams, a remark which could well apply to last seasons champs 'Police'. Neither, with these tactics were easy to conquer, but it is not good for Hockey. Shamrock had abundant material as usual but nothing like the team spirit, necessary, while Rugby Club with a galaxy of talent early in the season, became un-

settled with players going on vacation, and never really recovered.

Two major comments also came from Conroy - the umpiring and the question - 'from where do we get our young Hockey players'. And both are points of great concern - the latter even more so. The only source of supply is the schools and colleges, and only St. Mary's College play the game. I again appeal to the authorities to negotiate with Queen's Royal and Fatima Colleges to start playing. It really is a must.

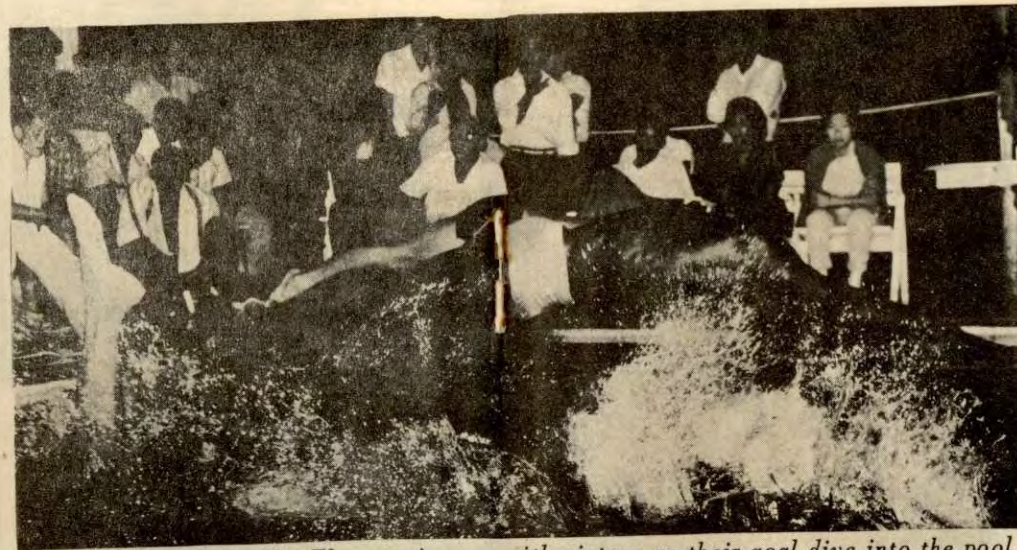
The Umpiring - well - is a mark of discension all over the world. And this time I am defending Trinidad. Apart from a lack of a common interpretation of rules, Trinidad umpires are more strict than the majority under whom I have played in the big countries. But they are only human and must err, and unfortunately players will not remember that.

I can't say it was a season to remember, although with Casuals ending on the Throne I won't forget it too easily. But lets make a wish for the New Year in advance - that all players and followers alike - remember in 1963 - Hockey is a game of BRAIN not BRAWN.

ODD SHOTS in SPORT!



MUD and football always go together; but surely goalkeeper Gomez does not appreciate this fact as he attempts to collect a shot during the 1961 season.



IN WITH A SPLASH. These swimmers with victory as their goal dive into the pool. But while the style of the two farthest from the camera is conventional, the one nearest is far from it. Look at his feet and assess where his head should be.



A Sprawling dive but a fruitless effort. The goalkeeper attempts to intercept the ball and the forward is on the spot but neither player intercepted and no goal resulted.

WHAT AM I DOING HERE? A question to which this wrestler's opponent could easily supply an answer. Would you like to know? Well, he was tossed out of the ring.



LAURIE TAITT, British Guiana's top hurdler tips the obstacle while in competition in England. The obstacle did not fall and Taitt went on to win the event with a new time for the record books.



TRINIDAD and TOBAGO A.A.A.

HAS GROWN UP

FLASHING over the finishing line during one of his many victories in the past year is the Trinidad Champion, Edwin Roberts. Roberts is selected on the territory's team for the C.A.C. Games in Jamaica later this year.

The Amateur Association of Trinidad and Tobago has grown up. This could be plainly seen from the way in which they finally arrived at the territory's team that will take part in the Caribbean and Central American Games to be held in Jamaica later this year.

It was long advocated, but never actually put into operation, that a Trinidad team should be selected only after an Official Trial was held. Last month the local A.A.A. did this and from the results few, if any, could say that the team members eventually selected did not merit their choice.

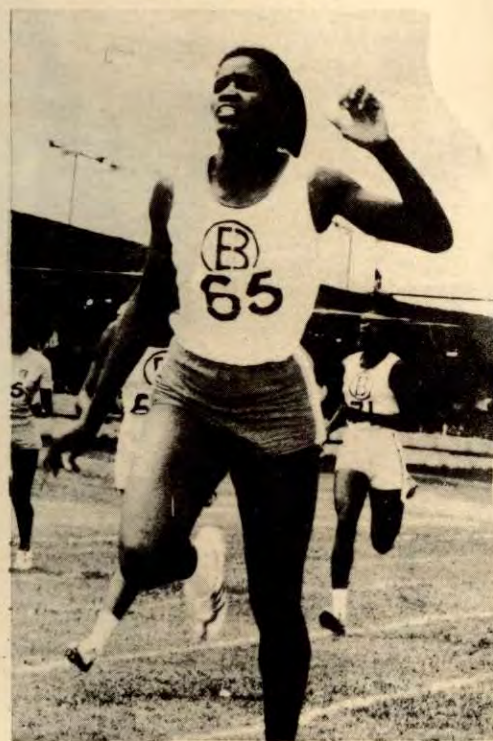
On two rainy afternoons in June, hundreds of would-be stars gave Judges, Track Stewards and Timekeepers agonizing moments as they strove to out-run, out-

jump and out-throw each other for the twenty-two team places. The soggy track and generally adverse conditions did little to alter the enthusiasm of the athletes and the end of the programme, many new marks were written into the record books.

Then came the period of waiting, but, only for a few. Edwin Roberts, Jose Betancourt, Robert Stephenson, Lennox Yearwood, Aubrey Edwards, Winston Thompson and Billy Montague among the men; Sybil Dommartin, Thora Best, Marilyn Bayley and Vickey Clarke among the women were among the certainties.

Edwin Skinner, who stormed into the spotlight early this year, suffered a pulled leg muscle while contesting the 200 metres on the second day and for a time was a doubtful starter. His injury was

ANOTHER CHAMPION, Sybil Dommartin, strides effortlessly to the tape at Guacara Park. Upon this athlete's shoulders rests the hope of many Trinidadians in the Women's sprints at the C.A.C. Games.



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MARYLIN BAILEY, Queen of the territory women's field events strikes a characteristic pose. Miss Bailey missed the Trinidad Games which was billed as the final Trial for selection to Jamaica but was however named as a member of the team.

sary for the team's coach to select for the athlete his best event. If this is not done, then we may find that the athlete has to take part in more than one event on a particular day with the result that he is not able to give of his best in either event.

This is the position of Edwin Roberts our main hope. Over the past year he has been dominating all events from the 100 to the

deemed not serious however, and he was given a place on the team. But is it?

Now that the team selection has been completed, it is hoped that the Amateur Athletic Association intends to continue along the accepted lines. It is not enough for them to select a team for representation so far into the future without making arrangements for keep-fit meetings and coaching sessions which would enable the selectees to maintain the form and condition which they attained at the Trinidad Games.

Here is where the job of Coach Albert Browne in particular, and the tour officials in general begins.

The athletes themselves present little difficulty. They have become so keyed up over their selection, that it is very improbable that they would do themselves much harm. But, harm may be done inadvertently and regular physical check-ups by both physician and the team's coach are therefore necessary.

In the team selected there is a wealth of talent, at least by Trinidad standards. But because of the all-round capabilities of the sprinters, it becomes neces-

THORA BEST, one of the best young women prospects in Trinidad, displays fine form at the end of a 100 metres event. Miss Best has been chosen to represent Trinidad in Jamaica. She will also compete in the low hurdles event at the Games.





Cliff Bertrand, (111), one of Trinidad's top athletes who is at present studying in the United States and combining athletics with his University activities, is second past the line. Joseph Goddard, all in white was the winner of the event. Bertrand failed to notify the Trinidad authorities about his return to the territory and whether he could be available for selection on the team for the Games which will be held in Jamaica. He is rated among the best in the United States from 200 to 600 metres.

BRENDA BARZEY another of our young female athletic stars clears a hurdle at Guaracara Park, Pointe-a-Pierre. Brenda has been showing consistent improvement in this event since 1960 and is also a member of the Trinidad team.



four hundred metres, and has been returning very good times. The programme for the Games is so arranged that even qualification in these three events would be an achievement, hence it would be better for both the athlete and Trinidad as a whole, if he is made to concentrate on one or two events.

Among the women there is no such complication. Sybil Dommartin will concentrate on the sprints while the other members of the relay team will be in the main hurdles, therefore, the question of duplicity of events does not arise.

This problem is also non-existent among the field events. These athletes have all become accustomed to participating in two events on any day and so they would not have to face a problem to which they are not accustomed.

It is still not definite that the Games will go ahead as planned but one thing that all Trinidadians are certain of and that is they would be well represented. Thanks to the foresight of the local A.A.A.

VICTORIA CLARKE whose sterling performances in the field events made her a virtual certainty for the C.A.C. Games, is suspended in mid-air during the Discus throwing event at the Southern Games earlier this year.



THE WILL TO WIN by Gilroy Loney

A good athlete any part of the world has always endeared himself to the hearts of the people, especially those in his native community. There are very strong and cogent sociological reasons for this. It stems from the fact that desirable qualities of character always go with the properly developed athlete.

If you take one of the sterling qualities of character which go to make up this valuable package - namely the quality of the mental approach - it will be appreciated what great regard should be shown to the top class athlete. Also, if those who take part in athletics only set about to take this point seriously, a great improvement will take place in their performances and records returned.

Now, consider carefully that I am using the term athletics to mean competitive sports demanding physical skills and usually other physical qualities such as strength, speed and endurance. I am not using this term in connection with sports that are indulged in only for recreation or exercise - sailboat racing, for example, - in which the physical qualities of the contestants are not matched. Of course mountain climbing, gymnastics, swimming, skating and skiing, may be either athletics or recreation depending on whether or not they involve competition.

So, we are considering sports in the field of running, throwing the discus, boxing, football, etc., in which the competitive feature is always present.

To delve a little further let us now consider, for instance, an athlete entering in a 200 yds dash. He desires to win and as such, if he is too self-centred and tensed up he will not be able to give of his best. If he is in command and complete control of the many and various influences which are brought to bear on him, success must be his.

The reputation of other athletes involved, times returned included, is a factor which very often robs him from being able to rid his mind of that haunting fear that would bring about the

lack of proper equilibrium between limb and mind.

This contestant, mark you, is not supposed to be shaking with fear or showing obvious signs of uncertainty, but, as long as there is any form of doubt as to his ability to come out on top, he will NOT give of his best.

To prove my point, carry your mind back to February, 1956, and Southern Games. The 800 metres flat race was about to start and there was Brian Hewson, at that time one of the few four-minute milers in the world, among the contestants.

He had stepped on a barnacle at a Pointe-a-Pierre bathing resort just 24 hours before this race, so you can imagine the serious doubt of onlookers about his performance as he appeared with a bandaged left ankle in addition to his running shoes.

Hewson had all the confidence in the world that this would not keep him back. The race went off and this 23-year-old tailor from Surrey, England, pounded on the track with power and speed 'AND PAIN' to outstrip all local competition before him and chip off 2.2 secs. from the Olympic record for the distance.

I had the honour to interview Hewson after this race and here is what he said:

'I did not get away fast, probably because I did not get the proper drive due to the injured heel.

'I got to the front after the first 300 yds. I completed the first 400 metres in 53 secs. Shortly after this my shoe got loose and I could not drive as much as I would have liked to but had to be content with making long strides to sail home.'

At the end of this race he grimaced in great pain and Dr. C. Dolly had to cut off the elastoplast to relieve him.

Hewson did not for one minute entertain the thought that this injury would have kept him back. Against odds, tremendous ones at that, he held his belief and eventually won through to set up a new record.

In common parlance: 'Put that in your pipe and smoke it.'





A PAGEANT of colour, lovely legs and beautiful faces is depicted above during the opening parade of the Trinidad Netball 1962 season at the Queen's Park Oval early this year. Yearly this parade draws hundreds of spectators.

be rewarded when a team of English players will journey to the Caribbean and come up against a West Indian combination. The tournament will be held later this month.

Seldom has a personality, and not a player, been able to stimulate interest in any phase of sport in Trinidad. Seldom has an official in Trinidad Sport been so enthused with an idea that something could be done to a parti-

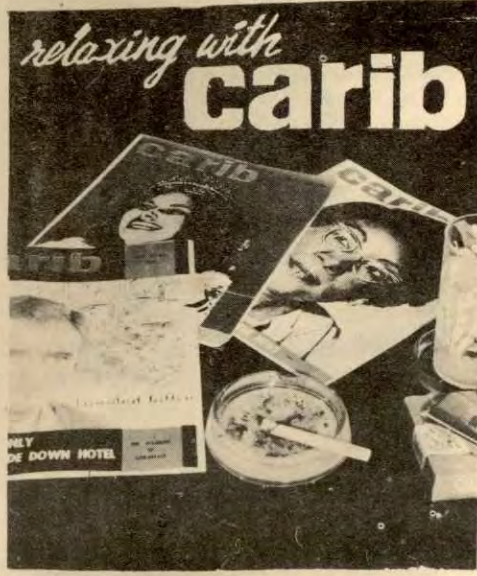


Mrs. Lystra Lewis, a name which has become synonymous with Netball in the West Indies over the past decade, has been associated with the game for all of twenty-three years. This lithe, amicable, quick-smiling adjudicator of Trinidad Netball, was introduced to the game in 1939, and so rapidly did she take to it that as early as 1942 she was umpiring and coaching. Her administrative talents were soon noticed and in 1951 she assumed the post of Secretary of the Port of Spain League, a post she still occupies. In private life, Mrs. Lewis is the wife of the former Trinidad sprint champion George Lewis, and is available to all and sundry particularly if the discussion is Netball.

high standard. In the playing field, these were the implements which were used by the astute Mrs. Lewis to urge the others to attain. These players have all left the game now, but their names have been etched so indelibly in the minds of the present-day players, that they still strive to attain the standard set by these performers of previous years. Indeed, Phyllis Pierre-Walker was perhaps the greatest of the long line of Trinidad shoots, as her aggregate for any season or tournament has always been the best. All praise then must go to the indefatigable Mrs. Lystra Lewis, whose efforts will soon

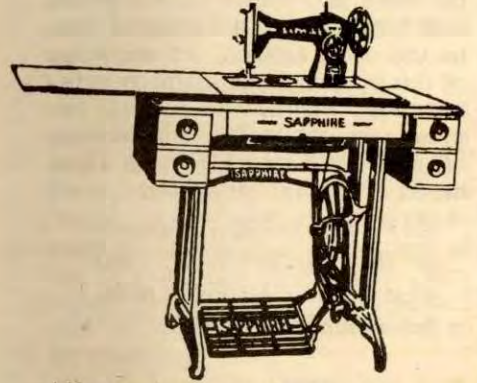
MEET MRS NETBALL

The opening of the season is usually a pageant of colourful uniforms, shapely legs and beautiful faces. For the past few years the opening parade has been held at the Queen's Park Oval, and to this spectacular event go hundreds of spectators, both young and old, year in and year out. The standard of the game has also risen during Mrs. Lewis' administration, and because her first love is the Port of Spain League, the standard in these competitions is the usual marker for attainment by the others. Among the players, there springs to mind the names of Eileen Clunis, Phyllis Pierre-Walker, and Sylvia Durity. These are all players who set and maintained an almost impossibly



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cular sport and did something about it. These are but few of the bouquets which could be strewn at the feet of the Secretary of Trinidad and West Indies Netball, Mrs. Lystra Lewis. Mrs. Lewis, as she is known to all, both on the field of Netball and off, took active part in the game many years ago, but since her elevation to the position of Secretary of the Trinidad Association, things really began to hum. Quickly she was able to revitalise the Southern League, and with the assistance of some of the top Port of Spain players who had migrated to the South, she was able to set up a machinery which today rivals that of Port of Spain League and the parent body, the Trinidad Netball Association.

Then came the big task - to form a West Indies Association. Tournaments had been organised for the Dudley Cobham Cup between some of the other territories, and through constant application and persuasion, the West Indies Association came into being. Since the idea had originated in the brain of Mrs. Lewis, it came as no surprise that she was elected as its first Secretary, and how well she shouldered the responsibility? Then came the period of hard work, but this gallant individual never shirked the responsibility, even though she is a housewife. She ran the affairs of the Port of Spain League, the Trinidad Association and the West Indies Association with as much impartiality as a Federal Judge, and she was able to secure the best benefits for each on its merit.

But further opportunities still awaited this purposeful advocate of better recognition for Ladies Netball. And the British Council was the first to lend a helping hand. She was awarded a scholarship to study Netball and coaching procedure in England and this was followed almost immediately by a seminar by the World Federation of Netball Associations in Ceylon.

These trips gave Mrs. Lewis the honour to be the only West Indian Netball Coach and gave her immeasurable experience in the game. On her return, she applied the methods which she had learned to Trinidad Netball and this gave the game a big boost. Not to be out-done by the British Council, the Trinidad Government quickly recognised the game and its popularity, and within a short while, Mrs. Lewis was attached to the Department of Education and Culture in the capacity of Trinidad's Netball Coach. The Municipal Council also stepped in and the girls were given the more convenient location of the Princes Building Savannah and a paved court. The game itself, one with much spectator interest, has become even more so with the adaptation of the new International Rules, and this along with the change of playing venue has drawn record crowds to the matches.

The new Netball court at the Princess Building grounds which has helped Netball considerably in raising the standard of the game. This was one of the long sought after items of Mrs. Lewis, which must be added to her already outstanding career.



START OF SOUTH BASKETBALL 1962 SEASON DELAYED

The Southern Amateur Basketball League, which shocked the Port of Spain League out of its complacency last year by winning the Frank Drayton Trophy, is yet to start its 1962 season.

This situation has come about mainly because the San Fernando Borough Council has had to make arrangements to facilitate another sport, Lawn Tennis, at Skinner Park.

In the past, the Basketball courts were situated near to the road, but this site has now been changed and in its place now stands the San Fernando Public Courts. This move will now make it possible for the S.A.B.L. to charge an entrance fee to spectators to view the competition matches.

A snag has however hit the League. Matches in these competitions are usually played at nights and the electricity was supplied through the Borough Council, but with the taking over of the electricity by the T. and T.E.C., the League has been asked to pay a small part of these charges and they have also been informed that they will be unable to use the courts after nine o'clock in the evenings.

For the Southern League, this situation is a ticklish one. They have been running their competitions at Skinner Park for the past decade. Because of the proximity to the road during these

years, it had been impossible for the officials to charge an entrance fee and the League ran as a non-profitable organisation. Now that these new demands are to be met, one could well understand the situation which now faces them.

They have however, gone ahead and set a tentative date for the commencement of the 1962 season, July 21st, but this date is dependent on many factors. First the question of lighting must be finally decided with the Borough Council and the T. and T.E.C. and then the General Committee must get together and decide on an entrance fee, to set up a Committee to draft out fixtures and the question of promotion of at least two teams to the sadly depleted First Division.

In connection with the actual playing teams in the League. There are at present eleven teams participating - three in the first division and eight in the second - and these teams provide San Fernando with a standard of basketball comparable to that seen in Port of Spain.

In actual fact, the Southern League affords more opportunity for players to practice than any other Association. Skinner Park is always open and every afternoon scores of players from either division can be seen attempting their various manoeuvres on the court.

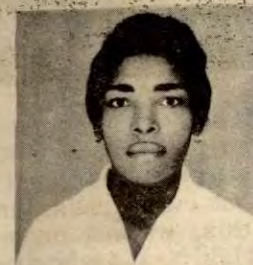


THELMA RENNIE whose proficiency on the courts last year earned her a place on the Trinidad Ladies team which played Martinique at home.

This system has after five years of effort, at last given South a lein on the Frank Drayton Trophy. The trophy is won through victories secured in a three-match series and was held by the North team from its inception.

New faces are also constantly emerging on the Southern scene. Indeed, so high was the standard despite the paucity of first class teams, that Carl Haneiph, a comparative newcomer to the game, won inclusion on a Trinidad team in the 1961 season. At one stage of the season the possibility existed that South would gain two places on the team, but because of a fracture to his hand Desmond Thomas, accepted by all

CARL HANEIPH, a newcomer to the Trinidad team. Last year he made his debut to international competition.



CYNTHIA CRAIGWELL versatile ball star, is one of South's and Trinidad's leading players. She too was a member of the Trinidad Ladies team which played Martinique last year.

to be the king of Southern Basketball, found himself on the sidelines.

The women too, are also exhibiting a high standard of ball in the south. Trinidad was visited by a Martiniquan Women's team last year and from the South Cynthia Craigwell, Thelma Remie and Irma Huggins all gained representative colours.

Their season is scheduled to commence sometime after the start of the men's tournaments, but they can be assured that there will be Women's Ball this year. The secretary, Mr. Kenneth Phillips, who also guides the affairs of the Men's organisation, has been in contact with all the other officials and together they are striving for a solution.

Another subject which seems more of a possibility as time goes by is a merger of the Southern League with the St. Patricks Association. Discussions have been held with the secretary of the St. Patricks Association, Mr. John Antoine, and it is reported that very few details are yet to be ironed out.

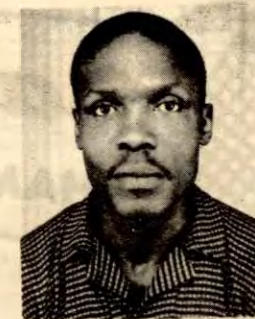
This merger became a likelihood when it became necessary to select a South team to meet North for the Frank Drayton Trophy last year. It was stated that the method of team selection was not met with the approval of both bodies and there the idea was born.

But both the officers and



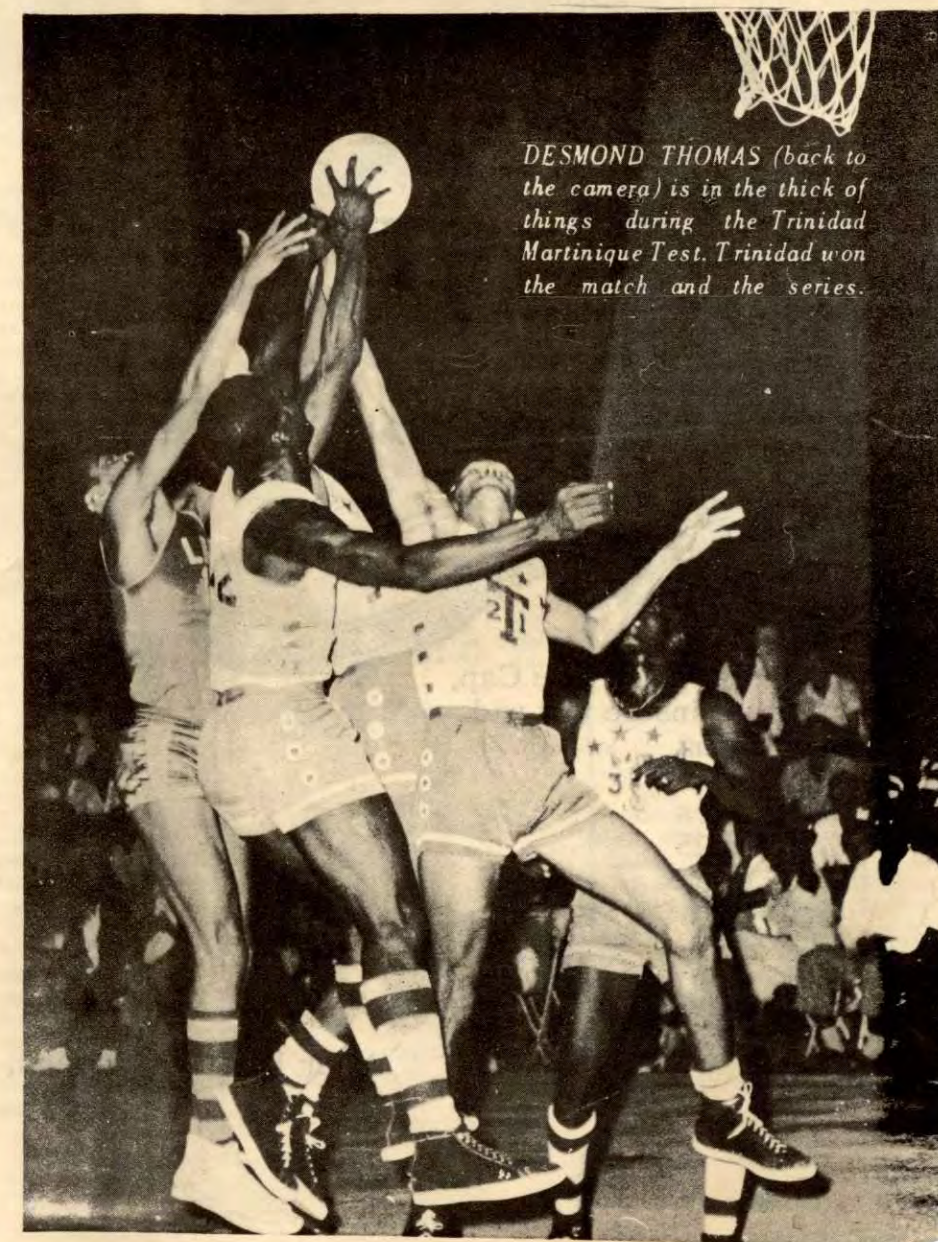
KENNETH PHILLIPS the hard working secretary of the Southern League, took office last year. Under his guidance South managed to win the Claude Drayton Trophy for the first time in five years.

members of the Southern Amateur Basketball League are striving for perfection and should their present rate of improvement continue, then their



DESMOND THOMAS, boss of the Southern courts, was sidelined last year due to an arm fracture. However, "Dese" is back at serious training.

northern counterparts will find the utmost difficulty to regain the Claude Drayton trophy, the symbol of Basketball supremacy between North and South. (H.S.)



DESMOND THOMAS (back to the camera) is in the thick of things during the Trinidad Martinique Test. Trinidad won the match and the series.



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Editor speaks

Trinidad holds an enviable place in the world of Sport. We have supplied topnotch personalities in almost every phase and have done this, without proper facilities. This need is becoming more marked as the years go by, and must be remedied in the very near future. We allude to a National Stadium.



For the past decade this need has been brought before the public's eye, but it is yet to get beyond the Committee stage. There has been planning and still more planning and nothing tangible has been done. We ask, "When will sportsmen be able to say with justifiable pride 'This is our National Stadium'?" Because until this is done there will surely be the haphazard training methods on sub-standard facilities which result in poor representation in International competition.

Let us have our Stadium. Let us have at least the necessary facilities which would give us the opportunity to produce athletes and sportsmen who will bring fame and who we would be able to state with pride was a product of our community.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

After a season of shuttling between the Queen's Park Savannah, the Government House Grounds and the St. James Barracks the Trinidad Women's Hockey Association face perhaps their brightest year.

Planned for these girls, who after a season of shuttling between their heart out behind a little ball which is about six and one half inches in diameter, is a tour to the United States, the Quadrangular tournament in British Guiana, and a playing field of their own.

At the start of the 1962 season, the women proudly boasted that they had access to three playing fields - those previously mentioned. They also stated that more teams had entered their competitions than previous years and that the standard of the games had risen because of these new participants. But what they had not catered for was the fact that except for the St. James Barracks, none of the other grounds would enable anyone to exhibit the best brand of hockey.

Thus it was that except for the occasional brilliance, the standard remained at the same level as previous years, and this was so chiefly because of the unsuitability of the playing fields.

There is the likelihood that this problem will be solved in the very near future and what a boon will it be to the game as a whole. The Association has approached the City Fathers for permission to lay down a playing field on the grounds of the Princes Building Savannah and though nothing definite has been heard, it is unlikely that the pleas of the many who participate in this pastime will go unanswered.

Tours are the things which whet the appetite of the sportsman, and in the coming year it is expected that the Association will undertake not one but two. First they will be called upon to defend the title which they won at the last Quadrangular series. This time they will be guests of British Guiana. They have been told however, that because of the recent political unrest in that country, the dates of the series have not been finalised.

Recently the Trinidad Association has been accepted as a member of the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations and fast on the heels of this acceptance has come an invitation to attend and to participate in a Conference and tournament which will be held in Philadelphia, in the United States early in 1963.



Secretary IRMA DE LIMA.

Due to the efforts of the hard-working secretary Irma De Lima, the on and off tour will be held in Trinidad instead of strife torn British Guiana as originally planned. This was told to the 'Carib' Assistant Sports Editor, Vernon Seales, on Saturday, July 14, by the Secretary, while her club Blue Streaks, was preparing for its dance to assist in raising funds for the Annual Triangular Tournament among Jamaica, British Guiana and Trinidad which is scheduled to take place from Sept. 9th to 22nd.

BASKETBALL

Long regarded as one of the Cinderella Sports in the Territory, Basketball received a much needed lift recently when Allison Clarke, (See Picture) was awarded a Diploma in Coaching by the French Federation of Basketball in Martinique.

This award was given after a two-week session which Ally served after a victorious tour of that territory by a Trinidad team in May. Ally has since resigned as Trinidad's Basketball Coach, a post which he has held for the past seven years, and left for the United States.

While in the States Ally intends to study the various coaching methods employed so that he would be better equipped on his return to Trinidad.

At press time, the Trinidad Association was conducting a series of trial matches prior to the selecting of a national team which will again come up against a Martiniquan combination and which will await the final word by the Trinidad Olympic Association as to whether the territory will be represented in Basketball at the Caribbean and Central American Games, which will be held in Jamaica shortly.

Meanwhile matches in the T.A.B.A. competition have been suspended to allow for the trials.

Among the top teams there is a big fight going on for the prized Angostura Shield. At present three teams are locked at the head of the table: Braves, Limers and Wales, last year's winners.



ALLISON "ALLY" CLARKE, former coach to the Trinidad Basketball team.

SWIMMING & WATER POLO

Great strides are being made in Swimming and Water Polo in the territory. During the past few months, the participants of these pastimes have received International recognition and coupled with this the Trinidad Olympic Association have issued an invitation for the Association to be represented on the Trinidad team at the Caribbean and Central American Games which will be held in Jamaica later this year.

This has resulted in great activity on the part of the Officers in an effort to have the territory well represented at these games. Trials have been held, and the stars have all been getting into their best condition.

The trials have also brought to the fore-front many of the budding stars who lacked the incentive to drive them on. This is particularly the case in the swimming events but in Water Polo, the picture is completely reversed. The territory's team is surely feeling the absence of Terry Samuels, one of the top exponents of the game.

Samuels is at present in Trinidad, but he has to return to the United States shortly and will not be able to take his position at back. Good performances have been given by the substitutes but they have not been able to measure up to the standard of Samuels, who, in many tournaments



ROGER BARCANT, the most promising of Trinidad swimmers.

in the past, has been the sheet anchor of the team.

This vacuum could be filled, and the Officials have realised this and have shifted to the calmer waters of the Police Marine Station at Stauble's Bay, to conduct their trials. Play in these waters would give them an opportunity to observe each player under conditions almost similar to what is expected to be encountered at the Games.

(Ed. Note: At Press time, the teams had not yet been selected).