

## Report Dominica Amateur Athletics Association (D.A.A.A) National Junior Championship 2005

The National Junior Athletics Championship, held Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March in Grand Bay, organised by the DAAA, produced another Carifta qualifier.

His name is Marlon Hilaire from the Portsmouth Amateur Athletic Club (P.A.A.C). Marlon jumped 1.98m in the U-20m boys' high jump event, breaking Perry Bardouille's record of 1.96m set in 1999.

This brings the total number of qualifiers for the Carifta Games thus far to four athletes.



Marlon Hilaire

Their names are as follows:

<i>Tajuana Sully</i>	<i>OAC</i>	<i>U-20 girls Discus</i>
<i>Davis Hypolite</i>	<i>DSDA</i>	<i>U-17 boys Javelin</i>
<i>Falixius Leslie</i>	<i>DSDA</i>	<i>U-17 boys Javelin and Discus</i>
<i>Marlon Hilaire</i>	<i>PAAC</i>	<i>U-20 boys High Jump</i>

The other athletes who came quite close to attaining the standards were: Tasha Guiste, Kwain James (PCSS) and Dexter Stowe (OAC) 100m U-17, Kenny Williams (DSDA) 800m U-20, Julius Henry (DSDA) & Travis Lawrence (Wesmar Rangers) H-Jump U-17.

The most outstanding athletes were:

<i>Tasha Guiste</i>	<i>PIO</i>	<i>U-17 Girls</i>	<i>28 points</i>
<i>Falixius Leslie</i>	<i>DSDA</i>	<i>U-17 Boys</i>	<i>20 points</i>
<i>Mellisa Toussaint</i>	<i>PCSS</i>	<i>U-20 Girls</i>	<i>19 points</i>
<i>Del Laurier</i>	<i>PAAC</i>	<i>U-20 Boys</i>	<i>28 points</i>

The D.A.A.A extends gratitude to Miss Renate Siegenthaler (Swiss Aid "Children in Dominica") who was the gold sponsor for the National Junior Championship.

A call is made to the government and other able bodies to come forward and assist the Association, in meeting the expenses to send the qualified athletes to the Carifta games. The games are to be hosted at the Dwight Yorke Stadium in Tobago during the Easter week end.

Last year Dominica secured two silver medals at the games at it is expected that this year the athletes will perform better. Nabi Wallace public relations officer (P.R.O) of the D.A.A.A added; "Our young people are the future of Dominica, invest in them today, to reap a positive Dominica tomorrow".