



BFA Conducts Youth Coaching Course with Guest Coach Paul Dalglish

In the continuing effort to improve the standard of play and coaching in the Bahamas, the BFA conducted a Youth Coaching course on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Roscow A. L. Davies Soccer Field in Baillou Hills. Attended by 27 youth coaches, the course was conducted by international coach Paul Dalglish.

Designed to give incentives to the coaches, BFA General Secretary Lionel Haven welcomed and thanked the participants for their attendance. He introduced Mr. Dalglish to the participants and encouraged them to take full advantage of the opportunity to learn from someone who had such a wealth of experience. Joking that talent always skipped a generation, Dalglish noted that he had the wonderful experience to learn from his father, Kenny Dalglish, who was one of the greatest ever footballers produced by Britain. His professional experiences led him to play in the Premiership in the UK, and also the MLS in the United States. He involved himself in coaching and has been working with youth players in both the UK and the USA.

The 27 coaches in attendance representing a majority of the youth clubs were given information on the role and responsibility of a coach, and were advised that even though they were volunteers, they need to accept the responsibility that comes along with being in charge of the children and do what they can to educate themselves as coaches to provide the best information they can to their players. After 45 minutes of theoretical instruction, the group relocated to the field for practical demonstrations.

The three hour session was in line with the BFA Coaching and Education Scheme, designed to provide educational opportunities for coaches, in particular at youth level, on a regular and consistent basis. In addition to BFA Development Officer Paul James running monthly seminars, the BFA intends to bring in foreign coaches to address specific topics as well as a different methodology to coaching. If this initial session with Dalglish is anything to go by, the programme for the coming year will certainly be a success.

