

SPORTS

Former amateur boxing chief Miller lauds Major's push for more events

Wellington Miller is no longer directly involved with the day-to-day mix of the Bahamas Boxing Federation but his passion continues to run deeply for the sport that catapulted him to prominence among local, regional and international peers.

He travels quite a bit, still, connecting with colleagues within the Olympic Movement throughout the world. There is always however, a strong focus on what goes on in amateur boxing, in particular, in the country.

In that vein, recently he lauded the initiative of recently retired boxer Meacher Major to "build schedules of activities" throughout the country.

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"I certainly am 100 percent with the program," said Miller.

To that end, now reaching out and recognizing the resurgence of boxing in The Bahamas is veteran affiliate of the sport, Patricio Retondaro of Argentina.

"I am making contact to introduce myself. I am an international boxing matchmaker from Argentina. I work with professional boxers from South America, males and females of all weight classes and levels."

"Since 2003 I have been matching fights for South American boxers in more than 30 countries of the world. I look forward to working with you," Retondaro communicated.

The contact with Retondaro and Major has been made, so, this new development furthers Miller's perspective regarding the ongoing role the former Caribbean lightweight champion



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and Bahamas super featherweight king will be expected to play.

Retondaro has expressed appreciation for being linked to Major and the possibility is quite good that in the not too distant future the two will be networking officially to provide pro boxing programs that will also showcase amateurs.

The glaring shortcoming of the national boxing program has been the lack of sufficient ring activities. Well, Major has indicated the intent to have two boxing events in the capital island of New Providence before the end of the year.

Next year the concentration will be on including other sectors of the country, beginning with Grand Bahama, Abaco and Bimini. Miller commits to affording his experience and wealth of contacts to the amateur program and has pledged to, in general, give Major his full support.

As a result, the outlook for Bahamian boxing, professional and amateur is quite good, with such as Miller and Major being on the same page.

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MEACHER MAJOR



CONFIDENCE BOOST — The athletes of Legacy Athletics were among the top performers at the Bay Street Mile held on November 10 in New Providence. Pictured left to right seated second row are Clathon Henefield, Akaya Lightbourne, Wendeja Seymour, Aakila Lightbourne, Chanyah Taylor, Shatalya Dorsett, Reginae Bastian, and Matthew Henfield. Standing back row second right in Legacy Coach Jason Larrimore. (PHOTO COURTESY OF LEGACY ATHLETICS)

Legacy athletes produce quality performances in Bay Street Mile

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The Legacy Athletics club of Grand Bahama showed up well

recently at a major road race in New Providence.

For the second consecutive year Olympic Champion Shaunae Miller-Uibo hosted the Bay Street Mile in the capital.

The event was staged this past November 10. The race that starts from the Straw Market on Bay Street and finishes at the Royal Bahamas Defence Force base on East Bay Street was

once hosted by the Bahamas Association of Coaches, and was reinstated last year by the Diamond League champion, Miller.

Among the many athletes who competed in the event some of

Legacy Athletics' top distance runners. With Legacy coach Jason Larrimore in attendance, the team produced a number of top place finishes among the junior portion of the one-mile race.

On the strength of a six minute and 13-seconds (6:13.00) performance Shatalya Dorsett secured first place in the female 13-14 division. Her teammate,

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