

Olympic Coach and World-Ranking Track and Field Star to inspire young athletes

(Hamilton, Bermuda, 25 March 2008) World-Ranking Track and Field Star, David Oliver, and Olympic Coach, Brooks Johnson, are coming to Bermuda to promote the eighth annual Bank of Bermuda Foundation West End Athletic Club (WEAC) Schools Track and Field Challenge, which is set to kick off on Saturday, 5 April 2008.

Bank of Bermuda Foundation West End Athletic Club Schools Track and Field Challenge, held at the National Stadium, attracts hundreds of participants each year. Each school is allowed to enter one team with up to a maximum of 16 athletes. Students compete in a variety of track and field events including discus, shot put, long jump, high jump, triple jump, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500, 4 X 100m relay team and 4 X 400m relay team, with points awarded to all finishers. The top three schools with highest number of accumulated points for Primary, Middle and Senior school levels are awarded cash prizes. Bank of Bermuda Foundation's Event Shield is also presented to the school with the most accumulated points overall. In addition, the top three finishers in each event are awarded medals at the completion of the event, based on the fastest time, distance or height achieved.

As part of the Challenge, participating athletes will be invited to attend a special training clinic with World-Ranking Track and Field Star, David Oliver and Olympic Coach, Brooks Johnson. Brooks, who sits in the US Track and Field Hall of Fame, is internationally recognised for his coaching and award-winning athletic pupils, such as David Oliver. The training clinics will take place on Friday, 28 March at 4:30pm and Saturday, 29 March at 10:00am at the National Stadium.

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WEAC President, Anthony Raynor, commented, “I am really looking forward to introducing David Oliver and Brooks Johnson to the participants of the Challenge. It’s a great opportunity to have two world-class track and field athletes available to coach and inspire our young athletes.”

Commenting on the upcoming Challenge, Bank of Bermuda Foundation Director and Secretary, David Lang, said, “Bank of Bermuda Foundation is an avid supporter of sports in Bermuda especially when it comes to youth development. Bermuda is brimming with talented young athletes and we see this Challenge as a great opportunity for the Island’s young athletes to develop their skills, participate in healthy competition, while being inspired by two world-ranking track and field athletes who have taken their passion for sport to the highest level.”

A prize giving ceremony will be held after the Challenge where all winning schools and participants will be invited to attend. Last year a total of 14 schools participated in the event with Sandy’s Middle School claiming the top prize.

The media are invited to attend both the clinic and the Schools Track and Field Challenge. For more information please contact Anthony Raynor at 737-8850 or 334-8146.

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Notes to Editors:

- Bank of Bermuda Foundation helps charities that support the community and people, preserve our local heritage, culture and environment, and help develop the youth of Bermuda. It also offers several scholarships. Established in 2000, the Foundation incorporates the Centennial Trust, Charitable Trust, and Educational Trust, which were established by Bank of Bermuda to support the community in Bermuda.
- Since 1989, more than \$41 million has been donated to charitable Bermudian organisations.
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