



ADELAIDE BOYS RETAIN TITLE WITH VICTORY OVER STEPHEN DILLETT

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The New Providence Primary Schools Sports Association completed its first sporting event for the new year with one champion defending its title and a new one crowned. After playing the regular games last week, the finals were played yesterday at the Bahamas Football Association's National Developmental Center at the Baillou Hills Sporting Complex. In the girls' division, Sandilands emerged as the new champions with a 3-2 decision over Adelaide, while Columbus secured third place with a 4-3 nipping of Carmichael. And in the boys' division, Adelaide successfully defended its title with a 2-0 victory over Stephen Dillett. Albury Sayles got a third place with a 1-0 blanking of Sandilands. Adelaide's coach Clara Storr said she was very pleased with her team's performance. "The boys played excellent. It was a good game, but I think our guys wanted it more. I can't complain. Overall, the boys played hard. They didn't lose any games and no teams in the tournament scored on them, they went through undefeated," she said.

Johnson Saint Hurbert and Guapson provided a 1-2 punch to lead Adelaide in defending their title.

As for the girls, Storr said she would have liked to have secured the double victory, but she will settle for runners-up. "It went down to the wire. We went into overtime and went into the penalty kick and it was do-or-die from there," she pointed out. "They won it on a penalty kick. It was a good game. Storr said the tournament was a success, but she had hoped that more parents would have shown up to watch their children participate. "We need more support from the outside so that people can see what we are doing," she said. "But the competition was very keen this year. The Bahamas Football Association was a tremendous support and they provided us with a lot of safety equipment, so it raised the awareness of the children. "

Wilson Bain, who represented the BFA, said he was delighted to assist the Primary Schools Association with providing them with referees and equipment and making sure that the field was properly prepared to play on. "The tournament was interesting in some respect. The skill level needs improvement, but the kids were quite keen," he said. "That was one good thing about it. They were quite keen about playing. But the time period for the tournament was just too brief. The boys and girls would have only played three days even though they would have played about 3-4 matches each day. Three days is not sufficient for them to get the growth and development in the sport. " Bain said he has suggested to the Primary Schools Sports Association that they allow the BFA to organise a Saturday league where they can encourage the schools to bring their players out so that they can develop their skills. "The idea is to get them organised for a Saturday league. In that way, they can better develop their skills," he said. Primary Schools Association's public relations officer Frank Johnson said while this was the first event for the new school year, they welcome any assistance they can get from the BFA. The next sport on the calendar is basketball, which is expected to get started in November.

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