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## Teen stars in Town for NGC NAAA Junior Championships 2017

For every Batman, there's a Robin. For every Flash, there is a Kid Flash. For every Wonder Woman there is usually a Wonder Girl. Basically, for most of our favourite super heroes, there is a junior version even if you may not be aware of it. Similarly, the same applies in our favourite sporting heroes...just that, you may not know about it.

Every true patriot knows about Keshorn Walcott, our 2012 golden boy with the golden arm. Well to Keshorn's Batman, there is actually a Robin in the form of Tyriq Horsford. Tyriq recently shot to fame by winning a hat trick of Javelin titles at Carifta breaking and setting records along the way. A hat-trick in that he won the title for three consecutive years, a truly phenomenal feat. He will be the headline act as T&T hosts the NGC/NAAATT Junior Championships at the Hasely Crawford Stadium this weekend.



Another rising star includes “Wonder Girl” heptathlete Tyra Gittens who produced a dominant performance at Carifta this year on her event. The combined event athlete is in a world of her own with no world class local mentor to follow. She is set to continue blazing her own trail as she tries to defeat the best of the local athletes after a spectacular college season while improving her scores even more.

Also flying in from overseas to compete will be possibly the most well known of the teens in the form of Khalifa St. Fort. St. Fort has already competed for T&T at the senior level, being part of the relay team at last year’s Olympic Games. Being a protégé of legendary sprinter Ato Boldon, St. Fort continues to improve her times and is expected to triumph in the sprints this weekend. However, her long-term goal would be to usurp the local title of sprint queen from the likes of Kelly-Ann Baptiste and Michelle Ahye and become a female Olympic Medalist for T&T in the near future. While she may be unable to achieve that goal right away, we can still enjoy viewing these talented youngsters as they compete and improve before our very eyes.



The Junior Champs is the second leg of the NAAATT Championship Month. Last week the juveniles had their chance to shine and at the end of the month we will get to see the likes of Ahye and Keshorn Walcott in the Senior Champs.

However, this weekend it’s all about our teen titans as the best of the “10golds24” project are on display. It promises to be yet another exciting weekend of track and field at the NGC/NAAATT Junior Championships 2017. Admission is only \$25 for each day.