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# End of 20-year journey

The Jamaican boxer, Martin Anderson fell to the canvas. The crowd at the C.I.Gibson Gym roared. As Anderson appeared unable to get up, referee Alvin Sargent waved the fight over. Bahamian Super Featherweight Champion Meacher Major thus recorded his 19th career knocked. He finished a notable active ring period at 24-6-1.



Meacher Major left, attacks Jamaican Martin Anderson.

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It was a bittersweet occasion. On the one hand, Major was at the end of the road. Twenty years of amateur and professional boxing were over. While soaking up the praises of a heavily-flavored Kemp

Road area crowd, there was a twinkle in Major’s eye. He had closed one door and was set to bolt through another to continue his contribution to youth development through sports, boxing in particular.

The options are there. He informed that the priority for him now is to concentrate on his Pan American Caribbean Boxing Organisation (PACBO) Regional Director status. He is prepared though to connect with whichever entity that could be a prime partner to bring young boys and girls of the region under a wholesome developmental umbrella.

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“We will make the development program as wide as is possible,” said an excited Major. The Pan Am region also includes the United States where he has solid contacts in Buffalo, New York. “I have spoken to a number of persons who expressed an interest to work with PACBO in projecting the area’s youth and the sport of boxing. “We in PACBO intend to take our development program to the highest level. We want partners though,” said Major. He plans in the near future to arrange meetings with the Bahamas Boxing Commission, the Bahamas Boxing Federation, and the Retired Boxers Association. They will be given a willing associate and an energetic and ideal youth mentor to work with. There will be a short break too “just relax with his family” then Major said he will be back to the “youth development” drawing board. Continued best wishes Meacher on this other part of the journey. •To respond to this column, kindly contact Fred Sturrup at sturrup1504@gmail.com or on WhatsApp at 727-6363.



## Sports Scope

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# Archer and company ready to be the new faces of the BAAAs

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As the race continues with the Bahama Association of Athletic Associations (BAAA’s) coming up next month, it was time to hear from Team Drumeco, also known as, “Be The G.O.A.T (Greatest Of All Time).”

Last week Saturday, bona-fide Innovators, led by current BAAA president Rosamunde Carey, laid out their road map for what coaches and athletes could expect, should they be elected as the executive board of the parent track and field federation for 2018-2022.

One week later, presidential candidate Drumeco Archer and his band of candidates convened with stakeholders at the Pelican Bay Resort to discuss that it would be a “new day” in the BAAA’s should he and his team be appointed to office.

Present with Archer for their stop in Grand Bahama were first vice president (VP) candidate Ravanno Ferguson, second VP candidate Rupert Gardiner, VP of Finance candidate Sharon Gardiner and campaign manager Dionne Britton. Absent were second VP of Business Operations candidate Dawn Johnson, VP of Marketing and Public Relations Kermit Taylor, and second VP of Technical Operations Frank “Pancho” Rahming.

Just before Archer spoke and received questions from stakeholders in attendance, he met with members of the media. One of the chief points of emphasis during Be the G.O.A.T’s campaign has been the inclusion of all islands within the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. Once elected Archer stated that one of



MEET YOUR CANDIDATES - BAAA presidential candidate Drumeco Archer, left, and first vice presidential candidate Ravanno Ferguson, right, were pictured meeting and greeting stakeholders at “Be The G.O.A.T’s” campaign event held this past Saturday at the Pelican Bay Resort. (PHOTO: SHAYNE STUBBS)

the primary focuses would be to “decentralize” track and field. “I can tell you that this is really the road march to spreading the word of the decentralization of

track and field throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas,” he expressed, “Track and field has typically, for many, been a Nassau centric move-

ment. There’s been much talk about the segregation of the sport.

“It is the intention to really bring this board together and

that is by planting our roots in every island that we go to. The campaign here in Freeport is to celebrate this new approach to the way we will be presenting

our sport. As you may be aware our first VP would be coming out of Grand Bahama. And much like the Deputy Prime (Continued on Page 11)