

SPORTS

# Quiet sports contributor Devin Francis passes on

There are those journalists, from various eras, whose works for one reason or the other, result in them being very well known.

Then, there are the ones who are just as passionate about what they do, just as dedicated, extremely professional, but somehow move through their media careers, sort of under the radar.

That is the case generally, because of their quiet, unassuming nature.

Devin Francis was one such. Having observed him from the very beginning to the end of his tenure in our fraternity, I can speak to his noble character and to his propensity to simply handle his workload quietly, but with great efficiency.

In 2004, after more than about a decade of no interaction, Devin and I reunited as colleagues in Athens, Greece, on the scene of the Olympic Games of that year. He was representing the Nassau Guardian, and the Bahamas Olympic Association (now Committee) had solicited my service to coordinate the Bahamian media.

I was also associated with Jones Communication at the time and had committed to coverage for the Journal newspaper and Love 97 Radio. It got hectic for me at times, because of the necessity to ensure that all of the needs of the Bahamian media personnel were met and at the same time, having to collect/process newspaper and radio material.

My memory of Devin is quite fond, particularly in how he gladly accepted the role I played for the BOA on that occasion and how he, out of the goodness of his heart, was prepared to update me regarding the activities of Team Bahamas that might not have been passed on to the media center.

I recall that whenever Devin saw me enter the Olympic Me-

dia Center, he would be approachable, just in case I had missed a development in training, etc. regarding Team Bahamas.

Because of the connection to me from the time his career began, Devin bypassed the normal barrier between competing media agencies. That sums up

Devin Francis. He was an accommodating and kind individual.

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Fast forward to 2008, he was positioned along with fellow night editor Terrence Murrell to monitor, among all reading material earmarked for publication, the Sports Scope column. Thus the occasions were many over the last 10 years when Devin and I interacted about sports.

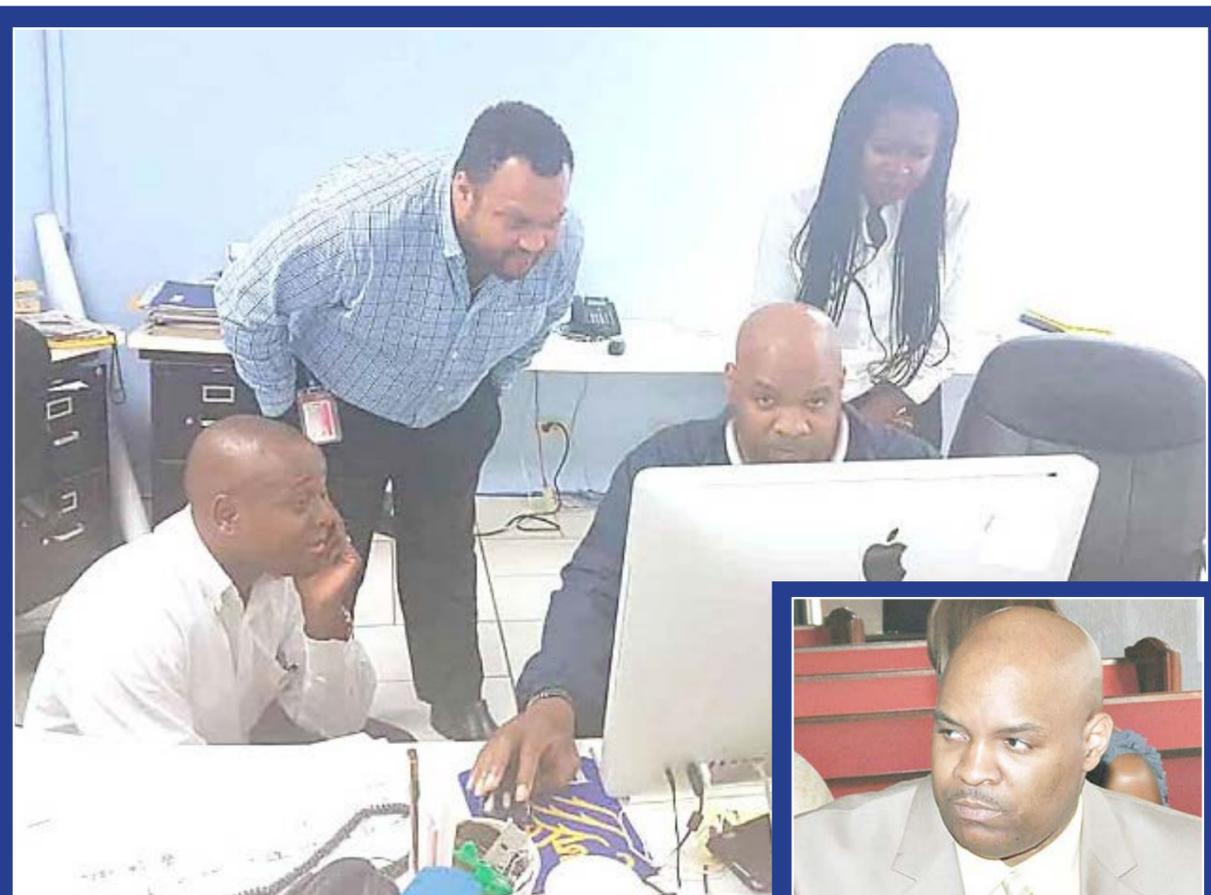
Although with another responsibility, his passion ran deep for sports. We had discussions and sometimes, debates on certain national sports issues. Devin had a sound sports mind. With his passing, the nation has lost yet another solid supporter of the national sports program.

I am indeed proud to have had the pleasure of knowing Devin and working with him through the years.

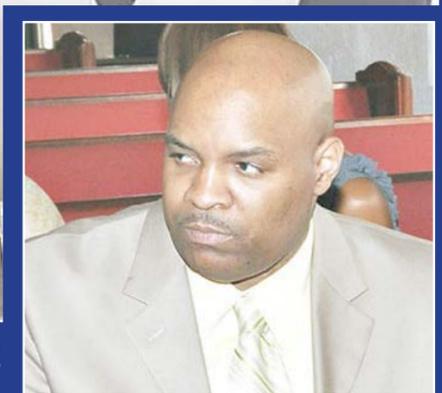
May his soul forever rest in peace!

I extend condolences to his immediate family and friends.

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DEVIN HARD AT WORK – General Manager Brent Dean, Broadcast Editor Juan McCartney, then Nassau Guardian reporter Jayme Pinder and Production Editor Devin Francis on election night, May 10, 2017.



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## SPORTS SCOPE

BY FRED STURUP



# Saketh Hegde emerges champion of the 2018 Aliv Grand Bahama Junior Open

Ashley Michel captures the 2018 Grand Bahama Junior Open Flag in a one-hole playoff

THE FRONT 9

The Grand Bahama Junior Open was successful with two winners emerging: Grand Bahama Junior Open Champion, Saketh Hegde, and “Capture the Flag” winner (Ashley Michel).

Lou Parker, chairman of the Northern Junior Division said, “The Northern junior division of the Bahamas Golf Federation was proud to host the Aliv Grand Bahama Junior Open. The turnout was great, and we want to thank the sponsors especially Aliv, who helped to make the event great. We look forward to hosting this event next year.”

**The Grand Bahama Junior Open Champion**

Saketh Hegde emerged as the Grand Bahama Junior Open carding scores of 79-79. The weather conditions were favorable, and the golfers in the 18 & Under division made it an exciting event. This is Hegde’s second win this year, and looks promising to continue his steady play. Hedge was happy to have defended his title and looks forward to making it a three-peat win in 2019.

**Capture The Flag**

Every event, we have tournament flags, which the kids sign. At the end of the event, the lowest scorer for the event takes home one of the flags. One flag is held for the event sponsor, and the final flag is retained by the Fourteen Clubs Golf Academy and The Front 9.

Capturing the Event Flag with a score of 82-76 was Ashley Michel. This is her third flag for



TWO IN A ROW - Saketh Hegde was declared the victor of the 2018 Aliv Grand Bahama Junior Open held at the Reef Golf Course this past Friday and Saturday, June 1-2.

2018. We will all be watching to see if our player with the lowest scoring average will be the winner of the most flags and our 2018 Player of the Year.

Our thanks go out to Aliv - Our Title Sponsor for the event, Max Russell and the staff at the Reef Golf Club and Our Lucaya and the parents and volunteers for making another event a huge success.

Our next event is the Brice & Newball Foundation Junior Shootout. This will be held at Lyford Cay Golf Club on June 16.

The top three finishers in each division are as follows:

**8 & Under**  
Michael Knowles (1st Place)  
Chemari Pratt (2nd Place)  
Kamaya Burnside (3rd Place)

**10 & Under**  
Rhan Miller (1st Place)  
Alexander Knowles (2nd Place)  
Percival Richardson (3rd Place)

**13 & Under**  
Matthew Deveaux (1st Place)  
Adrian Stan-Busioc (2nd Place)  
Zion Taylor (3rd Place)

**18 & Under**  
Saketh Hegde (1st Place)  
Ashley Michel (2nd Place)  
Xavier Robinson (3rd Place)

Place	Name	Residence	Rnd. 1	Rnd. 2	Total	Overall +/-
T1	Saketh Hegde	Freeport	79	79	158	+14
T1	Ashley Michel	Nassau	82	76	158	+14
3	Xavier Robinson	Freeport	80	83	163	+19
T4	Kyndall Campbell	Freeport	91	85	176	+32
T4	Matthew Deveaux	Freeport	91	85	176	+32
6	A'Marie Smith	Nassau	88	94	182	+38
7	Adrian Stan-Busioc	Freeport	94	89	183	+39
8	Lexander Antoine	Freeport	93	92	185	+41
9	Nyah Singh	Nassau	92	94	186	+42
10	Rhan Miller		96	91	187	+43
11	Zion Taylor	Nassau	100	89	189	+45
12	Michael Knowles	Nassau	103	93	196	+52
13	Javontae Pinder	Freeport	95	103	198	+54
14	Chemari Pratt	Nassau	102	100	202	+58
15	Tia Singh	Nassau	99	104	203	+59
16	Kamaya Burnside	Nassau	107	104	211	+67
17	Trey Dawkins		102	110	212	+68
T18	Jessica Humphries	Nassau	104	113	217	+73
T18	Alexander Knowles	Nassau	107	110	217	+73
20	Denahj Mortimer		111	109	220	+76
21	Francisca Larreinaga-Jorgen	Nassau	112	109	221	+77
22	Percival Richardson	Nassau	110	117	227	+83
23	Alex Dupuch		119	111	230	+86
24	Brenton Kemp		114	117	231	+87
25	Naji Grant	Nassau	121	112	233	+89
26	Makaio Mackey	Nassau	110	125	235	+91
27	Clinton Bowleg	Nassau	122	114	236	+92
28	Patrick Kho-Farquharson	Nassau	111	128	239	+95
29	Benjamin Dupuch	Nassau	126	117	243	+99
30	Christian Sawyer		136	134	270	+126
31	Jacob Hanson		139	139	278	+134
T32	Christopher Knowles		-	-	-	E
T32	Riya Miller	Nassau	-	-	-	E