

## SPORTS

# Minister of Sports Lanisha Rolle's proactive approach commendable

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The present Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Lanisha Rolle, is taking steps that are indeed commendable, as she seeks to get the best grip on the national sporting scene and a general insight to the connecting regional and international pictures.

I can verify that in the few months since being appointed as the Government of The Bahamas' point person for sports, she has been reaching out to leaders of various programs. This is indeed praiseworthy. The minister, obviously, is not inclined to just depend on data provided, and perspectives afforded by her predecessor, or officers and executives she met upon taking over the ministry.

There is absolutely no intent here to paint those who would have been giving guidance thus far, negatively, or as not being on balance and accurate. It is just extremely rich for the minister to make her very own determinations about the respective scenarios within the national sporting landscape and the personnel who lead the initiatives.

Minister Rolle will thus find, that she is becoming best fortified with knowledge and the proper workings of the sports system, nationally, regionally, and internationally, by taking



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such an approach.

Perhaps she will be a pleasant surprise. The individual networking, to an appreciable degree, she has undertaken, will be much more progressive than group meetings. One-on-one sessions will enable her to get more depth of the various ele-

ments of sports and those who make up the fraternity.

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Her job is not an easy one.

She enters the national sports domain with a questionable political background. As Minister of Social Services and Urban Development, Rolle was in a tough terrain. Her leadership image suffered.

This is a rebound opportunity for her and she is to be congratulated, for, at the very least, going about her sporting responsibilities, at the outset, sensibly. In this space when she was first made the Minister of Sports, I pointed out the importance and necessity of a grace period. That's fair.

She seems to be making excellent use of the period of vetting.

I reiterate that fellow sports leaders across the nation ought to give the lady a chance. We should collectively support her and give our own guidance toward greater recognition of sports as the prime commodity in the country.

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## GBSSAA GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SET



CHAMPIONSHIP BOUND - The Bishop Michael Eldon Lady Warriors are championship bound in the Rozena Nesbitt/Oriel Knowles High School Volleyball League. Both junior and senior girls advanced to this Friday's Championship Jamboree to be played at the St. George's Gymnasium. (PHOTO: SHAYNE STUBBS)

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## Lady Warriors to be present in both championships

The Rozena Nesbitt/Oriel Knowles High School Volleyball championships are drawing near!

With the Championship Jamboree all set for this Friday at the St. George's Gymnasium, it was gut check time in the junior and senior girls divisions. This past Tuesday afternoon at the Jack Hayward Gymnasium, Friday's junior and senior girls championship match-ups were determined as both Bishop Michael Eldon advanced to their respective championship show downs.

As the number two seeded team in the junior division, the Warriors clicked on all cylinders, they vanquished the number three seeded Tabernacle Falcons 2-0. The Warriors blitzed to a 21-8 first set victory, and followed that performance with a 21-12 close-out victory in the second set.

As for the senior girls, the number one seeded Warriors

needed only two sets to knock off the number four seeded Eight Mile Rock Blue Jays, 2-0. The Warriors eventually took the first set by a score of 21-14. After a stronger effort by the Blue Jays, however, it proved not enough as the Warriors dug deep to shut the door on the Blue Jays, 21-17.

The junior Warriors will take on the number one seeded

Sunland Stingers, who defeated the Lucaya International Buccaneers, 2-0 over at the St. George's Gymnasium. The Stingers took care of the Buccs with 21-13 victories in both sets.

As for the senior Warriors, they will face the St. George's Jaguars who also defeated the Buccaneers in two sets. the Jaguars took care of business in the first set with a 21-11 victory.

The second was a “barn burner” but ultimately the Jags avoided a third set with a 24-22 outcome of set two.

The junior and senior boys' championship picture was left to be determined yesterday afternoon. In the junior boys semifinals, the number one seeded Tabernacle Falcons took on the number four seeded St. George's Jaguars, while the

number two seeded Blue Jays took on the number three seeded Warriors.

In the senior boys semifinals, the number one seeded Jack Hayward Wildcats faced the number four seeded Stingers. Meanwhile the number two seeded Falcons took on the number three seeded Jaguars. The results of those games were not known up to press time.

This Friday's jamboree kicks off with the junior girls championship beginning at 4:00 p.m., followed by the junior boys championship beginning at 4:30 p.m. The senior girls championship will commence at 5:00 p.m. with the senior boys championship ending the afternoon at 5:30 p.m.