

## Spice Boyz Concacaf Nations League quest continues

The first week of the Concacaf Nations League (CNL), saw many outstanding performances with some of the best coming from Groups A and B of League B.



Spice Boys Line up

Grenada Spice Boyz CNL got off on a great start with two (2) wins from two matches.

The Spice Boyz won their first two games, securing six (6) point, only one of three teams in all of League B to do so.

The Spice Boyz will meet French Guiana in their second away match on October 9, 2019 in French Guiana. The boys in the yellow and Green outfit will be looking to secure another three (3) points to remain at the top of the league table.

Grenada is currently leading League B group A point standings table with six (6) point.

CNL STANDINGS LEAGUE B					
WEEK 01					
TEAM	W	D	L	+/-	PTS
<b>GROUP A</b>					
GRENADA	2	0	0	2	6
FRENCH GUIANA	1	1	0	3	4
ST KITTS AND NEVIS	0	1	1	-1	1
BELIZE	0	0	2	-4	0
<b>GROUP B</b>					
MONTSERRAT	1	1	0	1	4
EL SALVADOR	1	0	1	2	3
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1	0	1	0	3
ST LUCIA	0	1	1	-3	1
<b>GROUP C</b>					
JAMAICA	2	0	0	10	6
GUYANA	1	0	1	-3	3
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	1	0	1	-5	3
ARUBA	0	0	2	-2	0
<b>GROUP D</b>					
SURINAME	2	0	0	7	6
ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	1	1	0	1	4
NICARAGUA	0	1	1	-6	1
DOMINICA	0	0	2	-2	0

<b>GROUP E</b>					
DOMINICA	0	0	5	-5	0
NICARAGUA	0	1	1	-6	1
ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	1	1	0	1	4
SURINAME	2	0	0	7	6

## **Czech Republic Coaches visits Grenada**

A two-man delegation from the Czech Republic is currently in Grenada as the



**Left -Right Coach, Miroslav Soukup and Jiri Ryba**

exchange program between the Czech Republic Football Association and Grenada Football Association continues.

The Czech coaches, Miroslav Soukup and Jiri Ryba are currently providing support to the Senior men's National Team as they go through the group stage of the Concacaf Nations League (CNL).

They will also host a symposium with the other National and club coaches on the Island.

This initiative came about as a result of a Bilateral meetings held in Paris in June at the FIFA Congress through the UEFA Assist Program.

The UEFA Assist program was developed to assist smaller Member Associations (MA) with Football Development programs through cooperation.

### Work continues at Fond Seating Project

Work on the Fond seating project continues with the laying of the base for the installation of the bleachers.



Construction of base for Bleachers at Fond

The installation process is expected to begin in October of this year.

This project forms part of the wider project of improvement of that facility. The GFA and government of Grenada in partnership are seeking to develop at least one playing field in each parish to help improve football and fan experience on the island.

Once completed Fond will be used as a home venue for the clubs in the parish as well as provide an opportunity for additional revenue generation to these clubs.

The fond seating project is expected to facilitate seating of 2050 spectators.

Sonrise Construction has secured the contract to construct the concrete base for the erection of the bleachers which will move from West End Bleachers in Florida.



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### **Spice Boyz return to Training**

Grenada Spice Boys return to training on Monday September 16, 2019 in preparation for their away match against French Guiana in the Concacaf Nations League (CNL).



**Spice Boys Line up**

The Spice Boyz comes up against French Guiana on October 9, 2019.

The Spice Boyz will be looking to secure another three (3) points to keep them leading on the point standings table.

The last time the Grenada and French Guiana met was in 2014 in the Caribbean Cup Qualification the game drew 1-1.

### **Referees Workshop on In Sister Isle Carriacou**

Several of the Grenada Football Association's Referees in Carriacou will be engaged in a three (3) days referee workshop.

The workshop will focus on the new Amendments of the Laws of the game.



**Referees in workshop in Carriacou**

The course will introduce the learner to the Laws of the Game and their application delivered through theory and practical elements, outlining the skills required to operate as a match official.

The candidates will be encouraged to participate practically to maximize their opportunities for learning.

Referees play an integral role in ensuring all participants enjoy their match day experience, helping create a competitive, fair, safe and enjoyable playing environment.

## **What is the Concacaf Nations League?**

Much like the European counterpart, the Concacaf Nations League was introduced to bring organization for international fixtures for North and Central America's national teams.



Concacaf President Victor Montagliani revealed that the purpose of the competition was to provide a regular schedule for the national teams, with some teams having to play less than 10 games in a four-year period and thus needing more competitive matches to help further their development.

The Concacaf Nations League has just begun the group process, which is to end in November 2019, with the final to be played in March of 2020.

### **How does the Concacaf Nations League work?**

In similar fashion to the UEFA Nations League, the Concacaf Nations League format is a bit odd.

The Concacaf Nations League started with a one-off qualifying phase that was played across four matchdays starting from September 2018 to March 2019 to determine the allocation of teams for the group phase of the tournament.

The six Concacaf nations that participated in the final qualification stage for the 2018 World Cup have qualified automatically (Mexico, United States, Costa Rica, Panama, Honduras, Trinidad & Tobago) and the remaining 34 teams have entered the qualifying phase.

The teams were then be sorted into different tiers for the group stage of the Nations League, with the top 10 teams in the qualifying phase receiving automatic qualification to the 2019 Concacaf Gold Cup.

The Concacaf Nations League group phase (consisting of three-tiered leagues) will be played in FIFA international fixture windows throughout September, October and November 2019. Teams will be sorted by form into Leagues A, B and C.

Each league will be separated into four groups where promotion and relegation will be observed, and the teams will compete in a home-and-away, round-robin format over the group phase.

### **Upcoming**

- ❖ Referees Workshop - Carriacou & Petite Martinique (September 13-15, 2019)
- ❖ FIFA Medical Workshop
- ❖ Czech Republic visit to Grenada September 21-26, 2019
- ❖ Concacaf Nations League (French Guiana vs Grenada)
- ❖ Strategic Plan Launch (September 24, 2019)
- ❖ Irish FA visit (October 20-25, 2019)
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