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School Programme 2014 – a halftime report



On Monday, 27th January 2014, THE BREWSTER TRUST launched the “School Programme 2014”, a football initiative in Barbados in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, the Barbados Secondary Schools’ Football League (BSSFL) and coaches from Arsenal FC – the motto: “Football is Fun”. Following its Mission Statement to promote, develop and improve football in Barbados and to create opportunities – especially for the youth – the registered charity offers support with a coaching course for coaches and weekly football sessions for students.

Coaching course

The programme kicked off with a coaching course for the secondary schools’ coaches with in total 34 registered participants representing 19 schools; Dean Miller of Arsenal FC held the course at the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic. The focus of the three days have been aspects like passing

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and receiving including body position, communication, weight of the pass or first touch, defending, attacking, combination play as well as principles of play like attack, dispersion, mobility, penetration and defence, delay, compactness or balance.

Coaching at schools

After the coaching course the weekly coaching sessions at individual secondary schools started. The schools had the choices "Curriculum Sessions", Double Club which includes an academic part combining general literacy and football, after school programme or a community session on Saturday mornings. 27 schools – over 20% more than last year - registered for the programme with 38 sessions or 64 hours of football weekly, provided by the Arsenal coaches Jamie Leahy, Dean Mitchell, Adam Rameh and Jack Stone. The registered charity scheduled for the last ten weeks 358 football sessions, over 4'000 students took part including nearly 15% girls. The programme will continue after the actual Easter holiday break.



Students at a Double Club session, combining general literacy and football

Participating schools

1. Alexandra School
2. Alleyne School
3. Alma Parris Memorial Secondary School
4. Barbados Community College
5. Christ Church Foundation School
6. Coleridge & Parry School
7. Combermere School

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8. Daryll Jordan Secondary School
9. Deighton Griffith Secondary School
10. Ellerslie Secondary School
11. Frederick Smith Secondary School
12. Government Industrial School
13. Grantley Adams Memorial School
14. Graydon Sealy Secondary School
15. Harrison College
16. Parkinson Memorial Secondary School
17. Princess Margaret Secondary School
18. Queen's College
19. Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic
20. Springer Memorial Secondary
21. St. George Secondary School
22. St. Leonard's Boys' Secondary School
23. St. Winifred's School
24. The Codrington School
25. The Lester Vaughan School
26. The Lodge School
27. The St. Michael School

Further information: <http://www.football.bb/projects/school-programme-2013/>

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About our organisation:

THE BREWSTER TRUST, founded on April 22nd 2010, is a registered charity (No. 825). The trust's mission is to promote, develop and improve football in Barbados with the aim of creating opportunities at all levels but especially for the youth. To impart the qualities of leadership and loyalty, sportsmanship, competitive ambition and the drive for academic excellence as well as discipline, fair play and respect is the Charity's ultimate goal just as the fruitful cooperation with all national and international football stakeholders.

31st Annual National Sports Awards, Barbados, February 2014: THE BREWSTER TRUST received a "Special Award" in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the sport of football during 2013.

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