



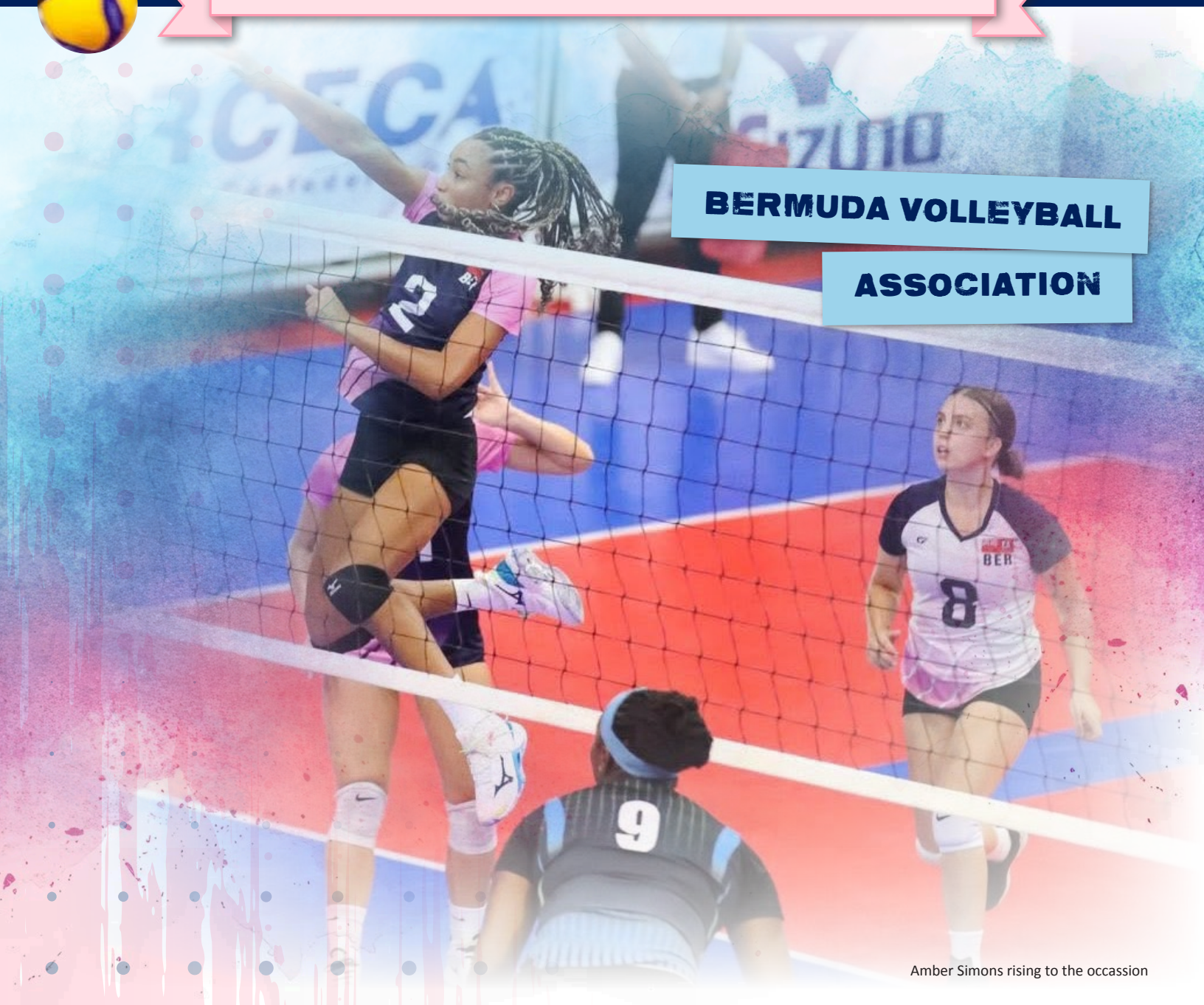
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THE COMPETITIVE EDGE ~ SEPTEMBER 2025

**BERMUDA VOLLEYBALL
ASSOCIATION**



Amber Simons rising to the occasion



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SPORTMATTERS

Bermuda Volleyball Association Continued

September 2025 was a milestone month for the Bermuda Volleyball Association (BVA), marking continued success and growth for Bermuda's national volleyball teams on the international stage. Bermuda's Women's Indoor Volleyball Team, building on their success in 2024, secured the silver medal at the 2025 Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) Women's Final Four tournament held in Antigua and Barbuda.

Bermuda Indoor Women's Team Members – Kayley Hamilton, Kaylee Trott, Sharri Weldon, Amber Simons, Natalie Gazzard, Olivia Gazzard, Cailey Longworth, Monique Cordeiro, Megan Hands & Khianda Pearman-Watson.

The team had an impressive run in the pool stage, finishing with an undefeated 3-0 record after defeating teams from Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, and St. Lucia. Bermuda opened the tournament with a strong 3-0 victory over Grenada,

with middle blocker Amber Simons leading the team with a match-high 14 points, including 5 blocks. They followed this with a hard-fought 3-1 win against the host nation, Antigua and Barbuda, with the team praised for their technique in passing and setting. Bermuda then defeated St. Lucia in a thrilling five-set match in the final pool play game.

Advancing to the finals, they faced St. Lucia again. Bermuda won the first set 25-23, but St. Lucia rallied to win the next three sets (25-20, 25-18, 25-21) to claim the gold medal and the spot in the 2026 NORCECA Panamerican Cup.

Despite the final loss, four of Bermuda's team members received special individual awards:

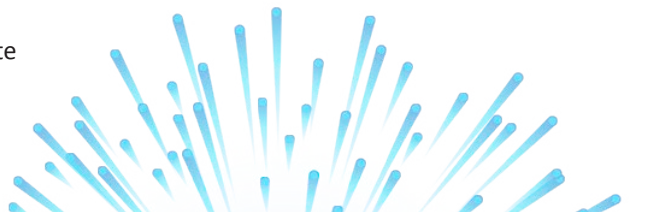
- **Megan Hands** – Best Server.
- **Kayley Hamilton** – Best Opposite Attacker.

- **Amber Simons** – Best Blocker.
- **Kaylee Trott** – Best Setter.
- **Natalie Gazzard** – Second Best Spiker.

This silver medal and the special awards reflect the skill and commitment of both the athletes and coaching staff, underscoring Bermuda's rising prominence in international volleyball. The team was coached by Head Coach Richard Bevis and Assistant Coach Lisa LeBlanc.

Men's Beach Teams on the NORCECA Tour

The month's achievements continued on the beach volleyball circuit, where Bermuda's men's teams competed in two stops of the 2025 NORCECA Beach Volleyball Tour.



Women's NT - Silver Medal



Bermuda Volleyball Association Continued



Barnett and Tucker

NORCECA Beach Volleyball Tour **Stop 8 – San Salvador, El Salvador**

The Bermuda Men's Beach National Team participated at the 8th stop of the 2025 NORCECA Beach Volleyball Tour in San Salvador, El Salvador. The team of Kyle Hamilton and Sean Tucker took on teams from Canada, Costa Rica, and Venezuela in the pool stages. Despite falling to each team, the pairing grew together in preparation for the following matches to come.

Hamilton and Tucker entered the playoffs with a match against Puerto Rico, which saw the Bermuda Pairing fall 2–0. This set up Hamilton and Tucker in a 15th – 16th place classification match against Guatemala. The Pairing secured a straight-set win in this final match against (21–19, 21–17) finishing the tournament in 15th place.

NORCECA Beach Volleyball Tour – Stop 9 **Punta Cana, Dominican Republic**

Benjamin Barnett and Sean Tucker later traveled to the Dominican Republic for the 9th stop of the NORCECA Tour. In pool play,

Barnett and Tucker secured a two-set victory against El Salvador, in their opening match. The Bermuda pair then took on pairs from Mexico and Dominican Republic, ultimately falling in each match. Barnett and Tucker then faced the British Virgin Islands pair winning the match (21–12, 23–21) setting them up for a 9th–10th place play-off against Costa Rica. They ultimately finished in tenth place at this stop, losing a match for the 9th place against Costa Rica (21–14, 21–18).

Looking Ahead

Looking forward, the BVA is preparing for further engagement and development opportunities. Bermuda's athletes and coaches are already planning for additional NORCECA Beach Tour events, while the BVA is set to launch its 2025-26 recreational winter league, providing the public with greater access to volleyball on the island. With continued commitment and enthusiasm, Bermuda's volleyball teams are poised for future successes, both on and off the court.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

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Ralph Scott



Ralph Scott commits to the University of Tennessee

On September 30, in front of family, friends and teammates, Ralph Scott committed to the **University of Tennessee Volunteers** basketball program. He becomes Tennessee's first 2026 recruit, under Head Coach Rick Barnes. This was conducted at IMG Academy via an online CBS Sports College Basketball YouTube feed. Ralph chose Tennessee over offers from **Texas A&M University Aggies, the University of Houston Cougars and Purdue University Boilermakers** (thought to be his final choice based on an online survey). Modern technology allowed family and friends to share in his announcement from Bermuda. Ralph thanked his immediate family for their support and also the coaches that helped him on his journey.

Ralph has elevated his status to be ranked as the 35th best high school player (class of 2026) in the U.S. This placed him as the 16th best player in his position of small forward and 8th best in the state of Florida. Prior to this past summer, Ralph was a virtual unknown, but through the Bermuda Basketball Association, was

able to be invited to the FIBA/NBA 'Basketball without Borders' camp in El Salvador, where he eventually was voted the MVP. His performance at the BWB camp enabled him to get another invite to participate in the 2025 NBA Academy Games in Atlanta. It was during this time when Ralph started to gain recognition and receive offers from universities. Through the remainder of the summer, Ralph participated in the AAU circuit, playing for Jamal Shead Elite (Central Texas) where he received even more offers.

Adam Finkelstein, 247 Sports Director of Scouting, sees Ralph as a long-term prospect with an immense upside. Eric Bossi, National Basketball Director for 247 Sports was impressed with Ralph's size, athleticism and viewed him as possible "3 and D" wing threat at the college level who could possibly guard positions 1-4. He feels he will play multiple positions for Tennessee if they allow him to grow as a player.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The **BBA 2025-26 Winter League** is scheduled to begin on **Saturday, October 25**.

Bermuda Bicycle Association

Bermuda's Elite National Champions: Narraway and White Lead the Charge at Caribbean Championships

This month, Bermuda's reigning National Champion cyclists, Nicholas Narraway and Conor White, will go head-to-head with the best riders in the region at the Caribbean Road Cycling Championships. Both will proudly wear the national champion's jersey, earned earlier this year—Narraway in the Time Trial and White in the Road Race—setting the stage for a powerful showing on behalf of Bermuda.

Nicholas Narraway: TT Specialist with Global Ambitions

At just 23, Nicholas Narraway has quickly established himself as one of Bermuda's strongest performers against the clock. Introduced to cycling through the Fat Tire Massive Mountain bike series, he transitioned to the road in his early teens and has never looked back.

Winning the **National Time Trial Championship** this year was "a relief," Narraway admits, after months of targeted preparation.

"I spent a lot of time on the TT bike, did heat training, and worked on getting comfortable in position. My strategy was to push on the climbs and stay smooth on the flats. The U-turns really favored my lighter build."

For him, the victory was about more than a medal—it was a reminder of why he rides.

"Wearing the national champion's jersey overseas means a lot. People ask about Bermuda, and I always take pride in representing where I'm from."

Narraway is quick to credit those who have supported his journey: the Bermuda Bicycle Association, Peter Dunne, the Bermuda Olympic Association, the Department of Sport & Recreation, Winners Edge, the Miller School of Albemarle, and countless local cyclists like

Dominique Mayho and Kaden Hopkins who have pushed him to improve. His coach, Josep Codinach Terrades, continues to guide his development, while his family has been there "through every crash, every comeback, and every airport drop-off."

Looking ahead to the Caribbean Championships, Narraway is focused:

"Big goals, especially in the TT. My advice to young riders? Do everything you can. Be consistent. The results will follow."

Conor White: Sprint Power and Track Focus

At 25, Conor White has carved out a reputation as a powerful road racer and an emerging force on the track. Known for his sprint finishes, White claimed this year's **National Road Race title** with a strategy designed around his strengths.

"I knew I wanted it to come down to a sprint. I'd tested that approach the week before nationals and won, so I stuck with



Nicholas Narraway

Bermuda Bicycle Association cont'd

it. Once we cleared the last climb on the final lap, I knew it was going to be a sprint—that’s where I had my best shot.”

White attributes his success to discipline and a balanced mindset.

“I’ve stopped obsessing over hitting a certain weight and started listening to my body. If I feel good and I’m recovering well, that’s what matters most.”

His growing passion is track cycling, which he says has opened “a whole new world” and provided fresh motivation.

Support has come from many, but his parents stand out as his greatest champions. He also credits **Peter Dunne**, who introduced him to road cycling, organized international opportunities, and continues to push Bermuda’s cyclists to compete at the highest level.

At the Caribbean Championships, White will be defending his **Caribbean Time Trial title** while also aiming for the **Caribbean Road Race Championship**. As the current National Road Race Champion and reigning Caribbean TT Champion, he enters in peak form.

A Team Effort: Bermuda’s Shot at Regional Qualification

Alongside Narraway and White, Kaden Hopkins will also represent Bermuda at the Caribbean Championships. A win by any one of the three in either the Time Trial or Road Race would secure Bermuda a coveted qualification spot for the 2026 Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games. With two national champions and three international elite riders in contention, Bermuda’s chances have never looked stronger.

Flying the Flag with Pride

Both riders emphasize the privilege of wearing Bermuda’s colors abroad.

White: “Wins like this don’t come around often. You soak it in and use it as fuel for the next challenge.”

Narraway: “Cycling’s tough. But when it comes together—when you get that win or breakthrough performance—it makes every early morning and every setback worth it.”

Quickfire Round: Narraway vs. White

Question	Nicholas Narraway	Conor White
Favourite ride in Bermuda	Anywhere with hills, especially South Shore	South Shore, from Barnes Corner into Hamilton
Go-to training snack	Haribo	Haribo
Rider you admire most	Tadej Pogačar	Filippo Ganna
Post-race guilty pleasure	Cookies, brownies, and ice cream	Pizza
One word crossing the finish	Relief and ecstatic	Rewarding

Support From the Ground Up

The Bermuda Bicycle Association (BBA) continues to invest in elite athlete development while nurturing the next generation of riders. From free coaching for youth aged 13+, to bike exchange programmes, to subsidized international racing opportunities, the BBA is working to secure Bermuda’s success today and tomorrow.

As Narraway, White, and Hopkins line up at the Caribbean Championships this October, they carry with them the hopes of a community, the strength of a nation, and the determination to keep putting Bermuda on the cycling map—one pedal stroke at a time.

👉 Follow their journey and learn more at www.bermudabicycle.org



Conor White

Bermuda Bowling Federation

National Team Manager – Steven C. Riley

Steven Craig Riley has dedicated more than four decades to the sport of bowling, representing Bermuda with distinction on the international stage. Beginning his bowling journey in 1979, Steven quickly rose through the ranks, showcasing not only remarkable consistency but also an unrelenting passion for the game.

Over the years, he has achieved numerous milestones, including recording two perfect 300 games and an impressive career-high three-game series of 814. In 1999, he secured Bermuda's highest league average at 212. His competitive career took him across the globe, where he proudly represented Bermuda in prestigious tournaments such as the FIQ World Championships, the AMF Bowling World Cup, the Pan American Games, and the CAC Games, bringing home medals at both the junior and senior levels.

Some of his most notable accomplishments include:

- 1982 Junior Tournament of the Americas – Silver Medal (All Events), Bronze Medal (Singles & Mixed Doubles)
- 1985 FIQ American Zone Championships – Bronze Medal (Men's Team Event)
- 2015 TNBA National Singles Champion, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Multiple podium finishes in both international and local competitions

In 2022, Steven retired from active competition to focus on his role as Team Manager of the Bermuda National Bowling Team, a position he has held since 2014. His leadership has already guided Bermuda to significant successes, including a Bronze Medal in the Men's Trios at the 2018 CAC Games in Cali, Colombia, and an impressive seven-medal haul at the 2019 Island Games in Gibraltar.

Steven's vision as team manager is clear: to bring out the very best in Bermuda's bowlers, push them beyond their limits, and ultimately guide the team to achieving a historic gold medal victory on the international stage. With his wealth of experience, technical knowledge, unwavering commitment, Steven continues to inspire the next generation of bowlers in Bermuda. We deeply appreciate Steven for his lifelong dedication to bowling and Team Bermuda. His passion, patience, leadership and tireless efforts continue to inspire and uplift our athletes, shaping the future of the sport for generations to come.



Steven Riley - Nation Team Manager

Bermuda Cricket Board



St David's Cricket Club

Bermuda Cricket Board Premier Division 50 Over League Champions

St. David's County Cricket Club was crowned the Bermuda Cricket Board Premier Division League Champions of 2025.

Bermuda Cricket Board Premier Division 40 Over KO Cup Champions

St. George's Cricket Club was crowned the Bermuda Cricket Board Premier Division 40-Over KO Cup Champions of 2025.

Trees4Scores

The "Trees4Scores" initiative, which links cricket and football performances to the planting of native ecosystems in Bermuda, is underway.

BELOW: St. George's Cricket Club

"In partnership with the Bermuda National Trust [BNT], Bermuda Cricket Board [BCB] and Bermuda Football Association [BFA], Trees4Scores launched during this year's Annual Cup Match Classic and phase one of the programme will continue over the coming months.

"Phase one of this transformative programme aims to install 130 ecosystems that are native and endemic to Bermuda – all in one day. Comprising of 390 trees, plants and ground coverings, the calculations to achieve these 130 complete ecosystems are being tallied through local cricket and football matches. Just like native and endemic species thread through the unique environmental landscape of Bermuda, cricket and football are woven into the fiber of our culture. Trees4Scores provides the ultimate framework to bring the two together – sustainable sporting initiatives that produce significant environmental impacts.



Bermuda Sailing Association

ILCA Under-21 World Championships

To follow on from his silver medal in the ILCA 7 2025 Junior Pan Am Games in August, Bermudian sailor Sebastian Kempe concluded the 2025 ILCA Under-21 World Championships in Dublin Bay, Ireland, with a 12th-place overall in the men's fleet. Kempe's performance included a third-place finish in race one and a fourth-place finish in race four, demonstrating his competitive edge among a fleet of nearly 220 top sailors from 38 nations. Kempe's achievements continue to highlight Bermuda's growing presence in international sailing competitions.

J70 Corinthian World Championships

Bermuda's Alec Cutler and his crew aboard "Hedgehog" captured the 2025 J/70 Corinthian World Championships in Marblehead, Massachusetts, after four days of intense racing among 29 all-amateur teams from five nations. Cutler, sailing with longtime crewmates Brad Rodi, Charles Pucciariello, and Ryan Cox, achieved two race wins and a decisive final-day performance. With only a single point separating them from Edward Gary's Ayacucho going into the last races, Hedgehog secured a bullet in

race eight and a third in race nine, to clinch the title. Mexico's Ignacio Perez on Zaguero completed the podium in third. In a class often dominated by professional crews, Hedgehog's victory stands as a landmark for amateur sailors worldwide and a proud achievement for Bermuda's sailing community.

Comet International Regatta

Three skippers continued a proud Bermudian tradition of excellence established over many years in the Comet International Regatta hosted by the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club in Oceanport, New Jersey at the end of August. Rudy Bailey finished on the podium in 2nd place overall, followed by Maxwell Curtis in 4th and Gregory Wade in 20th. Sailing from the East End Mini Yacht Club and the West End Sailboat Club, Bermudian Comet sailors compete regularly locally and internationally.

INSET PHOTO: Sebastian Kempe
BELOW: Alec Cutler winning in Hedgehog



Tyler James on Vino Blanco



Summer Highlights: Bermudian Equestrians Shine in US and European Horse Show Circuits

In a series of high-profile competitions, Bermudian rider Tyler James continued to make his mark with consistent top finishes across the US equestrian circuit.

At the Tryon Horse Show, James delivered standout performances aboard Cruise Control, clinching 3rd place in the USHJA Jump Seat Medal 3'3 Amateur and securing 8th in the USHJA National Hunter Derby Junior/Amateur, a field that featured 27 riders. On Vino Blanco, James proved his form was no fluke, taking 4th in the Schooling Jumper 1.10m against a competitive field of 39 riders and adding 4th, 3rd, and 6th-place ribbons in three separate Amateur Jumper 1.20m classes over the week—a testament to his consistency.

James's momentum carried into the Kentucky Horse Show, where he and Cruise Control placed 10th among 40 riders in the USHJA National Hunter Derby 3'3 Junior/Amateur and 3rd in the USHJA Jump Seat Medal Junior/Amateur 3'3. These results earned James qualifications for both the USHJA 3'3 Adult Jump Seat Medal Finals and the prestigious Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic, held at the Split Rock Jumping Tour Kentucky National CSI2*.

James also excelled at the Aiken Fall Festival II, competing with Vino Blanco and Cruise Control under trainer, Wendy Arndt. With Vino Blanco, he won the 1.10M Jumper II and placed in the top ten in multiple 1.20M Junior/Amateur jumper classes. On Cruise Control, he finished eighth in both the Aiken Hunter Classic 3'3" and the USHJA Junior/Amateur Jumping Seat Medal, and eleventh in the USHJA National Derby. His consistent results highlighted Bermuda's growing presence in US equestrian competitions.

Nicholas Lopes delivered a standout summer in United States jumper competitions, collecting impressive placings across several major events.

At the Kentucky Summer Horse Show, Lopes took 6th and 8th in the 1.40-1.45M JR/AM Jumper Division, then claimed a 1st and 8th in the 1.45M Classic, earning Reserve Champion honors with Aquiles del Caribe Z.

The momentum continued at the Kentucky Summer Classic, where Lopes dominated the 1.40-1.45M division with 1st and 4th place finishes. He added 1st and 6th in the 1.45M Classic, securing the Championship title with Aquiles del Caribe Z.

Lopes carried his winning form into the Blue Grass Festival, notching 3rd and 5th in the JR/AM Jumper Division and 1st and 5th in the 1.45M Classic, again taking the Championship with Aquiles del Caribe Z.

At the Kentucky Hunter Jumper Association Horse Show, Lopes placed 10th with G-Star in the 1.40-1.45M division and 5th in the 1.45M Classic. In the Grand Prix National Classes, he finished 9th in the Welcome class (**first round:** 79.62, jump off: 40.16 with 4 faults) and 13th in the Grand Prix with a time of 84.66 and 8 faults.

Lopes's consistent performance and multiple championships mark an exceptional season on the US jumper circuit.



Nicholas Lopes on Aquiles del Caribe Z



Bermuda Equestrian Federation cont'd

Moving across the water to the Netherlands, where Bermuda equestrian, Jess Hosier, is currently based. In a remarkable showing at the CSIAm Grand Prix in the Netherlands, Jess piloted her horse Alan to a flawless clear round, securing an impressive fourth place finish. Hosier's momentum continued as she and Alan claimed victory – winning first place in their debut outing competing in the 1.15M height, showcasing their growing partnership and skill.

Jess then went on to compete at Peelbergen for two weeks where she was competing at Green Valley Estate show. When she competed at Peelbergen show, she rode in some CSI 1* 'Small tour' classes and some CSI 1* 'Medium tour' classes where she was competitive. Her final week of showing this month was at Green Valley where she competed in the CSI 1* Small Tour and placed 11th in the two-phase class and she finished off her time at Green Valley with 5th place in the small tour Grand Prix.

She also made a powerful impact at the CSIAm Grand Prix, guiding her mount Alan to a superb clear round and clinching fourth place amid strong international competition. Demonstrating poise and rising talent as one of the circuit's promising young female riders, Hosier and Alan then captured a first-place finish in their debut at the 1.15M height—a testament to their growing partnership and her prowess in the ring.

BELOW: Jess Hosier and Alan



Bermuda Motocross Association

Thompson takes 5th at Walton TransCan

Jazuri Easton-Thompson competed in the Canadian Amateur Grand National Championship – Walton TransCan race held August 6-9, 2025, in Walton Ontario, Canada. The event was comprised of one practice day and 3 days of intense racing under a 3-moto format to determine the overall winner. Hundreds of racers from all over Canada attended the event along with riders from the US and a handful of international locations including Bermuda.

Thompson competed in the Youth Beg/Jnr/Int 14-24, 250 Intermediate and Open Intermediate classes with the best of Canada's amateur racers from the east

and west provinces of the country. This was Jazuri's second year competing at the event and he improved on his overall finishes, placing this year within the top 10, out of 30 plus riders. Last year Jazuri rode a 125cc gas bike, but he is now riding a 250cc KTM bike. In the Youth Beg/Jnr/Int class he placed 9-5-7 in the 3 motos to secure an 8th place award. In the Open Intermediate class, he placed 15-13-DNS for 17th overall as the track was quite muddy and decided to opt out of the last moto to risk not blowing up his bike and saving it for his next race.

The 250 Intermediate class was his best race and finished 8-5-6 for a 5th place award finish. Jazuri's race skill attracted the

attention of OGs Moto who will sponsor him with race gear for the 2025/26 season. When asked about his performance this year at the event Jazuri had the following statement, "I think I raced pretty good as I got good starts and came off the line in the top 5 for a few motos and even led the race for a few laps. The intermediate class is equivalent to the B class in the US, so I am on the right track for when I return to the US later this year to compete. I just need to continue to work on my fitness and train hard so I can get faster and stay at the top pace. I hope to come back next year to Walton and do even better!"

BELOW: Jazuri Walton





2025/2026 RACE SCHEDULE

05 OCT	SEASON OPENER	01 JAN	HOLIDAY TROPHY SERIES RACE 2	08 FEB	TRIPLE CROWN TROPHY SERIES RACE 2 + POINTS
19 OCT	2ND POINTS RACE	11 JAN	6TH POINTS RACE	22 FEB	9TH POINTS RACE
02 NOV	3RD POINTS RACE	25 JAN	7TH POINTS RACE	08 MAR	10TH POINTS RACE
11 NOV	MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE			22 MAR	11TH POINTS RACE St John Ambulance
23 NOV	4TH POINTS RACE			12 APR	TRIPLE CROWN TROPHY SERIES RACE 3 + POINTS
07 DEC	TRIPLE CROWN TROPHY SERIES RACE 1 + POINTS			19 APR	13TH POINTS RACE
26 DEC	HOLIDAY TROPHY SERIES RACE 1				



TENTATIVE MAKEUP DATE: MAY 3RD / MAY 17TH, 2026

SOUTHSIDE MOTOCROSS TRACK

GENERAL ADMISSION | KIDS 6-12 \$5 | ADULTS \$10
PIT ADMISSION | KIDS 6-12 \$15 | ADULT \$20 | SENIORS FREE



Aeziah Divine

Junior Motorcycle Racer Aeziah Divine Continues Progress in British Talent Cup

Bermuda's junior racer Aeziah Divine continues to impress in the R&G British Talent Cup, part of the Bennetts British Superbike Championship, with strong performances heading into the season finale at Oulton Park (October 3–5, 2025).

Round 6 – Donington Park (Aug 8–10, 2025):

Divine set multiple personal bests, including a 1:41.213 lap. He climbed six places in Race 1 to finish 16th, secured 12th in Race 2, and looked set for another

points finish in Race 3 before a mechanical issue forced him to retire.

“There are so many positives to take away—we’ll keep pushing and building from here,” said Divine.

Round 7 – TT Circuit Assen (Sept 5–7, 2025):

Despite tricky weather, Divine delivered determined rides. He finished 16th in Race 1 after a red flag ended the race early and then fought through the field in Race 2, climbing six positions to run with the group battling for seventh. Another red flag ended his charge, but he was classified a strong 12th.



“The hard work is starting to pay off with another great step forward. I couldn’t do it without the Fibre Tec Honda – MLav Racing team,” Divine noted.

With consistent progress and back-to-back top-12 finishes, Divine continues to show resilience and growth on his Road to MotoGP™.



Carter Burgess

Age: 8

School: Francis Patton

Parish: Smith's

What sparked your interest in coming to the racetrack?

I always enjoyed riding with my dad on his motorbike, but I wanted the chance to ride on my own. My dad first got me an electric bike and then took me to the racetrack so I could really start learning to ride properly.

What motivates you to want to race?

I love watching MotoGP on TV—it inspires me to go fast and lean into the corners like the professional riders. I also enjoy the challenge of competing against others because it pushes me to improve. My dream is to keep getting better and eventually become a professional rider myself.

Why do you want to be part of the Bermuda Motorcycle Racing Association (BMRA)?

The BMRA youth program gave me the chance to start racing, and I really enjoy it. The coaches are excellent—they've taught me so much already, and they make sure I learn the right skills to keep improving every time I get on the bike.

Boccia Bermuda

The man known as “Mr. Boccia” on the island of Bermuda is stepping back from the sport with a plea that the challenges facing smaller nations are not ignored. Troy Farnsworth has done every job possible with Boccia Bermuda – from coach to administrator, to board member – but has decided to now leave the sport in order to devote more time to his family.

His legacy, after a 13-year involvement assisted the Bermudian boccia squad that competes internationally and includes Yushae DeSilva-Andrade, who reached the semi-finals of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games in the women’s individual BC1 classification – before losing to eventual champion Aurelie Aubert of France - and is the current Bermudan Female Athlete of the Year.

DeSilva-Andrade was one of only two athletes from Bermuda at the Paris Games, along with wheelchair racer Jessica Cooper Lewis. Those achievements are a far cry from when Farnsworth, an Australian national from Sydney, arrived in Bermuda in 2006.

“I was introduced to boccia through my background as an occupational therapist and then working for a charity, Windreach,” he says.

“They had a bunch of people who were playing boccia, but only recreationally. They said they were interested in going to a competition, so I got to work.

“I found a tournament in Montreal, so I took a team of six athletes from Bermuda to our first international competition.

“I didn’t know much about the sport, but I thought going there would be a good way to learn.

“What I saw really shocked me. It was a very high level of competition, and I realised if we were going to do this properly, we had to take it more seriously and really lift our game.”

That first tournament was back in 2012 and since then Farnsworth has worked hard at improving playing standards on the North Atlantic Island, whilst at the same time helping build support networks that would allow talented athletes to progress.

He was part of a small group that set up Boccia Bermuda in 2014, an entirely volunteer-run governing body with a small board.

Despite being a small country of little more than 60,000 people, and with limited resources, “Mr. Boccia” has helped bring through a number of elite players, who have competed internationally under the Bermudan flag.

Omar Hayward is currently ranked at world No.19 in the men’s BC1 category, whilst DeSilva-Andrade is world No.3 in the women’s BC1.

“For smaller countries, it is a case of getting more recreational players into competition and then once you get them to that first tournament, they learn from being there,” says Farnsworth, a former Australian Rules footballer.

“The sport of boccia is growing rapidly around the world and it’s becoming more technical and more scientific.”

To keep up with the latest trends in equipment, training, analysis



and sports science takes resources and this is where the co-founder of Boccia Bermuda is anxious that a few wealthier nations don’t leave the rest behind.

“You have to make good decisions and work hard as a small country and there is no doubt that the sport has grown tremendously, and competitive opportunities have increased dramatically.”

“World Boccia have done a phenomenal job since I have been involved with the sport and I have seen the standard of play get better every year. But the issue facing small countries now is cost. That can be really challenging because the more competitions you go to, the more the costs rise.”

“We get funding from Government, and we have done well to raise money from corporate sponsorship.

“But countries like Great Britain, Canada, Brazil – they have high performance programmes. Small countries can’t really afford those, so the sport has to guard against the gap growing between the richer countries and the ones with smaller budgets.

“How we manage that is difficult, but for the sport to fully grow across the world, smaller nations have to be assisted.”

Boccia Bermuda are now focused on the next cycle towards the Paralympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028, with a USA-based competition being one hosted by the islands nearest neighbour.

It is a proximity that Farnsworth believes will provide opportunities for the sport in his country.

“Our boccia athletes have definitely got their eyes on trying to make it to LA. It’s not as difficult for us to reach as some places and so it’s a big goal. I was lucky enough to be involved at two Paralympic Games – in Rio in 2016 and then Paris last year – and they were incredible experiences.”

“I am always trying to educate people about boccia and that is my main message. It’s about the sport, this is elite sport, and the Paralympics is the pinnacle. I shall miss being involved.”

Bermuda Squash Racquets Association

Bermuda's top squash talent took to the courts in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this month to represent the island at the 2025 Pan-American Squash Championships. Competing against elite competition from across the region—including powerhouse nations like the USA, Colombia, Peru, and Canada—our athletes proudly held their own in one of the sport's most competitive environments.

Abigail Brewer, Anaya Smith, Charlotte Toogood, Micah Franklin, Noah Browne, Rachel Barnes, Sydney Wallace, and Taylor Carrick all flew the Bermuda flag high, competing across the individual, doubles, and team draws. The championships also served as a crucial qualifying event for the upcoming Central American and Caribbean Games (CAC Games), adding even more intensity to an already high-stakes week of squash.

After a week of hard-fought matches and impressive performances, Bermuda's Women's Team earned a top-eight finish among CAC-eligible countries—securing their spot at the 2026 CAC Games! Their achievement marks a significant milestone for Bermuda squash and showcases the depth of talent on the women's side.

While the Men's Team narrowly missed out on CAC qualification this time, their journey isn't over. They'll have another opportunity to qualify at the 2025 Caribbean Area Squash Association (CASA) Championships. We're behind them all the way and wish them the very best as they prepare for this important next step.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their outstanding representation and determination on the international stage!



National Archery Association of Bermuda



September has been another history making month for the sport of archery and Bermuda.

Trina Roberts, the Secretary General of NAAB, attended the 56th World Archery Congress in Gwangju, South Korea, where she was elected to the prestigious World Archery Ethics and Justice Committee. This is a committee of 5 members which is responsible for upholding the integrity of the sport, ensuring all individuals, member associations and officials adhere to World Archery's Constitution, rules, code of ethics and conduct. This is a major appointment to have a Bermudian in such a role.

Elite archers Camerin Pickering and Jaydon Roberts also showcased in South Korea. Pickering and Roberts competed in the Gwangju 2025 Hyundai World Archery Championships. This is a historic milestone for these archers as they are the first from the Caribbean region to compete at this level. This tournament contains the world's best archers from 75 nations taking part. Pickering finished 139th and Roberts finished 145th. The archers learned valuable knowledge and skills for competing at this level. They were accompanied by the Head Coach Ross Roberts and the Assistant Coach and Team Manager, Trina Roberts.

TOP LEFT: Secretary General of NAAB, Trina Roberts, in Gwangju, South Korea

BOTTOM: Camerin Pickering and Jaydon Roberts in Gwangju, South Korea



Bermuda National Athletic Association



Caitlyn Bobb

The Bermuda National Athletics Association is thrilled to share the highlights of an incredible summer and early autumn season, a period defined by exceptional performances, valuable developmental opportunities, and the undeniable spirit of our talented athletes. From international stages to the start of our local cross-country season, Bermudian athletics has shone brightly.

International Excellence at the NACAC Championships

A team of Bermudian athletes proudly represented the island at the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACAC) Championships in Nassau, Bahamas. The team delivered several outstanding performances, including:

- **Sakari Famous**, who secured an impressive fourth-place finish in the women's high jump with a leap of 1.80m.

- **Tiara Derosa**, who placed fifth in the women's discus throw with a best effort of 48.36m.
- **Dage Minors** and **Ryan Outerbridge**, who competed in the men's 1500m run, finishing sixth and tenth, respectively.
- Sprinter **Caitlyn Bobb**, who earned a spot in the women's 400m final after a strong preliminary race but was forced to withdraw due to a scheduling conflict with another international competition.

Caitlyn Bobb Shines on the World Stage and at the Junior Pan Am Games

Following her strong showing at NACAC, Caitlyn Bobb went on to represent Bermuda at the prestigious World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan. Competing in her first-ever World Championships, Bobb finished fifth in her women's 400m heat with a time of 51.72 seconds, placing her 29th overall. This marks a significant milestone in her promising career and signals her rising status in global athletics.

Bobb continued her incredible summer by winning a silver medal in the women's 400m final at the Junior Pan American Games in Asunción, Paraguay. She clocked a fantastic time of 52.14 seconds, giving Bermuda one of its first medals at the Games. This podium finish, secured against the top junior athletes in the Americas, is a testament to her talent and perseverance.

Developing the Next Generation

Young Athlete Camp – London

Nine young Bermudians—Amaris Munya, Mylah DeSilva, Jaeda Grant, Azari Jones, Nasir Johnson, S'Nya Cumberbatch, Jemani Scott, A'sad Muhammad, and Surii Russell—recently attended the Young Athlete Camp at Tonbridge School, Kent. The week-long residential camp provided world-class coaching, training, and workshops, allowing athletes to learn from elite coaches and international peers. This invaluable experience will help shape the future of Bermudian athletics.

NACAC U13–U15 Championships – Managua, Nicaragua

Bermuda sent a full team of eight athletes to the NACAC U13–U15 Championships (July 5–6, 2025), gaining vital international exposure through multi-event competition.

- **U13 Girls:** Kierra Broadley-Samuels, Jordyn Lewis
- **U13 Boys:** Gebre Vickers, Orion Mederios
- **U15 Girls:** Zaylee Lawrence, Zaria Codrington
- **U15 Boys:** Chaz Edmead, Chanz Martin

Highlights included Chanz Martin's victory in the U15 Boys' 80m sprint and Orion Mederios's 4th place in the U13 high jump.

These young athletes showcased determination and promise, building a strong foundation for Bermuda's future in international athletics.



Ryan Outerbridge

National Coach Appointment

The Pickleball Association of Bermuda achieved a significant milestone in August 2025 with the formal appointment of Sasha Fisher as National Team Coach for Bermuda's Open and Senior divisions. Fisher brings exceptional credentials to the role, including a DUPR rating of 5.642 placing her among the elite players globally, current #1 regional ranking in New England, and proven success as a national team member representing Bermuda at the 2024 Pickleball World Cup in Peru and the 2025 Caribbean Nations Cup.

Sasha's current position as High Performance and Player Development Pro at Bosse Pickleball in Massachusetts—the largest indoor pickleball facility in the state with 21 professional courts—provides cutting-edge expertise in elite athlete development that directly supports PAB's Long-Term Athlete Development plan and National Sports Policy objectives. With her DUPR rating exceeding the 5.5 maximum for World Cup eligibility, her transition from player to coach ensures Bermuda retains her expertise while she leads technical and tactical preparation for upcoming international competitions, working in close collaboration with National Pickleball Director Gavin Manders to elevate Bermuda's performance on the global stage.

National Ranking System Implemented

The Pickleball Association of Bermuda has established a comprehensive National Ranking System that supports player development while providing transparent national team selection criteria. The system implements key principles from the PAB's Long-Term Athlete Development plan, organizing tournaments into five tiers—from the premier National Championships (Tier 1) through Elite Series, Advanced Series, Challenger Series, to Specialty Tournaments (Tier 5)—with points awarded based on both performance and participation across all skill levels. This dual approach recognizes competitive achievements while encouraging consistent tournament engagement, crucial for sport growth and player skill development throughout Bermuda's pickleball community.

Built around DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating) classifications, the system categorizes players into Challenger Series (3.0-3.499), Advanced Series (3.5-3.99), and Elite Series (4.0+) divisions, creating appropriate competition levels that support confident skill development while providing clear benchmarks for improvement. Points are allocated proportionally to tournament tier significance, with the National Championships receiving a 50% bonus and the Kim Burns Memorial Tournament earning a 25% bonus, ensuring that major events carry appropriate weight in national team selection processes.

The ranking system's transparency and merit-based approach has created a clear competitive pathway that motivates players at every level while establishing objective criteria for representing Bermuda internationally. The PAB rankings are published for Open and Senior (over 50 years of age) to align with international competition formats.

RANKING POINTS TABLE

		Tier			
		4	3	2	1
		Challenger	Advanced	Elite	Championship
		3.0 - 3.499	3.5 - 3.99	4.0 - 4.49	
Final Results	1st Place	50	125	350	750
	2nd Place	40	100	300	650
	3rd Place	30	75	250	550
	4th Place	20	50	200	450
	Quarterfinals	15	40	150	350
	Round of 16	10	30	100	250
Participation Points		5	10	20	30

The current rankings can be found on our website:

<https://www.pabermuda.com/events/ranking>

Jamaica International Pickleball Open

Pickleball Association of Bermuda's national team captain Gavin Manders and vice-captain Benjamin Jones captured gold in Men's Doubles Class A at the inaugural Jamaica International Pickleball Open in Kingston on September 13–14, 2025. The Bermudian duo defeated Canadian Ernesto Fajardo and Jamaican Kobi Stiebel 11–4, 11–7 in the final—a standout result given Fajardo also won the Men's Singles Open and is recognized as an 11-time Canadian champion. As Jamaica's first government-sanctioned pickleball tournament, the event drew high-level international players to the Pickle & Chill facility and marked a major milestone in the sport's rapid growth across the Caribbean.

Manders demonstrated his versatility by reaching the Men's Singles Open semi-finals, advancing to the Mixed Doubles quarter-finals with partner Anais Fang, and competing in 12 matches over two days, strategically withdrawing from the singles bronze playoff to prioritize the doubles final. Jones credited the team's chemistry and complementary styles—defensive orchestration from Jones and aggressive finishing from Manders—as keys to their decisive performance. The victory builds momentum ahead of the Pickleball World Cup at The FORT in Fort Lauderdale from October 27 to November 2, 2025, and follows Bermuda's triumph at the Caribbean Pickleball Nations Cup in Cayman, underscoring the island's rising regional stature in the sport.

World Cup Team Selection

Following the successful summer tournament series, the PAB Board, National Pickleball Director and national Coach have finalized team selections for the Pickleball World Cup which will take place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from October 27, November 2nd.

Fall 2025 Commercial League Underway

The Fall 2025 Commercial League has started and has attracted over 140 participants across 14 corporate teams, reinforcing its position as one of PAB's most popular community programs. The Fall league features a competitive Division 1 with 4 teams and 12 teams in Division 2 which is more recreational.

The Fall 2025 Commercial League points to pickleball's continued expansion across Bermuda's business community, providing both competitive opportunities and team-building experiences for

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companies island-wide. The PAB welcomes all participants and looks forward to even greater participation in future league seasons.

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About PAB:

The Pickleball Association of Bermuda is a National Sport Governing Body dedicated to promoting and developing pickleball across the island. PAB operates under the National Sports Policy framework, focusing on athlete development, competitive excellence, and community engagement through its comprehensive tournament pathway system.

TOP RIGHT: Imani Phillips, Ben Jones, Gavin Manders and Sasha Fisher

BOTTOM: Gavin Manders and Ben Jones



Bermuda Karate Federation

The Bermuda Karate Federation (BKF) proudly announced the distinguished recipients of its 2024/2025 Coral Cup Season Awards, celebrating the most outstanding athletes in both senior and youth divisions.

The season's competitive calendar featured prestigious events including the Kata Classic, Kazumi Open, Shiai, and the Lepercq Memorial. Points accrued from each event contribute to the final rankings, which are now readily accessible on Shotocup – Martial Arts Rankings, the new performance tracking portal.

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Tony Cabral – Adult Male Athlete of the Year

With an impressive total of 230 points, Tony Cabral secured the title of Adult Male Athlete of the Year in the senior male division.

Talia Fox – Adult Female Athlete of the Year

Talia Fox concluded the season with 220 points, earning her the title of Adult Female Athlete of the Year.

Mia White – Youth Female Athlete of the Year

Youth standout Mia White amassed 180 points this season, earning her the title of Youth Female Athlete of the Year.

Michael Burgess – Youth Male Athlete of the Year

Rounding out the honorees is Michael Burgess, who scored 110 points and was named Youth Male Athlete of the Year.

A Milestone Season for Bermuda Karate

This year's Coral Cup season holds particular significance as it marks the BKF's formal recognition as a voting member of the Bermuda Olympic Association. This important milestone underscores the legitimacy and professionalism of karate within Bermuda.

Edmond Johnson, the General Secretary of the BKF, shared, "These accolades are a testament to not only exceptional athletic prowess but also the unwavering resilience, consistent dedication, and significant growth demonstrated throughout this remarkable season."



ABOVE: Tony Cabral and BELOW: Talia Fox





Micheal Burgess

Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association

Bermuda's national tennis team is preparing for its most significant challenge ever, having been drawn against the seventh seed, Georgia, in the 2026 Davis Cup World Group II Play-off.

This high-stakes match, scheduled to take place in February, represents the highest-level Bermuda has ever reached in the Davis Cup, moving beyond regional competition onto the global arena. The draw, which paired Georgia with unseeded Bermuda, was conducted at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) offices in London on Tuesday, 23 September at 11:00 BST.

The team that secured the island's promotion play-off berth consists of Captain Ricky Mallory Jr and players Daniel Phillips, Trey Mallory, Tariq Simons, and Jenson Bascome. They earned their spot by finishing third in the Americas Group III competition.

Team Captain Ricky Mallory expressed immense pride and excitement over the historic match-up.

"This play-off berth against Georgia marks an historic milestone for Bermuda tennis, as the team moves beyond its regional competition into the global stage of the Davis Cup," Mallory said. "Our players have worked tirelessly to reach this level, and I know they will compete with determination and pride. It's a remarkable opportunity for Bermuda tennis and a

chance for our players to showcase their talent on the international stage."

Michael Wolfe, President of the Bermuda Lawn Tennis Association (BLTA), highlighted the significance of testing the team's ability against a strong opponent.

"Facing a recognized tennis nation like Georgia is a priceless opportunity for our athletes," Wolfe stated. "It's exactly the kind of top-tier exposure needed to validate the hard work they've put in. We see this tie as a necessary step in their development—it sets a new, elevated standard for Bermuda tennis and proves that with dedication, we can genuinely compete on the world map."

Georgia presents a formidable challenge, boasting top players like Saba Purtseladze (ATP singles rank 276), Aleksandre Bakshi, and Zura Tkemaladze. The team is led by Captain David Kvernadze. The Georgian side enters this play-off having recently competed at the World Group II level, fighting to retain their position after a 3-1 defeat to New Zealand in September 2025.

Bermuda is one of the 13 promoted nations from the Regional Group III events, and one of 26 teams competing for a spot in World Group II. The other World Group II Play-off ties are:

****Jamaica qualified as the highest-ranked fourth-placed nation from the Regional Group III events.***

The outcome of the play-off is critical: a win guarantees Bermuda a spot in World Group II for September 2026. A loss, however, means the team will return to Americas Group III later next year.

To ensure the team is fully prepared, Captain Mallory is focused on maintaining a high level of competition for his players.

"Since their success in Regional Group III, Bermuda's team members have continued preparing at the professional level, with Daniel [Phillips] and Trey [Mallory] actively competing on the ITF World Tour," Mallory noted.

The BLTA's fundraising committee is "desperately seeking sponsorship or some sort of financial backing" to help cover the costs of the team's preparation. "We need all the support as Bermuda pursues this monumental milestone — breaking into the World Group II Davis Cup," Mallory urged. The committee can be reached for support at sponsorship@blta.bm



Ricky Mallory Jr.

SEED	TIE
Uzbekistan (1)	vs. Nigeria
Ireland (2)	vs. Syria
Uruguay (3)	vs. Jamaica*
Pakistan (4)	vs. Senegal
Barbados (5)	vs. Bolivia
Latvia (6)	vs. Dominican Republic
Georgia (7)	vs. Bermuda
South Africa (8)	vs. Montenegro
El Salvador (9)	vs. Benin
Estonia (10)	vs. Namibia
Togo (11)	vs. Indonesia
Thailand (12)	vs. Puerto Rico
Cyprus (13)	vs. North Macedonia



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