

Space still available for Bank's Pro Soccer Clinic and College Prospect Programme 2005

(Hamilton, Bermuda, 9 June 2005) Nearly 200 of Bermuda's most talented soccer players have already signed up for the annual Bank of Bermuda Pro Soccer Clinic and College Prospect Programme, but there are still spaces available. Bermuda's David Bascome, Major Indoor Soccer League Professional player, Manager and Coach for the programmes will be available to sign up future stars of the game on Friday, 10 June, 12noon-2pm at the Bank of Bermuda's Head Office Building on Front Street in Hamilton.

David Bascome said, "I encourage all of Bermuda's young players, both male and female to take advantage of the opportunities that the Clinic and College Prospect Programme have to offer. In addition to the very best local coaches, we have international coaches and college scouts who will be involved in the programmes, bringing with them a wealth of knowledge of the game and high international coaching standards."

Programme sponsor, Bank of Bermuda, Chief Executive Officer, Philip Butterfield commented, "Bank of Bermuda is pleased to support the continued growth and development of our young people and encourage all of our young soccer players to get involved in this annual event. These programmes provide the opportunity for our young people to develop their game and personal skills, in a positive, structured environment which will help them become better players on the field, and better people in our community."

Shannon Burgess, Vice President, Credit Manager, Corporate Investment Banking and Markets, Bank of Bermuda, Bermuda National Team Captain from 1997 to 2004, and Centre Back for Devonshire Colts Football Club, reiterated the importance of Bermuda's young players taking advantage of

programmes such as these, “ The principles being taught at these events, being a team player, good sportsmanship, discipline, commitment and respect all apply in everyday life, in your personal and working environment. It is important to expose our young people here in Bermuda to international standards and coaching techniques in order for them to reach their highest level of personal development.”

The developmental Pro Soccer Clinic will be held 27 June through 3 July 2005, at the National Sports Centre and offers 305 places for soccer players ages 4 -14 years. The College Prospect Programme, open to 100 players between the ages of 15 - 20 years will be held the following week from 4 –9 July.

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