

Report

Dominica Performance at the Carifta Games 2007 **Turks & Caicos Islands**

The National team which represented Dominica at the 2007 Carifta Games was both young and inexperienced. However the athletes went out with a positive mind set determine to give Dominica the best possible representation.

Our multi-events athletes Tasha Guiste and Davis Hypolite were the first to take the track in what was going to be their first experience in that event on such a high level.

Tasha finished 8th in the women open pentathlon with a total of 2733 points while Davis finished 6th in the open men heptathlon with a total of 4145 points. It was a great achievement for both of these young people as they were able to complete the event. Now they have gotten the exposure one can only hope that they will build upon this experience.

In the under twenty boys 100m we had Michael Esprit attending his second Carifta Games clocking a time of 11.02 seconds. Unfortunately for Michael his time was not good enough to take him into the finals.

Narelle Magloire took the field in the under seventeen girls' discus, where she was quite easily through to the second round of the competition. After the completion of the final round she had to settle for 5th placed with a throw of 31.17 meters.

Julius Henry after just less than three months of training in the 100m sprint hurdles was able to put down a performance fit enough to take him into the finals. After clocking a time of 14.46 seconds in his heat he went on to the finals and finished 7th in a time of 14.56 seconds.

In the under twenty boys javelin Falixius Leslie came into that event with a personal best throw of 57.87 meters and was determined to land gold. However on the run up of his first throw he fell at the line and twists his ankle which caused an instant drop to his performance thereafter. Falixius refused to allow his injury to deter him from finishing the competition and as a result of his determination he placed 8th with a throw of 51.39 meters.

Dominica last hope for a medal rested on the shoulders of young Dillon Simon. Dillon proved that although he was quite inexperienced to a competition of this magnitude that he came out to do a job and that he did.

He finished just outside of medal contention in the under seventeen boys shot put with a throw of 14.00 meters placing fourth. The following day he went on to do his better of the two discipline the discus and won silver with a throw of 42.99 meters a few centimeters shy of his personal best.

The Dominica Amateur Athletics Association joins with Dillon's family and the people of Dominica to extend special congratulations to our silver medalist Dillon Simon and the rest of the 2007 National Carifta Team.

On behalf of the Manager, Coaches and athletes of our 2007 National Carifta Team we say thank you to all those who gave words of encouragement, kept a prayer on their heart and supported in any other way we failed to mention.

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