

## SPORTS

# 2018 NATIONAL Sports Hall of Fame

## INDUCTEES PREPARE FOR SPECIAL NIGHT

This upcoming Friday, November 23, an assortment of stalwart contributors to the Bahamas Sports Brand will join past inductees in the Bahamas National Sports Hall of Fame.

The group of sports fraternity members who made the final list will be enshrined and subsequently robed in their striking aqua Hall of Fame blazers at Government House.

My good friend and long-time media associate Ty Olander has been commissioned once again to produce the Hall of Fame Induction Souvenir Magazine. He advanced the names of this year's group to be honored.

Poised for induction and no doubt preparing for the milestone occasion are the following: Agatha Delancey, Harcourt "Coins" Poitier, Crestwell Pratt, Mickey Williams, Wellington "Sonny Boy" Rahming, Sammy Symonette, Edmund Lewis, Peter Gilcud, Jan Mortimer (posthumous) and Arthur Thompson Sr. (posthumous).

It's a rather nice cross-section. Represented is golf, baseball/softball, basketball, boxing,

tennis, bowling, track and field, volleyball and sports officiating.

I salute them all and welcome them to the great circle of sports icons, which I was fortunate to enter four years ago.

What has been one of the refreshing aspects of the National Sports Hall of Fame tradition is the fact that there are the occasions when the induction list includes one or two who have toiled effortlessly, almost under the radar, but mightily, in the interest of sports development.

From this group, the one who most fits that category is the humble, easy-going, but fiercely devoted Wellington "Sonny Boy" Rahming. These days, he is not the energetic, buzzing individual who molded many young men from less-affluent Over-The-Hill communities into quality adults, through boxing. He struggles to remember and is in need of full-time assistance and observation.

I remember the active Rahming quite well, though.

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## Sports Scope

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The organization evolved to the Amateur Boxing Federation of the Bahamas and now goes by the updated tag of Bahamas Boxing Federation. On a daily basis, with the exception of Sunday, Rahming rode his bicycle from Over-The-Hill to the training and office base of the amateur association, The Nassau Stadium.

He was instrumental in providing and training young boxers, who helped the organization to become solidified, stage regular tournaments, network with the Florida Golden Gloves Association, and develop competition relationships with Bermuda and Canada.

Many, in reading this column, would have their initial understanding of just how significant Rahming was to Bahamian sports power.

Indeed, he is quite deserving of being saluted in kind.

Congratulations to them all!

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WELLINGTON "SONNY BOY" RAHMING



**THREE IN A ROW** - The Tabernacle Falcons completed the three-peat of the 25th annual Domino's Tip-Off Basketball Classic this past Tuesday night at the St. George's Gymnasium when they defeated the Sunland Stingers. Pictured center presenting the trophy to Falcons' head coach Kevin Clarke, right, is Stephen Burrows Sr., left, a founder of the Tip-Off Basketball Classic. Also pictured standing far left is District Superintendent for East Grand Bahama Yvonne Ward and President of the Principal/Vice Principal's Association Gia Walker, second right. (PHOTOS: SHAYNE STUBBS)

# TABERNACLE FALCONS PULL OF THREE-PEAT in 25th annual Tip-Off Classic

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The silver anniversary of the Domino's Tip-Off Basketball Classic meant some special moments would transpire.

A number of thrilling finishes throughout the tournament led up to Tuesday night's close to the 25th edition of the Classic.

Just after former coaches and sponsors of the tournament were honored during the opening ceremony it was time for the Tabernacle Falcons and Sun-

land Stingers to write it's latest chapter in their long and storied "Baptist School Rivalry."

For the second straight year the Falcons and Stingers battled on the biggest stage for one of Grand Bahama high school basketball's richest prizes - the yearly awarded floating trophy and championship rings to be distributed at a later date.

The Stingers looked to avenge last year's loss to the Falcons in the championship tilt, while the Falcons looked to pull off the tournament's first three-peat, while also avenging a loss to

the Stingers earlier in the tournament.

The final score of the championship indicated that the Falcons meant business and routed the Stingers, 75-48. The Falcons unleashed a balanced offensive attack that was powered by their guard Ethan Munroe. The Stingers had no answer for the scoring dynamo, who erupted for 22 points and was named the Most Valuable Player. Falcons' forward Joshua Dames followed suit with 17 points in the victory.

The Stingers were lead by Rolontae Knowles, who reg-

istered 13 points in the loss. Guards Joshua Cornish and Oswald Meadows each added 10 points.

There were a lot of questions that surrounded the Falcons coming into the season. The reigning national high school champions lost the majority of their roster, with the exception of Munroe, Dames, and Romad Dean. Those question marks became even more noticeable when the Falcons lost consecutive games last week.

But as Falcons' head coach



**MVP** - Ethan Munroe, right, poured in 22 points to lead the Tabernacle Falcons in the win and was named the Most Valuable Player. Stephen Burrows, left, made the MVP presentation. (Continued on Page 23)