

SPORTS



# Grand Bahama Champion's League Soccer Rolls along

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This past weekend was filled with a mix of competitive and dominant performances in the Grand Bahama Champion's Soccer League.

The action continued this past Saturday and Sunday at the YMCA soccer pitch as the league moved into its sixth week of competition.

On Saturday, May 5, both the women and men's leagues featured some gritty performances that resulted in one-point victories for two fortunate teams. Real Madrid (Paradox) took on Chelsea (PharmaChem) in the women's division, while Real Madrid (FOCOL) faced off against Barcelona (Polymers).

In the women's contest Real Madrid escaped with a narrow 2-1 win over Chelsea. Chelsea did all it could to send the game into extra minutes, but Real Madrid played smart to ensure that did not happen.

The wins kept rolling in for

Real Madrid, as they defeated Barcelona 2-0 in the men's game that followed. Once Real Madrid took a 2-0 lead they realized all they needed to do was rely on their defense to ensure they would walk away with another win on their resume.

In Sunday's games, however, it was a pair of dominant showings by Borussia Dortmund in the women's division and Chelsea in the men's division.

Dortmund pounced on their foes Barcelona from the opening kick and kept their foot on the pedal all contest. Dortmund eventually blanked Barcelona, 5-0 in the rout.

However, the male club for Dortmund did not find that same luck in their contest with Chelsea. Dortmund managed to find the back of the net once, but it was not enough to keep up with Chelsea, who worked like a well oiled machine during the contest.

Chelsea rolled to a 5-1 victory, putting another win on their record.

# National baseball unified, Freedom Farms on board

## BBA should celebrate stalwarts who gave up on a dream

The national baseball fraternity is united. All of the big players (the organizations responsible for baseball development in the country) are in line with the new and refreshing culture. I refer to the acceptance of the Bahamas Baseball Association (BBA) nationally and internationally as the parent body for the sport.

Technically, the BBA remained the official umbrella body despite 30-plus years of, at times, bitter friction between various baseball factions. This was the case because the International Baseball Federation (IBF), although paying attention to the impasse over the years, never wavered from its position of endorsing the BBA as its official member body representing The Bahamas.

Over the last 15 years while the BBA became particularly dormant, the Bahamas Baseball Federation (BBF) rose to the top and facilitated a vibrancy of the sport comparable to the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Freedom Farms emerged as the lead contributor within a nucleus of BBA member organizations. Last year, a meeting of minds resulted in the BBF being disbanded.

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first president of the BBF), told Sports Scope that he was not officially invited to join forces under the jurisdiction of the BBA.

It has been verified though that subsequently, the situation changed. Last week, in this space, the importance of a knowledgeable and dedicated baseball person such as Burrows being a part of the national baseball administration mix was imperative.

Also in the column, it was pointed out that there were those within the fraternity still of the view that Freedom Farms had not joined up with the BBA.

I wish today to note the correctness of the situation and paint the true picture.

Freedom Farms is on board. Following the publication of the column in question, Burrows Sr. made contact and confirmed that Freedom Farms indeed is functioning under the umbrella of the BBA.

This is very good and just as I have lamented the baseball controversy over the years, it is in fairness that I congratulate Burrows Sr. and his Freedom Farms

associates and commend them for placing the sport as a priority, far beyond all personal differences.

I take the position also that the BBA ought not allow this metamorphosis to take place so quietly. What has evolved is definitely significant in the sports history of this nation. Teddy Sweeting and those who served in executive positions in the BBF, and the leaders of member organizations of that formerly, esteemed body, ought to be celebrated by

the BBA for such a great show of goodwill.

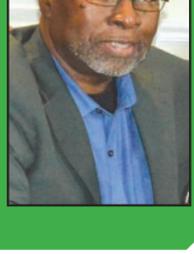
They demonstrated a willingness to leave behind all of the hard work and sacrifices put into establishing the BBF for the sake of national baseball unity. A big banquet perhaps would be appropriate. At the very least, the BBA should have an awards luncheon to salute the stalwarts who gave up on a dream, for the betterment of the sport of baseball on the whole, in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

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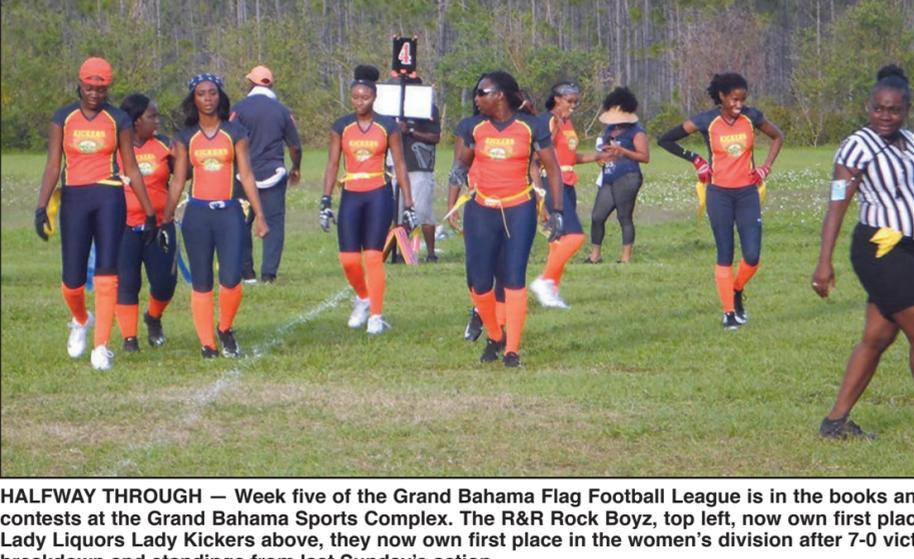


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# Rock Boyz, Kickers in first place after week five





## Week 5 Standing

Sunday April 6, 2018

Field 1 / 2:00 PM / Piranhas 0 VS Divas 6  
 Field 1 / 3:30 PM / Oilers 28 VS Sharks 0  
 Field 1 / 4:30 PM / Rock Boyz 20 VS Chargers 13  
 Field 1 / 5:30 PM / Lady Enforcers 0 VS Kickers 7  
 Stackers BYE Week

Men's Teams	W	L	D	Pct.	PF.	PA.	Diff.
Royalty & Respect - Rock Boyz	3	1	0	75%	68	52	16
G.B. Power - Chargers	3	1	0	75%	57	33	24
Buckeye - Oilers	2	2	0	50%	44	32	12
Mangra Key - Sharks	1	2	0	33.33% / DNF	31	60	-29
Freeport Container Port - Stackers	0	3	0	0% / DNF	19	35	-16

Women's Teams	W	L	D	Pct.	PF.	PA.	Diff.
Grand Central - Kickers	3	2	0	60%	45	19	26
In Style - Divas	3	2	0	60%	18	20	-2
Lady Piranhas	2	3	0	40%	13	30	-17
Sawyers - Lady Enforcers	2	3	0	40%	19	26	-7

HALFWAY THROUGH — Week five of the Grand Bahama Flag Football League is in the books and there were some close battles happening at the top of the standings as a result of last Sunday's contests at the Grand Bahama Sports Complex. The R&R Rock Boyz, top left, now own first place in the men's division after their 20-13 win over the GB Power Chargers. As for the Grand Central Lady Liquors Lady Kickers above, they now own first place in the women's division after 7-0 victory over the Sawyer's Fresh Market Lady Enforcers this past Sunday. Above right, is the complete breakdown and standings from last Sunday's action. (PHOTOS: COURTESY OF GBFFL)