

Grenada moves up in FIFA World Rankings

Grenada reached their highest position in the latest FIFA/Coco-Cola Men's official Rankings for the past two years.



Spice Boys starting 11 Line up

Shalrie Joseph's team recorded wins over Puerto Rico in March, St. Kitts and Nevis and Belize in September to have leaped forward into 160th position moving up 13 places.

Competitions officer Bruce Swan noted, that Grenada is heading in the right direction.

He said "the goal is to be in top six of Concacaf which means ranking under 70 in the world, the aim he noted is to get there by 2024 which will position

the GFA achieving its vision.

GFA Competitions Officer stated that work will continue on developing the clubs and its youth program to ensure that more opportunities are available to our players.

Besides the recent Concacaf Nations League matches, it has been a quiet period in international men's football for the Grenada team.

In the Concacaf Rankings Grenada is ranked 18 out of 41.

Grenada Under 20 Women team prepares for Concacaf Championship Final

Grenada National Under 20 Women (Spice Girlz) Team continues their preparations for the Concacaf Championship final in February 2020.

The Spice Girlz created history when they became the first woman team in Grenada to have reached so far in a football competition.



The young women have been in training for the past six (6) months and are hoping to be victorious in the tournament in February.

Technical Director of the Grenada Football Association Vin Blaine noted that there is a lot to work to be accomplished fitness wise with the team but is optimistic about the team's participation for the Championship.

Grenada Under 14 Girls to participate in CFU Under 14 Girls Challenge Series

The National Under 14 Girls are in preparation to participate in the 2019 Caribbean Football Union (CFU) Girls Under 14 Challenge Series.



Spice Girls Training

The U14 Girls who have been in training for the past couple of months are ready to kick start their journey in Group Five (5) of the CFU Tournament.

Chairperson of the CFU Women's Football Committee Jeanine Wong Loi Sing is hailing the CFU Girls' Under-14 Challenge Series initiative as an excellent baseline for the female game in the region.

"It serves as an incentive for all countries to train teams and measure them against the rest of the region. It also allows teams to be better prepared for the Concacaf Under-15 tournament slated for next year," Wong Loi Sing said.

Wong Loi noted that the tournament is essential to the work of her committee, allowing the members to have a practical analysis that will inform programming." She also noted that team's participation is essential to development.

Group Five (5), will feature Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Cuba, will be played from October 23-30, 2019 in Trinidad.

Referees workshop concluded in Carriacou

The Grenada Football Association (GFA) has concluded a three (3) days Referees Workshop for active and new match officials in Carriacou and Petite Martinique.



**Referees workshop in Carriacou
Participants with GFA Officials**

The course ran from September 13 to 15 2019, with 25 participants 23 males and two (2) females attending the workshop.

The objective of the workshop was to bring the active and new match officials up to date with the FIFA new Amendments which went into effect on the 1 June 2019.

The three (3) day workshop was facilitated by FIFA Referee Assessor Valman Bedeau and assisted by GFA 1st Vice President Allan James.

The participants were encouraged by the GFA President Cheney Joseph to take advantage of the opportunity that is being

presented to them.

President of the Carriacou and Petite Martinique Football League Trevor Patrice, welcomed the initiative and commended the GFA executive for the workshop.

He called on the match officials to take the training seriously so that in the future there will be match officials from Carriacou advancing further.

The participants all enjoyed the workshop and encouraged the GFA to have more workshops like these in Carriacou.

The Referee Workshop will be an annual event in Carriacou.

Czech Republic met with GFA Executive and Secretariat

The Grenada Football Association (GFA) Executive and Secretariat on Monday September 16, 2019 met with Coach Miroslav Soukup and Jiri Ryba of the Czech Republic who are currently providing support to the Grenada Senior Men's National Team as they go through the group stage of the Concacaf Nations League (CNL).

The coaches on Monday presented to the to the GFA recommendations that should be looked at immediately going forward to improve the success of the National Seniors Men's Team in the future.



GFA Executive member with Coaches from Czech Republic

The Czech coaches left the state on Wednesday September 18, 2019.

The bilateral discussions continue with the Czech Republic Football Association, when the General Secretary of the Czech Republic Football Association visits the GFA from September 21 to 26, 2019.

Discussions will continue with the hope for continued support for coaching education, refereeing and grassroots.

While in Grenada the Czech Republic Federation is schedule to meet with the Government of Grenada and Gfa to discuss ways to develop football in Grenada.

The GFA delegation in June 2019 at the FIFA Congress through the UEFA Assist Program presented an overview of the current situation with football in Grenada, the FAs strategic plan and immediate needs.



GFA General Secretary Ken Martin with Czech Republic Coaches

THE GOLD CUP WOULD BE A DREAM COME TRUE FOR GRENADA

“The Dream Starts Now” was how Concacaf kicked off 2019-20 Concacaf Nations League Qualifying last September, but you could forgive Grenada for thinking that it felt more like a nightmare.



The Spice Boys fell 10-0 to Curacao in their first match before suffering a 2-0 defeat to Cuba. Yet since then, Grenada have reeled off four straight wins in Concacaf competition and find themselves atop Group B of League B in the CNL.

“The key has been our hard work,” said Grenada Forward Jamal Charles in an exclusive interview with Concacaf.com. “We got stronger in defense, guys are focused and the mood in the team is very good. Players are comfortable and we have a very strong bond.”

Charles has played a major role in that turnaround by scoring the winning goal in Grenada’s 2-1 win versus Saint Kitts and Nevis and then again in the 2-1 win at Belize, with both scores coming in the final 10 minutes of the match.

“I am in a very good moment. I was focused and took advantage of my opportunity,” said Charles, who has one goal in six games this season with club side Real Espana of Honduras.

With another pair of wins during the League B matches in October against French Guiana, Grenada would be in a great position to clinch a 2021 Concacaf Gold Cup berth in the final group matches in November.

Nothing would mean more to Charles and to his Grenada teammates than to “Follow the Dream” and qualify for a Gold Cup.

“The Gold Cup would be a dream come true for me, my family, my teammates and for all of Grenada. We walk about it a lot,” said Charles.

Seeing other Caribbean nations like Curacao, Bermuda and Guyana go toe-to-toe with Concacaf’s best in the 2019 Gold Cup has also given belief to Grenada.

“Seeing what those teams did, it gives us inspiration, it motivates us. It shows nothing is impossible,” concluded Charles.

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Upcoming

- ❖ FIFA Medical Workshop (October 1-2)
- ❖ Czech Republic visit to Grenada September 21-26, 2019
- ❖ Concacaf Nations League (French Guiana vs Grenada October 10, 2019)
- ❖ Strategic Plan Launch (September 24, 2019)
- ❖ 2019 CFU Girls Under 14 Challenge series (October 25- 29)
- ❖ Irish FA visit (October 20-25, 2019)

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