

CRICKET

Champion of Champions bites the dust

Lawrence Trott

The Champion of Champions competition, which only returned in 2015, has been scrapped for this season, apparently over a lack of interest.

The Combined Counties confirmed yesterday that the two matches, involving the three counties champions, St David's, Southampton Rangers and Tuff Dogs, will not be played this season.

"Due to a number of factors and circumstances, the Combined Counties have reluctantly decided to forego this year's Champion of Champions competition," the Combined Counties said in a statement.

"In doing so, we are committed to earnestly starting the planning for next year's competition to ensure that all three counties can showcase their respective talents to all our cricket fans."

The Bermuda Cricket Board have acted quickly to reschedule the One First Division Twenty20 final between Warwick Workmen's Club and Flatts Victoria, which will take place at Sea Breeze Oval on Sunday



Triumphant season: George Cannonier led St David's to the Eastern Counties Cup

at 11am. That final should have been played last Sunday at Devonshire Recreation Club, but the semi-final between Flatts and Cleveland had to be switched from St John's Field to Devonshire Rec because the wicket at St John's was not ready.

This season's final would have seen an Evening League team competing for the first time, with Tuff Dogs being crowned the Central Counties champions after dethroning Stars.

Terence Corday, the Tuff Dogs captain, said: "Obviously we were looking forward to competing against the other top county teams. If we get the chance to play it next year, then so be it, otherwise we look forward to defending our Central Counties title."

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George Cannonier, the St David's coach, appeared ambivalent towards the competition. His team reclaimed the Eastern Counties Cup with victory over Cleveland County in the final.

"We don't mind because football is starting and the guys want to play football," Cannonier said. "Cricket has gone on long enough."

Last weekend's win over St George's in the One Premier Division Twenty20 competition, which secured St David's the title, is likely to be Cannonier's final match as coach of the senior team. Cannonier said he hopes to help coach the junior teams.

"My idea of coaching now is to be an administrator and having a staff, bring some professionalism into it," Cannonier said. "But it is difficult when you are working with amateurs."

The Champion of Champions competition, which started 40 years ago in 1978 with Flatts the first winners, returned three years ago after being dormant for about ten years.

Three different teams have claimed the title since the competition returned, with Cleveland beating Willow Cuts by 72 runs in the 2015 final before Southampton Rangers won the next year with victory over St David's. Last year, the title stayed in the Eastern Counties when Bailey's Bay defeated Western Stars by eight wickets at St John's Field.

Flatts scored an eight-wicket victory over Cleveland in their One First Division T20 semi-final on Sunday, dismissing them for 66 in 18.4 overs before scoring 71 for two in 7.5 overs. Nelson Bascome claimed three for 21 off 3.4 overs to lead the Flatts bowling while Dorneille Farrel took two for eight and Kijuan Franks two for 15.

Opener Regino Smith led the run chase with 45 not out off 25 balls, with three sixes and four fours. Dennis Musson claimed the two Flatts wickets. In the other semi-final, Warwick Workmen's Club scored 155 for six and then dismissed Devonshire Rec for 104 to win by 51 runs.

Kyle Swan was high man for Warwick with 52 while Cameron Jeffers scored 37 and McKario Burch 32. Lethland Carr took two for 28 for Devonshire Rec. Jeffers then claimed three for 11.

EVENING LEAGUE

Ball stuns Renegades

Ivan Clifford

Matt Ball smashed 20 runs off the first five balls of the last over as The Associates stunned Renegades to reach the final of the Evening Cricket League's Premier Division Knockout Cup at Shelly Bay.

Ball's blitz ended Renegades' hopes of reaching the final for the third season in a row after they appeared to hold the upper hand in Saturday's first semi-final. The Associates will face Tuff Dogs, who defeated Fine Leg Byes by 14 runs in the other semi-final to remain on course to complete a hat-trick of league and cup doubles in this weekend's final.

The Associates were left with a mountain to climb in their rain-hit reply and, well adrift at the halfway stage, needed 40 to win from the final three overs. This was whittled down to 18 off the 20th over.

Ball then hammered two sixes, two twos and a four to seal a five-wicket victory with a ball to spare. Ball, who finished 63 not out, struck five sixes and two fours in all.

"It was an incredible run chase," Simon Jones, the winning captain, said.

Facing Renegades' 143 for seven, built around a fine middle-order partnership between Suresh Kumar, who made 50, and Ryan Miller, who made 40, The Associates were eight for one when rain held up play for an hour. On the resumption, opener Will Tyrrell batted brilliantly to make 59 in tough conditions before Ball delivered the hammer blows.

Tuff Dogs got off to a slow start after winning the toss, but made 138 for seven, with opener Trevor Corday making 42, Dean Minors 26 and McLaren Lowe 22. Fernando Paul was the pick of the Fine Leg Byes attack with three for 38. In reply, Fine Leg Byes made 124 for five, Ricky Waldron leading the way with 40. Melvin Best made 23 and Gary Ray 22.

Terence Corday, the captain, claimed three for 32 while Monroe Darrell chipped in with two for 26. The First Division Knockout Cup final between St George's and North Village on Saturday will begin at 10.30am, with the final between Tuff Dogs and The Associates final to follow at 2.30pm.



BERMUDA

BOWLING

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE	
Results	Spinners 0
Braves 4	Secret Weapons 3
Secret Weapons 3	Pin Pushers 3
Pin Pushers 3	Ten Pin Mafia 1
We Do It Big 3	B.T.C. 1
Cool Runnings 1½	BPS Blue Lanterns 1½
Super Stars 2	Sweet Life 2

Women's High Scratch Game: 1. Bianca Glasford 179;2. Veney Sims 170; 3. Sandra Ford 163
Men's High Scratch Game: 1. Billy Glasford 225; 2. Donald Foley Jr 203; 3. Donald Foley Sr 201
Women's High Handicap Game: 1. Nikia Trott 250; 2. Veney Sims 241; 3. Crystal O'Mara 230
Men's High Handicap Game: 1. Jonathan Smith 249; 2. Billy Glasford 246; 3. Devon Darrell 244
Women's High Scratch Series: 1. Bianca Glasford 470; 2. Sandra Ford 463; 3. Veney Sims 457
Men's High Scratch Series: 1. Donald Foley Jr 575; 2. Billy Glasford 551; 3. Quinton perinchief 512
Women's High Handicap Series: 1. Veney Sims 670; 2. Crystal O'Mara 634; 3. Dionne Bell 619
Men's High Handicap Series: 1. Jonathan Smith 672; 2. Devon Darrell 669; 3. Donald Foley Jr 662
Team High Handicap Game: 1. Braves 868; 2. Sweet Life 865; 3. Ten Pin Mafia 856
Team High Handicap Series: 1. Braves 2,556; 2. We Do It Big 2,441; 3. Pin Pushers 2,413

Standings		W	L
1. Braves		4	0
2. We Do It Big		3	1
3. Pin Pushers		3	1
4. Secret Weapons		3	1
5. Cool Runnings	2½		1½
6. Sweet Life		2	2
7. Super Stars		2	2
8. BPS Blue Lanterns	1½		2½
9. Ten Pin Mafia		1	3
10. B.T.C.		1	3
11. Sunset		1	3
12. Spinners		0	4

Freisenbruch-Meyer Continental League
Results
Cubs 16 Nifty Rollers 14
Odd Balls 22 Spicenix 8
New Hope 24 The Invaders 6
Bermuda Pest Control 21 Quickie Lickie Laundry 9
Pinjammers 15 Under Dawgs 15
Women's High Scratch Game: Jennifer Stovell 219, Rochelle Harvey 212, Patrice Tucker 206
Men's High Scratch Games: Carl Reid 289, Eldon Landy 245, William Weldon & Blake Raynor 221
Team High Scratch Games: Odd Balls 1031, New Hope 900, Cubs 894
Women's High Scratch Series: Jennifer Stovell 583, Edna Mae Tuzo 551, Florence Simons 525
Men's High Scratch Series: Eldon Landy 636, Carl Reid 631, Anthony Smith 627
Team High Scratch Series: Odd Balls 2,871, New hope 2,616, Spicenix 2,538

Standings		W	L
New Hope	24	6	
Odd Balls	22	8	
Bermuda Pest Control	21	9	
Cubs	16	14	
Pinjammers	15	15	
Under dawgs	15	15	
Nifty Rollers	14	16	
Quickie Lickie Laundry	9	21	
Spicenix	8	22	
The Invaders	6	24	

CRICKET

ONE PREMIER DIVISION TWENTY20					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
St David's	5	5	0	0	50
Southampton Rangers	5	4	1	0	40
St George's	5	3	2	0	30
Bailey's Bay	5	2	3	0	20
Somerset	5	1	4	0	10
Western Stars	5	0	5	0	0

ONE FIRST DIVISION TWENTY20					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Flatts	3	3	0	0	30
Warwick	3	3	0	0	30
Cleveland	3	2	1	0	20
Devonshire Rec	4	2	2	0	20
Somerset Bridge	2	0	2	0	0
ECCL Select	1	0	1	0	0
Willow Cuts	2	0	2	0	0
PHC	2	0	2	0	0

EVENING LEAGUE

KNOCKOUT CUP SEMI-FINALS
SHELLY BAY FIELD
The Associates beat Renegades by five wickets. Renegades 143-7 in 20 overs (Suresh Kumar 50, Ryan Miller 40), The Associates 146-5 in 19.5 overs (Matt Ball 63 not out, Will Tyrrell 59).
Tuff Dogs beat Fine Leg Byes by 14 runs Tuff Dogs 138-7 in 20 overs (Trevor Corday 42, Dean Minors 26, McLaren Lowe 22; Fernando Paul 3-38), Fine Leg Byes 124-5 in 20 overs (Ricky Waldron 40, Melvin Best 23, Gary Ray 22; Terence Corday 3-32, Monroe Darrell 2-26).
Fixtures
Saturday's finals: Premier Division: Tuff Dogs v The Associates, 2.30pm. **First Division:** St George's v North Village, 10.30am.

OVERSEAS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
All Times Bermuda	
Monday's results	
NY Jets 48	Detroit 17
LA Rams 33	Oakland 13
Sunday's results	
San Francisco 16	Minnesota 24
Houston 20	New England 27
Pittsburgh 21	Cleveland 21, overtime
Cincinnati 34	Indianapolis 23
Jacksonville 20	NY Giants 15
Tampa Bay 48	New Orleans 40
Buffalo 3	Baltimore 47
Tennessee 20	Miami 27
Kansas City 38	LA Chargers 28
Dallas 8	Carolina 16
Seattle 24	Denver 27
Washington 24	Arizona 6
Chicago 23	Green Bay 24

Thursday's game
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 9.20pm

FOOTBALL

UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE	
Yesterday's results	
Group C2	
Finland 1	Estonia 0
Hungary 2	Greece 1
Group D2	
Moldova 0	Belarus 0
San Marino 0	Luxembourg 3
Group A2	
Iceland 0	Belgium 3
Group A4	
Spain 6	Croatia 0
Group B3	
Bosnia-Herzegovina 1	Austria 0
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES	
Yesterday's results	
Indonesia 1	Mauritius 0
Kuwait v Bolivia,	postponed
Japan 3	Costa Rica 0
South Korea 0	Chile 0
Kenya 1	Malawi 0
Uzbekistan 0	Iran 1
Qatar 3	Palestine 0
Northern Ireland 3	Israel 0
Poland 1	Republic of Ireland 1
England 1	Switzerland 0
Today's games	
Colombia v Argentina	
Brazil v El Salvador	
Ecuador v Guatemala	
United States v Mexico	
Panama v Venezuela	

EFL TROPHY	
Yesterday's results	
Southern Group C	
Swindon Town 1	Newport County 0
Northern Group B	
Fleetwood Town 2	Leicester City U21 2 (Leicester U21 won 7-6 on penalties)
Today's game	
Southern Group E	
Coventry City v Arsenal U21	

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	
Today's game	
Minnesota United at DC United, 8.30pm	
Saturday's games	
Atlanta United FC at Colorado, 4.30pm	
LA Galaxy at Toronto FC, 8.30pm	
Montreal at Philadelphia, 8.30pm	
Columbus at FC Dallas, 9pm	
Portland at Houston, 9.30pm	
Minnesota United at Real Salt Lake, 10.30pm	
Seattle at Vancouver, 11pm	
New England at Los Angeles FC, 11.30pm	
Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 11.30pm	
Sunday's games	
New York at DC United, 2pm	
Orlando City at Chicago, 6pm	

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL			
All times Bermuda			
East Division			
	W	L	Pct
Boston	98	46	.681
New York	90	54	.625
Tampa Bay	79	64	.552
Toronto	65	78	.455
Baltimore	41	102	.287
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	81	63	.563
Minnesota	65	78	.455
Detroit	59	85	.410
Chicago	56	88	.389
Kansas City	48	95	.336
West Division			
	W	L	Pct
Houston	90	54	.625
Oakland	87	57	.604
Seattle	79	64	.552
Los Angeles	71	73	.493
Texas	62	82	.431
Monday's results			
Houston 3 Detroit 2			
Tampa Bay 6 Cleveland 5			
NY Yankees 7 Minnesota 2			
Kansas City 4 Chicago White Sox 3, 10inn			
Texas 5 LA Angels 2			
Today's games			
Cleveland (Carrasco 16-8) at Tampa Bay (Snell 18-5), 2:10pm			
Houston (Cole 13-5) at Detroit (Norris 0-3), 2:10pm			

San Diego (Lucchesi 7-8) at Seattle (LeBlanc 8-3), 7:40pm
Oakland (TBD) at Baltimore (Cashner 4-14), 8:05pm
Toronto (Sanchez 4-5) at Boston (Price 14-6), 8:10pm
NY Yankees (Severino 17-7) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 5-10), 9:10pm
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 6-5) at Kansas City (Sko-glund 1-5), 9:15pm
Texas (Gallardo 8-4) at L.A. Angels (Pena 2-4), 11:07pm

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	80	64	.556	—
Philadelphia	74	68	.521	5
Washington	71	72	.497	8½
New York	65	77	.458	14
Miami	56	86	.394	23
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	83	60	.580	—
Milwaukee	83	62	.572	1
St Louis	80	64	.556	3½
Pittsburgh	71	72	.497	12
Cincinnati	62	83	.428	22
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	79	64	.552	—
Los Angeles	78	66	.542	1½
Arizona	76	68	.528	3½
San Francisco	68	77	.469	12
San Diego	57	88	.393	23

Monday's results
Washington at Philadelphia, postponed
Miami at NY Mets, postponed
Cincinnati 10 LA Dodgers 6
Milwaukee 3 Chicago Cubs 2
St Louis 8 Pittsburgh 7
Colorado 13 Arizona 2
Atlanta 4 San Francisco 1
Today's games
LA Dodgers (Stripling 8-3) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-4), 1.35pm
Pittsburgh (Taillon 12-9) at St Louis (Poncedeleon 0-1), 2.15pm
Atlanta (Sanchez 6-5) at San Francisco (Holland 7-8), 4.45pm
Miami (Brigham 0-1) at NY Mets (Wheeler 10-7), 5.10pm first game
San Diego (Lucchesi 7-8) at Seattle (LeBlanc 8-3), 7.40pm
Washington (Strasburg 7-7) at Philadelphia (Nola 16-4), 8.05pm
Miami (Richards 3-8) at NY Mets (Vargas 5-9), 8.10pm, second game
Milwaukee (Anderson 9-7) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 11-10), 9.05pm
Arizona (Corbin 11-5) at Colorado (Gray 11-7), 9.40pm

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE FINALS
Semi-finals
(x-if necessary)
(Best-of-5)
Seattle 3 Phoenix 2
Sunday: Phoenix 87 Seattle, 91
Tuesday: Phoenix 87 Seattle 91 overtime
Friday: Seattle 66 Phoenix 86
Sunday: Seattle 84 Phoenix 86
Tuesday: Phoenix 84 Seattle 94
Atlanta 2 Washington 3
Sunday: Washington 87 Atlanta 84
Tuesday: Washington 75 Atlanta 78
Friday: Atlanta 81 Washington 76
Sunday: Atlanta 76 Washington 97
Tuesday: Washington 86 Atlanta 81
Finals
(Best-of-5)
Seattle 2 Washington 0
Friday: Seattle 89 Washington 76
Sunday: Seattle 75 Washington 73
Today: Seattle at Washington, 9pm
x-Friday, Sept. 14: Seattle at Washington, 9pm
x-Sunday, Sept. 16: Washington at Seattle, 9pm

BOXING

FIGHT SCHEDULE
Tomorrow
At Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas (ESPN),
Pablo Cesar Cano v Ruslan Madiev, 10, super lightweight.
September 14
At Save Mart Centre, Fresno, California (ESPN),
Jose Ramirez v Antonio Orozco, 12, for Ramirez's WBC junior welterweight title; Maxim Dadashev v Antonio DeMarco, 10, junior welterweights; Jamel Herring v John Vincent Morale, 10, junior lightweights; Hiroki Okada v Cristian Coria, 10, junior welterweights.
September 15
At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas (PPV),
Gennady Golovkin v Canelo Alvarez, 12, for Golovkin's WBC and WBA middleweight titles; Jaime Munguia v Brandon Cook, 12, for Munguia's WBO junior middleweight title; David Lemieux v Gary O'Sullivan, 12, middleweights; Roman Gonzalez v Moises Fuentes, 10, super flyweights; Vergil Ortiz Jr v Roberto Ortiz, 10, super lightweights.
September 21
At Firelake Arena, Shawnee, Oklahoma (SHO),
Jon Fernandez v O'Shaquie Foster, 10, super featherweights.
September 22
At Wembley Stadium, London,
Anthony Joshua v Alexander Povetkin, 12, for Joshua's IBF/WBA/WBO heavyweight title; Yvan Mendy v Luke Campbell, 12, lightweights; Matty Askin v Lawrence Okolie, 12, for Askin's British cruiserweight title.
September 24
At Nagoya, Japan,
Sho Kimura v Kosei Tanaka, 12, for Kimura's WBO flyweight title.
September 28
At Cebu, Philippines,
Donnie Nietes v Aston Palicte, 12, for the vacant WBO junior bantamweight title.

At Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, George Groves v Callum Smith, 12, for Groves' WBA super middleweight title (World Boxing Super Series final).
At Pechanga Resort Casino, Temecula, California (SHO),
Devin Haney v Juan Carlos Burgos, 10, lightweight.
At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood, Florida,
Logan Yoon v John Renteria, 10, welterweights; Mussa Tursynallyyev v Ruben Cervera, 10, featherweights.

September 29
At Cologne, Germany,
Manuel Charr v Fres Oquendo, 12, for Charr's WBA World heavyweight title.
At Oakland, California, Jerwin Ancajas v Alejandro Santiago Barrios, 12, for Ancajas' IBF junior bantamweight title.
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, California,
Jorge Linares v Abner Corda, 12, super lightweights.
October 4
At the OC Fair & Event Centre, Costa Mesa, California (ESPN2),
Oscar Negrete v Joshua Franco, 10, for Negrete's NABF bantamweight title.

CRICKET

FIFTH TEST MATCH
England v India
Kia Oval (final day of five): England won by 118 runs
England First Innings 332 (A N Cook 71, J C Buttler 89; Jadeja 4-79)
India First Innings 293 (G H Vihari 56, R A Jadeja not out 86)
England Second Innings
A N Cook c Pant b Vihari147
K K Jennings b Mohammed Shami10
M M Ali b Jadeja20
*JE Root c sub b Vihari125
†J M Bairstow b Mohammed Shami18
B A Stokes c Rahul b Jadeja37
J C Buttler Mohammed Shami b Jadeja0
S M Curran c Pant b Vihari21
A U Rashid not out20
Extras (b 14m lb 4, w 2, pen 5)25
Total (8wickets, declared; 112.3 overs)423
S C J Broad, J M Anderson did not bat
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-62, 3, 321, 4 321, 5-355, 6-356, 7-397, 8-423
Bowling: Bumrah 23-4-61-0; Sharma 8-3-13-0; Mohammed Shami