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Inaugural Women's Caribbean Cup Running Smoothly

The 2014 Caribbean Football Union Women's inaugural Caribbean Cup preliminary rounds are running smoothly with four groups (1, 2, 3, 4) successfully completed.

Group 5 is scheduled to start on June 18 in Dominican Republic at the Estadio Panamericano.

Antigua and Barbuda qualified from Group 1 with maximum points after winning all three games, placing second was St Vincent and the Grenadines third went to US Virgin Islands, while Aruba was placed fourth.

In Group 2, it was Martinique who topped the table with better goal average stopping Puerto Rico in second place and Barbados third.

Bermuda braved the odds and took first place ahead of St Kitts & Nevis while the Cayman Islands finished third, followed by the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Haitians took the number one spot in Group 4 from the tough playing Cubans who in their anxiety to keep Haiti out of the finals scored an own goal. The Cubans had to settle for second position while Suriname took third place.

This tournament will serve as the official qualification tournament in the Caribbean Zone for both the CONCACAF Women's Championship and FIFA Women's World Cup.

The Final Round is set for 19 – 26 August of this year in Trinidad & Tobago. 🟡



CFU Women's Caribbean Cup Groups 1 - 4 Finalists



Bermuda Senior Women's National Football Team



Martinique Senior Women's Team



Haiti Senior Women's National Team



Antigua & Barbuda Senior Women's National Team

2014 CFU Men's Caribbean Cup Tournament off to a great start

The 2014 Caribbean Football Union (CFU) Men's Caribbean Cup has kicked off with some exciting matches, exceptional goals and a showcase of talents from around the region.

CFU President Gordon Derrick told the CFU BEACON that he is pleased thus far and looking forward to the next round of games.

"As you know this is our flagship tournament and an opportunity for teams to not only have bragging rights as the best in the region; but also a gateway for entry into the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

"I want to wish the teams that have made it to the next round, best of luck, and encouragement to those who came up a bit short in the preliminaries," said Derrick.

In Group 1, Bonaire advanced from the preliminary round into the next round after earning four points and a better goal average over Montserrat who had to settle for second place and the U S Virgin Islands came third.

French Guiana by virtue of taking a maximum nine points from its three games are into the next round. Aruba came second, Turks and Caicos third and British Virgin Islands were placed last.



Round 2 will feature three (3) ranked teams: Guadeloupe, Haiti and Trinidad & Tobago. These ranked teams will be joined by the nine (9) qualifying teams from Round 1, and will be grouped in Three (3) Groups of four (4) teams.

This Round will be played between FIFA International Match Calendar dates of 06-14 October 2014 in Trinidad & Tobago (Group 7), Haiti (Group 8) and Guadeloupe (Group 9).

The Final Round is scheduled to be hosted by Jamaica during the FIFA International Match Calendar dates of 10 – 18 November 2014. The eight (8) team final round will feature Cuba as defending champions, Jamaica as final round host country; alongside the Winner and Runner-Up of each group from Round 2.

The Final Round will be played in a Round Robin format with the eight (8) teams grouped in two (2) groups of four (4) teams. ♥

Advancing to the next round...



French Guiana



Bonaire National Men's Team

CFU Teams drawn in CONCACAF Champions League

Three teams representing the Caribbean Football Union (CFU) namely Waterhouse, Alpha United and Bayamon were informed of their groups on Wednesday, May 28 as they prepare for the 2015 FIFA Club World Cup at the draw for the 2014/15 CONCACAF Champions League (CCL).

Waterhouse (Jamaica) Alpha United (Guyana) and Bayamon (Puerto Rico) were drawn in Groups 4, 5 and 8 respectively and schedules will be provided soon.

The twenty-four (24) qualified clubs set to contest the seventh edition of the continental championships were sorted into eight groups of three.

The groups will be contested on a round-robin, home-and-away, four-game format, running from August – October. Only the eight first-place teams will progress to the quarterfinals, which will kick-off early 2015.

Current champions Cruz Azul, which has captured a record six CONCACAF club titles, headlines Group 6. The Mexico City-based side will meet 2013/14 semi-finalist Alajuelense (Costa Rica) and Chorrillo FC (Panama).

After winning two straight Liga MX championships, Leon will make its tournament debut, squaring off against Group 7 opponents Isidro Metapan (El Salvador) and Belmopan Bandits (Belize). Major League Soccer champion Sporting Kansas City, a 2013/14 quarterfinalist, was drawn into Group 2 and will face Saprissa (Costa Rica) and Real Esteli (Nicaragua).

The groups for the 2014/15 CONCACAF Champions League are as follows:

Group 1: Pachuca (Mexico), Real España (Honduras), Municipal (Guatemala)

Group 2: Sporting Kansas City (USA), Saprissa (Costa Rica), Real Esteli (Nicaragua)

Group 3: New York Red Bulls (USA), Toronto FC or Impact de Montreal (Canada), FAS (El Salvador)

Group 4: Tauro FC (Panama), D.C. United (USA), Waterhouse FC (Jamaica)

Group 5: Olimpia (Honduras), Portland Timbers (USA), Alpha United (Guyana)

Group 6: Alajuelense (Costa Rica), Cruz Azul (Mexico), Chorrillo FC (Panama)

Group 7: Leon (Mexico), Isidro Metapan (El Salvador), Belmopan Bandits (Belize)

Group 8: Comunicaciones (Guatemala), Club America (Mexico), Bayamon (Puerto Rico) 



Bayamon FC



Waterhouse FC



Alpha United FC

Highlights – Women’s Caribbean Cup



Highlights – Men’s Caribbean Cup



2014 CFU Men's Under-20 ready for kick off

Twenty-one teams from across the Caribbean will contest the biennial Caribbean Football Union (CFU) 2014 Men's Under-20 tournament scheduled to start on June 25.

This tournament is the official qualifier in the Caribbean Zone for both the CONCACAF Men's U-20 Championship and the FIFA Men's U-20 World Cup.


This tournament will serve as the automatic qualification of five (5) countries to the CONCACAF Men's U-20 Championship. The teams to qualify will be the top two (2) teams from each group of the Group Stage of the Final Phase of the tournament; as well as the best overall third place team from among the same two groups.

The Tournament will see the First Round comprising of Five (5) Groups of Four (4) teams, and the Final Round which is to be hosted by Trinidad and Tobago from September 10-19, 2014 comprising of Eight (8) teams in Two (2) Groups of Four (4) teams.

The eight (8) team final round will feature Jamaica as the best performing Men's U-20 Caribbean Team in the last CONCACAF



Men's U-20 Championships, Trinidad & Tobago as final round host country; alongside the Winner of each group from Round 1, and the Best Overall Second Place Team from among all of the groups. The Final Round will be played in a Round Robin format with the eight (8) teams grouped in two (2) groups of four (4) teams.

The Runner-Up of each group will play for Third Place, while the Winner of each group will play for the Championship and the right to be crowned 2014 CFU Men's U-20 Champions. The two (2) Winners, the two (2) Runners-Up, and the Best Overall Third Place Team from the Final Round groups will automatically qualify for the 2015 CONCACAF Men's U-20 Championships. 

Twenty-five Coaches in St Lucia Receive D-License

The Saint Lucia Football Association (SLFA) hosted a CONCACAF D' Licensing Coaching Course which catered for coaches from all nineteen districts and all national level coaches from May 29- June 1 in Soufriere, St Lucia.

The Course was conducted by three (3) CONCACAF Instructors namely: Leonard Lake (St Kitts & Nevis), Vinimore Alfredo Blaine (Jamaica) and CONCACAF Development Officer Jonathan Martinez (USA).

The clinic started off with thirty-two (32) participants and by the end saw 25 of those becoming certified.

Some of the topics covered were the role of the coach-educators; age appropriate training; session planning; coaching principles and



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methodology; benefits of small-sided games; and Principles of the game.

Mr. Lake spoke with the CFU BEACON and praised the 'powers that be' for staging such an event in St. Lucia.

"We must first commend the vision of CONCACAF President, Jeffery Webb, for making development in our region a priority and giving the much needed attention to a Confederation Licensing System.

"In all footballing nations, Coaching Education plays a significant role in football for now and for the future. And it is from this back drop that we must forge on to have more and more coaches across our region exposed and educated about the best practices of coaching methodology and pedagogy."

"We also have to commend President Lyndon Cooper and the SLFA for his hospitality and for hosting such a Course to ensure that clubs and teams, in St. Lucia, have certified coaches working with young players," he ended.

Participants were given the opportunity to conduct practice sessions before they took their final field exams on Sunday June 1. They also did theory and oral examinations along with group presentations on Health and Safety, Club Development, and Coaching Young Goalkeepers.

During the course the participants were given take home assignments on Team Management and Laws of the Game which was done away from the Course. These assignments were submitted on the second and third mornings.

The course ended with a closing ceremony and the presentation of certificates by President Cooper and his team. 🛡️

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