

## SPORTS



**CHAMPIONSHIPS SET** —The West Grand Bahama Community Summer League Championships are officially set and got underway this past Tuesday evening at the Fritz Forbes Park in Pinedale, Eight Mile Rock. Pictured above, the Subway Giants' Adrian Harris attempts a shot from deep during the best of three series against the G.B Power Chargers. (PHOTOS: SHAYNE STUBBS)

# Basketball, baseball highlight weekend of sporting activities

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This past weekend saw a number of sports events take place. From community basketball to baseball, this past Emancipation Holiday weekend was full of action.

## West Grand Bahama Summer League

The West Grand Bahama Community Summer Basketball League's championship picture became officially crystal clear.

This past Friday and Saturday at the Fritz Forbes Park in Pinedale, Eight Mile Rock, the semifinals of the community basketball venture came to an exciting close and set up some exciting championship series.

While the Under 13 and Under 17 best of three championship series had previously been set, the Under 15 and Open Divi-

sions' championship picture remained undetermined.

On Friday, August 3 the Subway Giants and G.B Power Chargers were left with one game left to determine who would be the Busy Bubble Extractors' opponent in the Under 15 championship. Tied at one game apiece it meant a do-or-die battle was sure to leave spectators at the park on the edge of their seats.

Surprising to most, the Chargers overcame and punched their ticket to the Under 15 championship with a 27-26 win over the Giants, taking the series 2-1. Bradley Bonimy paced the Chargers with 15 points in the win. G.B Power advanced to take on the Extractors for the Under 15 championship.

Following that contest, in the Open Division the Russell Drillers finished off the Spartan Builders with a 2-0 sweep. The Drillers quieted the Builders 32-28 in the game two win. Regis

Cooper poured in 11 points in the victory.

Faced with elimination, the Bert Control Rebels tied their series with P&F Car Rental, 1-1, with a 35-30 win. Sherman Robinson exploded for 17 points to lead the Rebels into victory.

Game three of that series was contested this past Saturday, August 4. P&F bounced back from the loss in game two and took the series, 2-1, with a 28-22 quieting of the Rebels. Ervin Lewis paced P&F with 13 points. The Drillers and P&F advanced to battle for the Open

Division championship.

The GB Dental Cleaners and Candy's Wolverines will battle for the Under 13 championship and the Zorba's Destroyers will take on the Express Stackers for the Under 17 championship.

The championship series for each division got underway yes-

terday evening but those results were not known at press time. Games will continue this coming Thursday, with each series wrapping up on Saturday with trophy presentations.

**Polymers Pistons take Game One**  
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## AAGHOF could have definite presence at GB Invitational

The Edward St. George Memorial Invitational Golf Tournament might likely have an added "international" dimension for the 2018 version.

The event, endorsed by the Bahamas Golf Federation and organized by the Grand Bahama Sports Promotion Association is in its third year and has become one of the signature sports/social events in Grand Bahama. In the past, the tournament attracted golfers from throughout the country.

This time though, there is the prospect of members of the African American Golfers Hall of Fame (AAGHOF) organization travelling into Freeport for the sports classic. Earlier this year there was networking done at the AAGHOF week of activities in West Palm Beach Florida.

Flyers of the St. George event were distributed and an encouraging level of interest resulted. Subsequently, Malachi Knowles, the AAGHOF Founder communicated for further details of the memorial tourney in Grand Bahama.

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The AAGHOF was established by the Inner City Youth Golfers Incorporated. The joint body has a development/historical brand that focuses on youth development in golf and also paying tribute to those who have contributed, through the years, meaningfully to the advancement of the sport. Each year along with the AAGHOF, upcoming members of the African American Collegiate Youth chapter are also saluted.

Of course, there are ongoing inner city development programs. Presently a development complex is in the works. Youth development would form a substantive part of a new partnership.

The Third Annual Edward St. George Memorial Invitation-

al is scheduled for November 10, at the Lucayan Reef Golf Course in Lucaya, Freeport, Grand Bahama. The event takes the format of a four-man team/two best net scores per hole of the four players counting for the 18-hole total. Amateurs and professional players with certified handicaps approved by the GBSPA Rules Committee, headed by Tournament Director Ambrose Gouthro, are able to register. The memorial tournament is one of the primary items on the GBSPA annual agenda. A key objective of the GBSPA is to project events in Grand Bahama in order to foster a higher profile for the island's sporting landscape. The tournament activities take place over two days. This year, an all-day practice round, and a pairings party later that evening are scheduled for Friday November 9.

On the next day, there is the shotgun-start tournament, then the after-tournament party and awards presentation. Visiting teams are to depart the island on Sunday, November 11. Interested team members, corporate



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groups and clubs are to contact Ambrose Gouthro (mgouthro@gmail.com or 1-243-359-4205) to register.

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**BONIMY LEADS**— Bradley Bonimy, center, led the GB Power Chargers past the Subway Giants in game three to advance to the Under 15 championship against the Busy Bubble Extractors. He poured in 15 points in the win.