



Mission Statement

The Mission of the Sports Development Foundation is to contribute to the development of our nation through sports.

Our contribution is made through our commitment to provide financial assistance for:

- The provision of sports facilities throughout the island.
- The funding of development programmes of the national governing bodies for sports.
- The funding of organisations established to ensure the continuity of sports programmes at a community level.

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on its

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Remain steadfast in delivering on your mandate

ONGRATULATIONS TO the Sports Development Foundation (SDF) on celebrating 25 years of stellar service in Jamaica's sporting industry. The SDF has made tremendous impact on the sector and has recorded several achievements worthy of commendation.

Conceived as the entity to provide resources to support the development and implementation of sport in Jamaica, the SDF has developed the physical infrastructure and human capital at the community and national levels by implementing appropriate plans, policies and programmes.

The funding and grants that the

Foundation has provided to athletes and sporting associations has enabled participation in many international competitions.

I am confident that the SDF will continue to play an invaluable role in building Jamaica's sports product.

In that regard, my administration is committed to providing the foundation with the resources necessary for the institution to fulfil its mission.

Indeed, Jamaica's enviable tradition as a global sporting powerhouse will only be maintained by institutions such as the SDF, receiving adequate support from the private and public sectors. Nonetheless, additional allocation of resources to the Foundation will bolster its capacity to improve its offerings to the sporting federations and associations which it serves.



As the SDF forges ahead, I encourage the members of the foundation to remain steadfast in delivering on the mandate, which is to contribute to the development of our nation through sports.

Once again, congratulations on celebrating 25 years in the sporting fraternity. I wish for the SDF every success in the future.

THE MOST HON ANDREW HOLNESS, ON, MP Prime Minister



Congratulations on this milestone achievement

AM delighted to join in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Sports Development Foundation (SDF), which was established in 1995 with the goal of furthering Jamaica's national development through sports. It was one of the visionary developmental achievements of that time.

I commend the SDF's focus on the development of sporting infrastructure, which has provided greater avenues for social cohesion in communities across Jamaica, and has increased career opportunities through sports. It is a good example of the State playing a vital role in national development, by filling a gap which private capital is unlikely to take on.

Jamaica's internationally recognised sporting prowess means that, like the creative industries, there is significant further capacity to develop our sporting industry as a means of individual and national wealth creation. Indeed, we should pursue strategies for making our country a global hub for sporting activities, training and events, along with allied services such as sports tourism and sports medicine.

We have seen how important sport can be in bringing communities



together, especially in so-called volatile areas. I look forward to witnessing SDF's continued efforts and successes in harnessing the unique power of sports in furtherance of our national developmental goals.

Congratulations on this milestone achievement, and happy 25th anniversary!

MARK J. GOLDING, MP Leader of the Opposition

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Push on towards greater achievements for the next 25 years

JOIN wholeheartedly with the Sports Development Foundation (SDF) in celebrating 25 years, during which the SDF has served unswervingly the development of sport in Jamaica in a variety of tangible ways.

We just have to look at the building and upgrading of sporting infrastructure done by the SDF and the volume of financial assistance that it has provided to the national sporting bodies. The SDF has developed a reputation for making assistance available without fail, when called upon to do so.

From the relatively small number of 11 sporting bodies at the start of the foundation's life in 1995, the number

has grown to over 60 at the end of 2020. And, as expected, the building of infrastructure while funding so many organisations would not have been without challenges, but with commitment and determination, the SDF has got the job done over these past 25 years.

This commitment remains even as we explore ways of increasing resources, fully recognising that sports make a major contribution to the Jamaican economy.

I feel proud, pleased and privileged to have the SDF as one of the agencies under my ministry.

I wish to congratulate the directors and staff of the Foundation, as well as the sporting bodies that have worked closely with the SDF to achieve the



outstanding results that we have witnessed.

Let us, as we celebrate this 25th anniversary of the Sports Development Foundation, push on towards the greater achievements for the next 25 years, inspired by even greater determination and commitment to the development of sport in Jamaica.

I wish you all God's continued blessings.

HON OLIVIA GRANGE, CD, MP Minister of Culture, Gender Entertainment and Sport



SDF's contribution to sports continues to be outstanding

Y DIRECT association with the Sports Development Foundation began in 2016. I accepted the privilege to serve for a two-year period at the time. It is now 2021 and I am still here. I have become completely enamoured with the role and potential of the institution.

It is my distinct pleasure to be part of this 25-years-plus historic achievement. I have come to really appreciate the role of sport in the development of a society like our Jamaica. There can be no second-guessing the role that sport plays in our daily lives. Equally, the contribution of the SDF continues to be outstanding.

To be able to watch a small group of workers, from one office in Kingston, build out sporting infrastructure of quality across the length and breadth of our island has become, for me, an absolute fascination. We all continue to dream of what may be possible if we were able to harness greater resources.

As we congratulate all who have contributed to the successes of the SDF



through the years, it may be worthwhile to turn our minds to accessing funding outside of the Government's resources. This may be what it will take to make the success of the institution move to that other level.

GEORGE SOUTAR, CD, QC SDF Chairman



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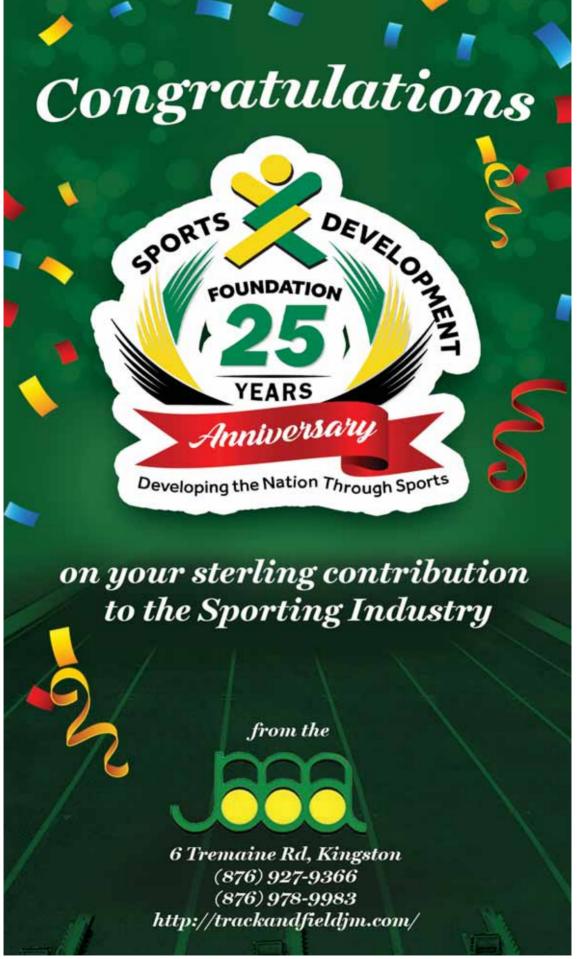
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Congrats, as we double down for the next era

WENTY-FIVE YEARS in the life of an institution can be considered short. The impact of such an entity, however, can be substantial even in that short time. Such is the story of the Sports Development Foundation.

It cannot be only coincidence, that after its establishment in 1995, Jamaica made it to the Football World Cup for the first time. This was followed by qualifications for a number of age-group world football competitions. The contribution of the SDF to these events was not insubstantial.

Then came the explosion in track and field athletics in 2008, which has continued almost unabated. In this particular discipline, the stage was set with the staging of the World Youth games in 2002 in Jamaica. Again, the contribution of the SDF in this regard was remarkable.

Sport has now been established as a major contributor to all aspects of the Jamaican economy and its very culture. If only we were able to garner the resources really required to maximise the real impact that sport can have on this society, many would believe that miracles are being wrought.

Research has shown that the provision of the SDF to the sporting landscape is approximately 30 per cent of the real needs. It behoves us as a society to endeavour to aim for even 50 per cent. All concerned,



particularly the staff, many of whom have been there for the long haul, must be congratulated even as we double down for the next era.

DENZIL WILKS General Manager/Director

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25 years of service to the people of Jamaica

HE SUCCESS of sport demands the business of sport, which itself requires infrastructure that results from development and foundation strategies and activations.

As you continue to live your vision and pursue the mission of national development through sport, this must be your raison d'être and central to your advocacy. Twenty-five years allow for reflection but, more importantly, the evolution of time provides the rationale for innovation and to remain current.

Sport development is community activism for change and transformation. Sport development is a national investment in the human capital, facilities, environment and substructure. The Foundation, over its 25 years, has understood this and continues to interpret the same meaningfully.

I commend the Foundation for its service to the people of Jamaica. I acknowledge its role as a provider and an enabler in sport and I applaud it for not wavering from the mandate given at its birth in 1995, namely, to



build capacity and strengthen capability in sport.

Congratulations!

CHRISTOPHER L. SAMUDA President Jamaica Olympic Association



Look to the future with confidence

AMAICA HAS established itself as a successful sporting nation, reflected through the phenomenal exploits of its sportsmen and sportswomen. The country's achievements in football, cricket and netball have also attracted significant international interest. These outstanding performances have infused strong national pride and rallied Jamaicans, both at home and across the diaspora, promoting unity.

The SDF has been creating the right environment that facilitates sustained development and has contributed to Jamaica's strong and growing legacy of sporting excellence.

For 25 years the Sports Development Foundation (SDF) has developed physical infrastructure and human capital for sport at the community and national levels; implemented strategic plans, policies and programmes to grow sports in Jamaica; and funded athletes and sport associations to enable participation locally and in international competition.

On behalf of the CHASE Fund board, management and staff, I congratulate the dedicated team at the SDF on their achievements and this



milestone. The SDF can look to the future with confidence as it continues its development of critical aspects of Jamaica's sporting landscape.

W. BILLY HEAVEN, OD, JP Chief Executive Officer CHASE Fund

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Ewan Fowler
Years of service: 25
Roles: Caretaker and
court-marking supervisor
Proudest moment at SDF:
Driving around Jamaica and
seeing the projects I have
worked on, especially the three
multipurpose acrylic courts we
laid at the G.C. Foster College of
Physical Education and Sport.
That and being able to take
care of myself and my family.



Andrew Pearson Years of service: 25 Role: Project officer Proudest moment at SDF: Seeing the completion of the community project at the Goshen Sports Complex, as well as being recognised by Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller at the SDF's 20th anniversary long-service awards.



Joy Davis, CAP-OM Years of Service: 24 Role: Receptionist Proudest moment at SDF: Being a part of the family. Requests being fulfilled. Seeing the SDF Projects across the island.



Charmaine Hanson, FCA, MSC, BSc Years of Service: 24 Role: Financial controller Proudest moment at SDF: It is worthy to highlight that the Foundation has prudently managed \$9b over these 25 years, without any misappropriation of funds. Our contribution to the development of sport throughout Jamaica has been achieved by the diligence and commitment of my colleagues and I. Through the favour of God, coupled with our ability to see teamwork as a necessity and excellence as a requirement we have significantly impacted the national landscape.



Rearroin russell, BSC, ASC
Years of service: 24
Role: Administrative assistant to
general manager
Proudest moment at SDF: It
is not just one moment. I am
proud to be here, from almost
inception, to see the change
and growth and to know that I
have contributed to it. The good
work that the foundation has

done and how it has impacted

the country. I hope I will be here

for many more years to see even



Corinne Clarke Years of service: 22 Role: Associations services officer Proudest moment at SDF: Seeing sports and their associations develop from grassroots level to the pinnacle of

national sports.



Delores Thomas Years of service: 21 Role: Office attendant Proudest moment at SDF: Every day. Being able to take care of the guests that come through the doors, and my co-workers. Keeping a tidy environment.



Milton Scott
Years of service: 18
Roles: Accountant
Proudest moment at SDF:
Being able to facilitate the
payments to the athletes when
the Government of Jamaica
decided to reward the athletes
who performed so well at the
Beijing Olympics in 2008 sticks
out in my mind. Also, getting
welfare monies for national
athletes who have been injured
gives me a great feeling.

greater growth.

LONG-SERVICE AWARDEES



Andrea Williams Years of service: 17 Role: Secretary, Project Dept Proudest moment at SDF: My work was recognised and then being promoted.



Terry Montaque, BSc
Construction & Management
Years of service: 12
Role: Chief engineer
Proudest moment at SDF: I
am proudest of the national
impact projects. Especially the
National Stadium courts and
running tracks. The completion of the G.C. Foster College
running track and in-fields was
also very fulfilling.



Construction & Management

Years of service: 13

Role: Project manager **Proudest moment at SDF:** I have so many. Among them is the replacement of the filters at the National Aquatic Park (Stadium Pool). They had been there since 1962 when the stadium opened. It's a great feeling to know that the coaches, athletes and users of the pool don't have to wonder about the safety of the water. I have a special feeling for the Cheapside Cricket Oval Project in St Elizabeth and G.C. Foster College Track Project.



Michael Smith Years of service: 11 Role: Bearer Proudest moment at SDF: Carrying the daily business for the foundation.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Farm Heights – St James



OF SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

KINGSTON, JAMAICA:

OR A small nation, a tiny dot on the globe, Jamaica's footprint on the international sporting map is large. The number of global sports icons, unearthed by this nation of just over 4,200 square miles, can match up comfortably against the records of numerous larger and more developed countries.

In track and field, there are Usain Bolt and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce; in cricket Chris Gayle and Andre Russell; in netball Romelda Aiken; in swimming there is Alia Atkinson, and the list goes on.

For all these athletes, there is one common denominator. On their individual journeys to greatness, they all honed their crafts and competed in local facilities constructed or refurbished by the Sports Development Foundation (SDF).

The agency was established in 1995 to provide resources to support the development and implementation of sport in Jamaica. Its mission is to develop the physical infrastructure and human capital for sport at the community and national levels, by implementing appropriate plans, policies, and programmes. The SDF also provides funding for sport associations and grants to athletes to enable participation in regional and

international competitions.

However, the development of sports infrastructure across the island has been a hallmark of the agency's work over the decades.

Among the centrepieces of the SDF's development initiatives are the running tracks at the National Stadium and the Stadium East facility.

"The National Stadium is the only place in Jamaica that has two synthetic tracks more or less at the same level, so you compete inside, and you warm up outside on a surface that is basically the same. On that basis the National Stadium is a Level 1 facility, the highest at the international level. Between 2009 and 2011, the SDF funded the refurbishing of those tracks and since then it has been responsible for the maintenance that has been done," says general manager of the SDF, Denzil Wilks.

Through a process of procurement, the German company Regupol BSW GmbH has installed and maintained these facilities, ensuring the availability of a world-class facility to Jamaica's athletes.

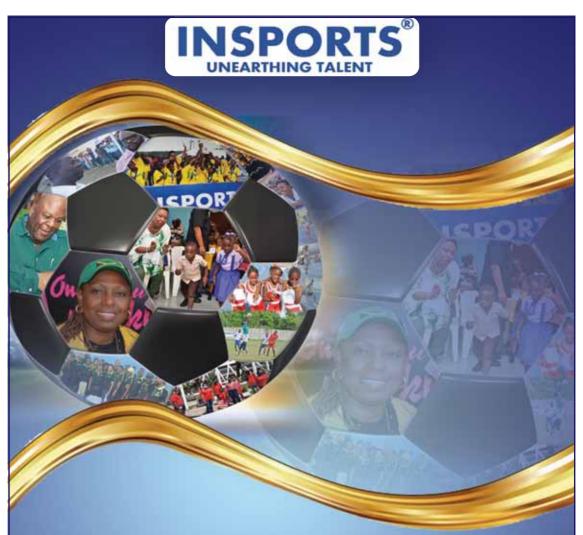
Additionally, within the Independence Park complex, the SDF has also funded the replacement of the filtration system at the National Aquatic Centre, resurfaced the Leila Robinson netball courts twice and replaced the seating at the facility.

The National Basketball Courts at Independence Park have also benefited from support from the SDF, with the Foundation financing the refurbishing of the facility to the tune of \$35 million. As part of the refurbishing work, the seating capacity has been expanded from 400 to 1,000, and the playing surface upgraded. Sporting lights have also been installed.

Another major facility for which the SDF has received a number of plaudits is the Mona Hockey Field in Mona, St Andrew. The only international-standard, all-weather artificial playing field in Jamaica and one of a few in the Caribbean, the facility allows local hockey players to simulate first-class conditions as they train and play. Built in 1999, the facility has played host to a number of regional and international tournaments over the years, with expectations for many more to come. The surface was replaced in 2014 with the assistance of the Argentinian government.

The SDF has also left an indelible footprint at the island's premier training institution for persons pursuing careers in the field of sports – the G.C. Foster College of Physical Education and Sports. Located in Spanish Town, St Catherine, the institution boasts a level two athletic track, constructed

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The Institute of Sports (INSPORTS) would like to congratulate the Sports Development Foundation (SDF) on

elebrating Z

of existence.

Anniversaries come once a year so 25 years of anything is a significant achievement and a tremendous milestone from an entity that provides resources to support the development of sport in Jamaica.

We at the INSPORTS, while in our 43rd year, with our agenda of unearthing talent from the grass root level for national development makes us familiar with the work of SDF and we congratulate them on this wonderful achievement.

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by the SDF in 2015.

"To be a level one facility is not the inherent quality of the track itself, but there has to be right next to it a facility where warm-ups can take place on a surface which is similar to what obtains on the first track. The G.C. Foster track is a level two, only for the reason that it has one track, but in terms of quality, it's just the same as the National Stadium," Wilks explained.

Outside of the Corporate Area, Jarrett Park in Montego Bay, St James, has been established as one of the premier sporting venues in the western end of the island. A multi-use facility with a seating capacity of 4,000 persons, Jarrett Park benefited from funding from the Sports Development Foundation. The facility has played host to a number of local and international tournaments, in the disciplines of cricket and football.

While facilities such as these have cemented Jamaica's ability to construct and maintain first-class sporting structures, the SDF has also focused on providing less grandiose facilities across the country in an effort to foster community cohesion and development. These include multipurpose courts, school sports complexes and playing fields.

"We have done quite a bit of work at Frome High School, we have done at Llandillo, in Spanish Town at the Prison Oval, and we did a major facility at Goshen in St Elizabeth. Just recently we completed a field at Alligator Pond, we just completed another field at a place called Wilson Shop in Alexandria, St Ann. That facility includes a field, a multipurpose court and lighting for both. That facility was done in partnership with the Tourism Enhancement Fund. We also have a project over in Moore Town where Nanny is interred," said Wilks.

He is also proud of the work done in schools across the country.

"We just completed a multipurpose court at Aabuthnott Gallimore, out in St Ann, and at the same time, we have completed another multipurpose court down in Sutton Street Southside in the heart of what is a very volatile community at the Holy Family Primary School.

With the assistance of the Sugar Transformation Unit in the Ministry of Agriculture, a major school assistance project known as the High School Sports Infrastructure Improvement Project was implemented since 2014, mainly in areas where sugar cane production was the dominant economic activity. Some 23 schools received assistance under this programme, in the parishes of Westmoreland, Trelawny, St Thomas, Clarendon, St Catherine, St Elizabeth, Portland, St

Andrew and Manchester. Schools were provided with fields, courts, long jump, and change room facilities.

SDF has played and continues to play its role in the area of social behaviour management. Areas experiencing serious behavioural challenges have been targeted for infrastructure intervention as part of efforts to curb deviance and, hence, reduce crime. A deliberate effort has been made to place sporting infrastructure in areas that have been designated zones of special operations. Repairs to existing infrastructure have been done in Tivoli Gardens, Denham Town, Hannah Town, Arnett Gardens, all in the Corporate Area. In addition, Cambridge, Paradise, and Farm Heights in St James, Spanish Town in St Catherine, and May Pen in Clarendon have been recipients of infrastructure projects to address the crime challenges.

The SDF currently has plans to execute some 34 projects across the island geared at upgrading the nation's sports facilities. The objective, however, remains the same as it was when it opened its doors 25 years ago – to sustain the country's high level of performance in sport by retrofitting and improving the infrastructure to create the right environment for training and development.







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REFLECTIONS OF MICHAEL FENNELL ON ...

THE SDF AND THE FINANCING OF SPORTS

NTHE last 25 years, there have been major changes in Jamaican sports, especially in the area of funding. Prior to 1995, sports in Jamaica was almost entirely amateur, with the vast majority of our athletes going overseas on scholarships in order to enhance their personal development. Footballers, track and field athletes, and, to a lesser extent, basketballers, and others, honed their talents on the United States (US) Collegiate circuit in preparation for national representation. Sporting events in Jamaica were few and far between and did not attract the level of sponsorship or marketing as happens currently. The establishment of the Sports Development Foundation (SDF), 25 years ago, led to the transformation of this situation.

With the limited availability of funding, organisers had to scramble for funds, particularly in the case of those sports that did not have a saleable product. Funds were derived mainly from individual contributions and donations from the corporate sector. According to Fennell, this limited the development and exposure of sports.

Prior to 1991 stakeholders in the Jamaican sporting fraternity became aware of developments in Barbados and the use of the "Scratch and Win" game to generate funding for cricket in that island.

"The Scratch and Win" game, at the time, provided substantial funding, and it was thought that this could be expanded to other parts of the Caribbean. In fact, we in Jamaica felt that this was something we wanted to adopt and even expand," Fennell recalled.

The then President of the Jamaica Cricket Board of Control (JCBC), now Jamaica Cricket Association (JCA), Allan Rae, who was a member of the National Sports Council, suggested



Mike Fennell

that "Scratch and Win" would benefit Jamaica and proposed to the Government that this could be a way of funding cricket development. The then Michael Manley-led Government rejected the idea on the basis that the funding had to be for more than just cricket and cover all sports.

The idea of using funds derived from lottery gaming was further bolstered with a trip by Mr Howard Hamilton, the then General Manager of Shell, to Australia for a Test match. He "discovered" that the Sydney Opera House was built with funding from the Australia Lottery. He made the proposal to Government to start a local lottery and use funds available to do major repairs to the National Stadium as well as other sporting initiatives.

By then, other examples were coming to the fore. It was learnt that in Canada, lottery-generated funding was utilised for clearing massive debts incurred from the hosting of the Montreal Olympics in 1976.

In January of 1991, the Sports Development Agency Ltd was formed under the chairmanship of attorney-at-law Howard Mitchell, and with the granting of a licence by the Government, a special condition was that 25% of the net proceeds from the games had to

be transferred to a sports development fund for the development of sport in Jamaica. A special committee was established to manage this "Sports Development Fund". The committee included, among others, the late Howard Aris from athletics; Deon Bell from tennis; Howard McIntosh of football; Emile Spence from cricket; and Michael Fennell, then president of the Jamaica Olympic Association, as chair. All of this came about after intense lobbying on the part of the said Howard Hamilton and his colleagues using the commitment to the financing of sports as a major negotiating tool.

This committee developed criteria for the allocation of funds, and a particular case that should be highlighted was a contribution of J\$2 million to the Jamaica Football Federation (JFF) to facilitate the employment of Mr Rene Simoes as coach of the Jamaica football team. Another major project financed by the fund was the provision for Jamaica's participation in the 1995 Pan American Games in Mar del Plata, Argentina.

The Sports Development Fund was eventually formalised into the Sports Development Foundation in 1995, a company limited by guarantee and registered under the Companies Act.

Since then, the SDF has provided funding on a consistent and sustained basis to federations and provided assistance to government agencies such as the G.C. Foster College of Physical Education and Sports, the Institute of Sports, the Social Development Commission, and Independence Park Limited, as well as substantial assistance to schools and communities, helping enormously with infrastructure, the development of sports administration, sports management, and athlete welfare.

Fennell readily affirms that the SDF

has been well man-

aged throughout this past quarter century, satisfying all the basic principles of good governance and accountability. This has been confirmed through its annual audits by external auditors first by Coopers and Lybrand, which later became Price Waterhouse Coopers, now led by Leighton McKnight, who played a leading role in the early days in establishing operating procedures and standards. Its operations have been completely transparent, and reporting to the various authorities has been timely. Persons appointed to the board with responsibility for making policy decisions have devoted their time voluntarily in the best interest of sports.

"We don't always get it 100 per cent right, there have been errors, but that is a part of managing anything."

Fennell highlighted the fact that the SDF also supports sports that provide a platform for women who have struggled for recognition over the years.

"Whilst the Olympic movement represents the bulk of the sports, there are non-Olympic sports that deserve recognition, help, and assistance, and that has been done.

"Netball, for example, is not just a very important sport in Jamaica, it is a very important sport for women, who have been left behind in many other aspects."

He is also proud of the SDF's sustained contribution to all levels of sports and their respective organisations from the grass root to the professional.

However, despite this great contribution over the 25 years, the funds available to the SDF remain woefully short of what is really needed and are not commensurate with what sports has done for the development of our country and demands substantially more funding if it is to continue with its contribution to nation building.

Another factor that should be considered is the funding of the SDF, which now comes from the Consolidated Fund of the Government, having journeyed from the original 25% of the net proceeds

from
the Jamaica
Lottery Company to the
establishment of the Culture, Health,
Art, Sport and Education Fund, with the
SDF being allocated 40% of the total
cess from gaming.

"Sports used to be run by personalities out of the back of their cars, from their personal offices, et cetera, and this contribution from the SDF, even though it is not enough, has allowed them to be consistently employing or assisting people, thus improving the administration of sports," he said.

"We must accept that no sport, irrespective of its popularity, can succeed if it is not administered properly, and the SDF has been able to grant significant financial contribution to federations for their administration. This has allowed some of them to employ full-time staff for this purpose."

Another area of sports on which the SDF has had an impact, Fennell said, is the development of technical officials such as coaches and judges. The contributions from the SDF have enabled these federations to assist them, coupled with their federations' involvement with their international bodies and the Olympic Solidarity Movement.

"The performance of our athletes in all sports could never reach the heights that we all applaud without the supporting mechanisms in place, such as coaches, physiotherapists, nutritionists, massage therapists, and others, if it were not for the assistance provided by the SDF," said Fennell, who concluded that the SDF can boast with pride for what it has done, how it has done it, and the impact that it has had on the sporting community and the country.

One fact is clear: Since its inception, the SDF has donated over J\$9 billion to communities, schools, and athletes and has seen the growth of Jamaican sports associations from 10 to over 50.

"We cannot ignore the very challenging circumstances caused by the COVID-19

pandemic and the high level of uncertainty that exists. Nevertheless, we must continue to acknowledge the value of sports in terms of health and wellness, the economy, education, and socialisation. Internationally, as adopted in a United Nations resolution, sports has been recognised as being one of the main pillars in any recovery and future development. The SDF will, therefore, have a pivotal role in the years ahead," Fennell said.

"No one can deny how the performances of our athletes, in so many sports, over the many decades, have inspired and motivated every Jamaican, even in our darkest hours."

Throughout the period, political support for the functions of the SDF has been essential and, therefore, we must recognise the support coming from our two political parties. Prime ministers and sports ministers have, throughout this period, put unwavering support behind the foundation.

Michael S. Fennell, OJ CD LLD (HON)is an outstanding Jamaican who has served in various leadership positions at the local, regional, and international levels. For his contribution to sports in Jamaica, he was awarded the national honour of Order of Jamaica in 2005. He served as president of the Jamaica Olympic Association from 1977-2017 and has served on the board of the SDF for 20 of its 25 years. His career also includes membership on the International Olympic Committee Programme Commission and the IOC Women in Sports Committee. He also served as chairman of the Commonwealth Games Federation (1994-2003) and president (2003-2010), and vice-president of the Pan American Sports Organisation. Mr Fennell also serves as chairman of the Diocesan Finance Board of the Anglican Diocese in Jamaica and The Cayman Islands.







The establishment of the Sports Development Foundation (SDF) in 1995, to help fund and nurture the ongoing development of sports in Jamaica, has been one of the most pivotal moves made by our country's leaders. These funds have been used to provide vitally needed financial aid for sporting bodies, like the Jamaica Association of Sports Medicine (JASM), that help support the development of our athletes. Congratulations on providing 25 plus years of critical support for our nation's sporting bodies and immeasurable thanks for your continued endorsement of our association.





Dr. Kevin Gwyn L. Jones President JASM

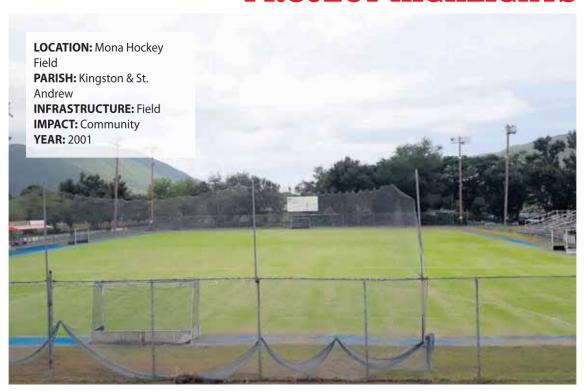


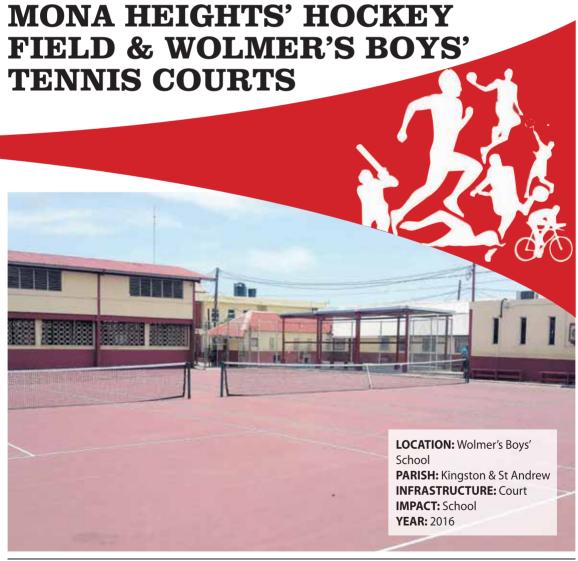




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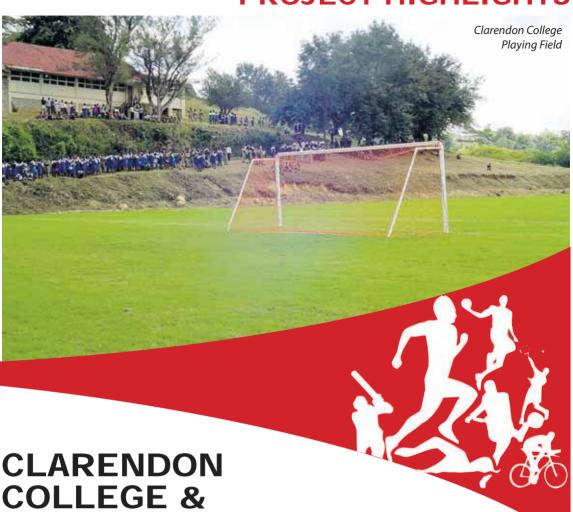


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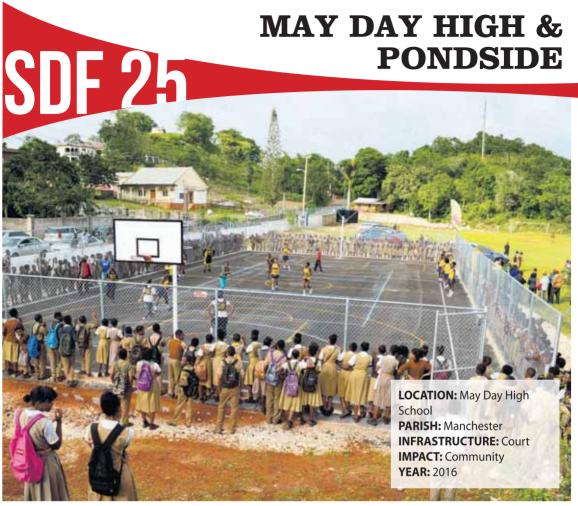






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F THERE was a Guinness Book of Jamaican Sports Records, a special spot would undoubtedly be reserved for local folk hero Dennis 'Den Den' Hutchinson. His achievements in football are not only remarkable but are indeed the stuff of legends.

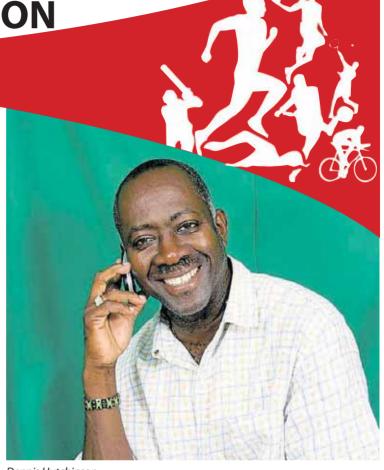
Hutchinson is widely believed to be the only player to be a part of champion Manning Cup and daCosta Cup teams (Jamaica's premier high school football competitions) in successive years.

He led Tivoli Gardens Comprehensive High School to the Manning Cup title in 1976, then helped secure Clarendon College's hold on the daCosta Cup in 1977. Especially noteworthy is the fact that Hutchinson finished as the leading goalscorer during both campaigns, scoring nine for Tivoli and an impressive 26 for the central Jamaica school.

But it is the story of his journey from Tivoli to Clarendon that elevates his story from the mundane to that of an entertaining and inspirational tale of overcoming adversity, with a little comic relief and drama thrown in for good measure.

As Hutchinson revelled in the tremendous on-field success he was having with Tivoli Gardens Comprehensive High School, he was equally obliged to take steps to protect his safety as he travelled daily along Spanish Town Road, Maxfield Avenue, and surrounding areas. At the time, violent clashes between supporters of the island's two major political parties were frequent and just living in certain areas made you a target.

"The political climate at the time was very terrible, atrocious, it was hell. We couldn't even wear our school tie. When we were leaving home to go to school, we had to take the tie off for safety and security, and once you get to school you put the tie on. When you leave school, you have to do the same thing," Hutchinson said.



Dennis Hutchinson

As a 16-year-old youngster, Hutchinson had no interest, let alone involvement, in politics, but that didn't mean much to others for whom navigating the tense climate was in fact a matter of life and death.

CLOSE CALL

Hutchinson, a Rose Town resident, had been doing a good job of keeping himself away from the political fray until one fateful day when it actively sought him out, with near-fatal consequences.

Still high on the accomplishment of contributing significantly to the delivery of the Manning Cup title to Tivoli Comprehensive High, Hutchinson, who was also a member of a youth and community club known as Uniques United, was hanging with his club colleagues on the west side of Maxfield Avenue one evening, when a group of men accosted him. Uniques transcended the political landscape, with membership from Whitfield Town, Rose Town, Rema, Greenwich

Town, Maxfield Park and much further.

"One of them ask me wah me ah deal wid, 'yuh make Tivoli win Manning Cup'. He came with a friend and his friend was a little way off and as him say that, I just hear the gunshot. Luckily, immediately when I got the shot, a police car came," he explained.

The bullet went across his body from his shoulder, narrowly missing his heart and exiting along the other side just below his waist. Major surgery and the fact that he had been in such impressive physical shape for his age are what saved his life.

Needless to say, Hutchinson did not want to stay in his area in case his assailant sought to succeed where he had initially failed. So, a plan was hatched by his club Uniques to send him off to a rural school to continue his development as a footballer.

Leveraging the connections of his long-time friend and current general manager of the Sports Development

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of the West Indies, sport can be a stimulus for economic growth, especially in small, open economies like those in the Caribbean. The university estimates that the economies of the Caribbean and Latin America benefit from sports to the tune of US\$4.6 billion.

In Jamaica, sports contributes just north of two per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) (Le Journal International 2016). In 2008, former Prime Minister the Most Honourable Edward Seaga said sports employed more than 22,000 Jamaicans, whose wages totalled an estimated US\$700 million.

Since then, those numbers have grown with more persons being employed as nutritionists, coaches, administrators, agents, and managers, all of which contribute to GDP, especially in light of the success the country has been experiencing in track and field, football, netball, swimming and several other sports.

This growth has come on the back of the expenditure of billions of dollars

used to build out sports infrastructure at both the local and national levels, primarily by the Sports Development Foundation (SDF). This, in turn, has facilitated the development of latent talent across several sports.

Responding to a question as to the amount spent on sports and whether it is worth it, Denzil Wilks, general manager at the SDF, had no doubt as to the justification.

"Absolutely, I think without doubt it has been worthwhile what we have spent. I look at track and field and the kind of returns you get from the performances. And you get it in so many different ways," he said.

"You get it, in that athletes get to earn a living for themselves. You get it in terms of the promotion of the country, and I think that is highly underestimated in terms of what sells our tourism.

"When one steps on a podium at an Olympics, or at a World Championships, where you have billions of persons looking on, and when you have outstanding people like a Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and Usain Bolt and the others, then there is no doubt that it comes back to you in the form of tourism."

His point rings true when one considers the revelation made by former PUMA CEO Jochin Zeitz, who estimated that Bolt's media marketing value stood at an astonishing US\$358m following his exploits at the World Championships in Berlin in 2009.

A couple years later, a picture of Bolt and Prince Harry, who was visiting Jamaica, was picked up by 1,800 online media entities and reached 18 million people across the globe. The value of the exposure was estimated at £2 billion.

Beyond tourism, sports has contributed to Jamaica's GDP in other ways.

"Football, the most popular game in Jamaica; there is no question about the proliferation of persons playing football overseas. Nobody seems to be tracking the number of persons playing football professionally in the Caribbean, across Asia, in Vietnam, for example, all earning a reasonable salary, and we know that when Jamaicans earn they send money back here." Wilks said.

"In netball, there are about eight to PLEASE SEE **POWER**, 38

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10 ladies playing in the big leagues across Australia, New Zealand, England and South Africa. It does not come much better than that, and what we need, as a result, is to build on the other sports. The truth of the matter is that we need to be spending much more. We still do not have enough of the kind of infrastructure that we really need."

The money sent back home that goes towards food, clothing, rent and mortgages, as well as savings accounts, contributes to the billions of dollars that come into the country via remittances. In 2020, for example, when the tourism industry crashed with the onset of the pandemic, Jamaicans

abroad sent back US\$3 billion, a sizeable contribution to the country's GDP.

"I think we have all realised now that remittances contributed significantly to the country's sustenance, at a time when all industries were being negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic," Wilks said.

In addition to building infrastructure and enabling athletes to earn locally and overseas, sports also contributes to the GDP by keeping the country's workforce healthy and easing the burden on its hospitals.

"Speaking to doctors, you get an appreciation for what is spent treating people with diabetes, heart condition, hypertension, and how lowering that cost could impact the economy, by saving on expenditure.

"This moves us to the social aspect. I continue to believe that our crime problem could be solved if we manage to utilise sports as a key tool of intervention in a country like ours where crime is being committed mainly in an age range of 12-30 years. If you could engage them, you would have reduced crime significantly."

Less crime tends to result in greater levels of direct investment, which in turn creates more jobs, better opportunities for the people to spur growth of the nation's GDP.

Chairman George Soutar opines that using sports as a means in addressing some of what is causing our intractable crime problem and social deviance has worked in other countries. He suggests the Government could do a pilot project in one of the high-crime communities using sports as the fulcrum in a comprehensive multisectoral programme utilising the methodology that has brought success elsewhere.

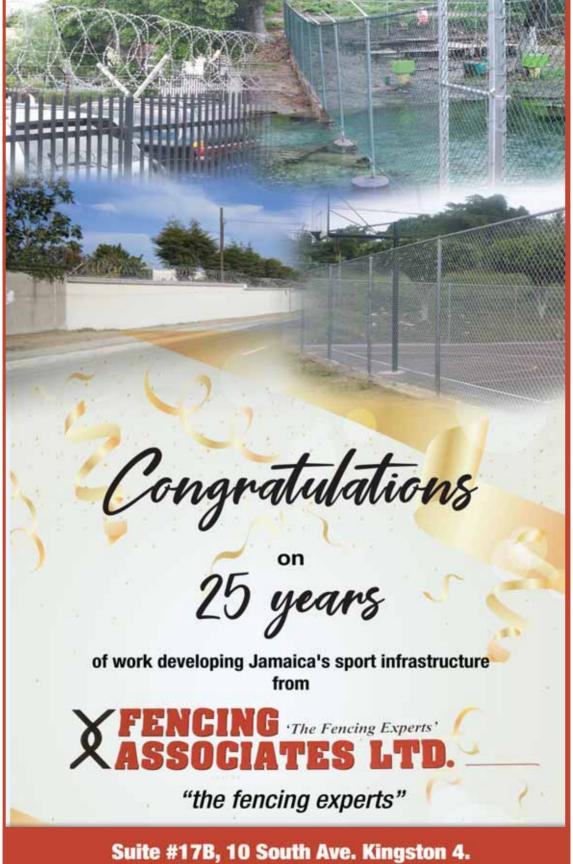


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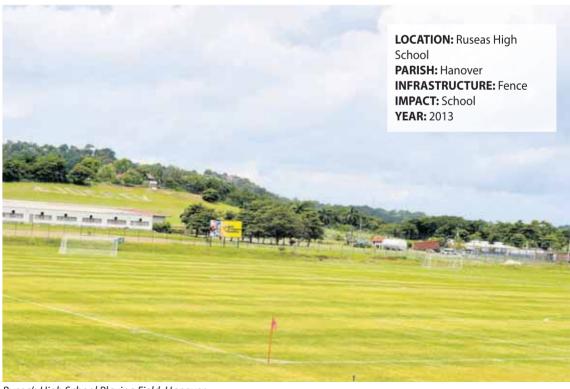


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Foundation (SDF), Denzil Wilks, who was then the president of Uniques, Hutchinson was sent off to Clarendon College under the tutelage of legendary schoolboy coach Winston Chung Fah to compete in the daCosta Cup.

"We managed to contact Winston Chung Fah, who was then the coach of Clarendon College, and we literally shipped him off. With his brilliance, Clarendon College won the daCosta Cup and ultimately the Olivier Shield," Wilks outlined.

Powered by Hutchinson's goals, Clarendon College stormed into the final of the daCosta Cup competition, to face off against St Elizabeth Technical High School. The school from Chapelton secured a two-nil victory in the first of the two-leg affair and entered the second match as favourites.

MISDIRECTION

But there was a challenge. Hutchinson, their star player, arrived at the match with a heavily bandaged left thigh, and sat on the bench to start the game. St Elizabeth pounced on their wounded rivals and scored an early goal to take a 1-0 lead in the return fixture.

Coach Chung Fah signalled to Hutchinson and told him to undo his bandages. To the disbelief of the St Elizabeth Technical fan base, Hutchinson came on and guided his

competition 5-1 on aggregate.

Why did Coach Chung Fah opt for misdirection with his star player?

Hutchinson offers this explanation.

"Everybody had seen me before. walking and I was okay. And then Chung Fah came up with this plan to wrap me up and get them (St Elizabeth) vulnerable. He played it out like it was a show, he asked a couple of his supporters to wrap me up, from waist down on to the left foot. I was to play it off like a movie, tip on my toe and act like I was really hurt. When Chung Fah unwrapped me, it was pandemonium," Hutchinson laughed. "In hindsight I should have asked him, 'why did you wrap me up like that?' But Chungy is full of those types of theatrics. I guess him press the right button at the time."

This victory helped Hutchinson earn an athletic scholarship to a college in the United States. This is where one would hope the story ends with Hutchinson taking advantage of the opportunity to go on and become a top-tier footballer in America.

However, it was not to be. Due to some personal missteps, Hutchinson spent time in prison, and subsequently was sent back to Jamaica to restart his life.

HELP AND REDEMPTION

This story does not have a sad ending, however, as Hutchinson landed squarely on his feet.

For the past 22 years he has been working with the SDC to lend a helping

"One of the things that drives me most of all is to help people to move from being in dire need to being in a better position. I feel good about helping them move their lives from point A to point B" he said.

Perhaps even more impressively, Hutchinson, with financial support from the SDF's Athletes Welfare Programme, was able to complete the tertiary education he had begun decades earlier.

General Manager of the SDF Denzil Wilks explained: "We had discussions ... and I said to him, you started university overseas, you got to a certain point you would have earned some credit. Is there a possibility of you getting those credits and seeing whether you can complete your studies? We communicated with G.C. Foster, and the SDF's board of directors saw it fit to give him some financial assistance to get into G.C. Foster College."

Hutchinson says it was difficult going back into the classroom after all those years, but he persevered and is on the brink of earning a bachelor's degree in sports education. This is another record in the making. A degree that has taken over 40 years to complete. A sterling lesson in perseverance and the benefits of a support structure.

Today, he remains focused on lending support to those in need and is happy his story can motivate others to bounce back from life's challenges and create new opportunities, where none seemed available.



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The Jamaica Cricket Association (JCA) joins the rest of the nation and in particulair the other members of the Sports Fraternity in congratulating the Sports Development Foundation (SDF) on the 25th anniversary of its inception.

The celebration of SDF's 25th year is also the acknowledgement of the tremendous impact of the body on the development of sport in Jamaica. The advent of the SDF has served to allow Sport Associations and bodies to plan with assurance, to further develop and enhance human and infrastructural capacities and capabilities, to properly prepare national teams for regional and international endavours and operate using better administrative and governance principles.

The JCA, its members and the sport in general has benefited greatly over these 25 years from the presence of the SDF on the national sport landscape. The JCA has been, and is very grateful and appreciative for the SDF's participation in our development programmes, cricket infrastructure programmes, procurement and acquisition processes.

As the SDF moves into its 26th year and beyond, the Board and members of JCA, and indeed all the supporters and stakeholders of cricket, wish all those who are tasked with the stewardship of the SDF from policy to operations, great wisdom, vision and foresight. It is our collective hope that within the next 25 years, the SDF will be at the forefront of the transformation of our country from one with a great history and culture in sports to one with a blooming sport industry.

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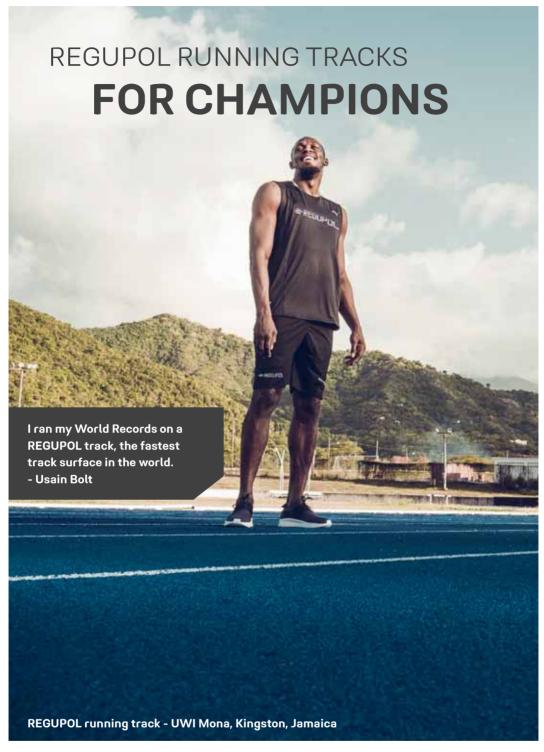
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