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Team Bahamas adds nine medals to the medal count during Day Two evening session

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execute going around the curve. "My teammate Holland told me to have patience and that's what I did. I had patience, let him hit my mark and got out to get the baton to Karon."

Smith was also surprised to see the time the team ran, but was grateful overall to win – his first medal in the Under 20 Division.

The Bahamas picked up more medals over the course of the evening session. Sean Rolle and Michael Bullard picked up the silver and bronze respectively, in the Boys' Under 18 Javelin throw. Rolle's personal best of 65.51m came second to Trinidad and Tobago's Tyriq Horsford CARIFTA record setting throw of 76.50m. Bullard's throw went

63.84m. The Bahamas also picked up another bronze, thanks to DouvanKiylin Rolle's 4.30m clearing in the Pole Vault competition. Curacao's Glenn Kunst kept the gold at home after he cleared 4.60m to set the CARIFTA record. Baptiste Thiery of Martinique went home with the silver medal with a 4.50m clearing. Rolle said that his jumps felt "a

little off," but he was grateful. He won the silver medal in last year's event, but winning two medals back-to-back was a pretty good feeling.

"I could have done better, but I'm glad where I'm at. With my technique, I just have to learn to get upside down and turn over quick enough and I should be good."

Gabrielle Gibson also landed a bronze medal in the Under 18 Girls' 400m Hurdles. She finished with a time of one minute and 1.29 seconds. Jamaica went one and two as Sanique Walker broke the CARIFTA record to win the gold in the time of 58.95 seconds and Taffara Rose finished second in the time of 1:00.95.

The countries' standings are determined by gold medals attained; therefore, the medal count after Day Two had Jamaica in first place with 54 medals (23 gold, 19 silver and 12 bronze); Trinidad and Tobago was in second with 13 medals (five gold, two silver and six bronze); The Bahamas stood in third with 17 medals (four gold, seven silver and six bronze). Barbados stood in fourth with nine medals (two gold, four silver, and three bronze.) The Cayman Islands, Curacao and Dominica were in a three-way tie for fifth place as each country had one gold medal each.



GIRL POWER – Pictured from left are the team of Megan Moss, Kendesha Ingraham, Devine Parker, and Jaida Knowles posing with the flag after winning gold in the Girls' Under 18 4x100m.



SPOT SECURED – Tyrell Simms also earned his spot on the Under 18 Boys' 800m final. His time of 2:00.53 landed him the eighth and final spot.



ADVANCED – Bryant Lowe advanced to the Under 18 Boys' 800m final with a time of 1:58.85.



FLYING HIGH – Holland Martin secured the silver medal for the Under 20 Boys' Long Jump on Saturday with a distance of 7.33m. (PHOTOS BY SHAYNE STUBBS)

Holland Martin secures long jump silver medal Day Two of competition

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As for the Under 20 Girls in the 200m, Renee Brown missed out on the finals and posted a time of 25.24 seconds. Martin and Tavonte Mott also competed in the Under 20 Boys' 200m, but both would eventually miss the finals. Martin clocked 22.04 seconds, while Mott registered a time of 22.06 seconds.

The preliminaries and finals of the 4x100m finals would be the highlight of the evening session.

Sports Scope

By Fred Sturup

Boxing promoter at deadline for delivery of CBC title match

It's crunch time for Thomas Hickey, the man who from the outset was up against a lot of odds, in his attempt to put Sherman "Tank" Williams in the ring in his native country, with the Commonwealth Heavyweight Championship on the line.

Today, April 18, the Commonwealth Boxing Council would need to have, in hand, contracts from both Williams and Heavyweight Lenroy Thomas of Jamaica, otherwise other "alternative applications" would be eligible for the table once again. Close of day is not a lot of time for Hickey. Getting a signed contract from the Jamaican has been the greatest obstacle.

Hickey has just about resolved all other issues leading up to this deadline date, but at some point, the CBC becomes compelled to move on and open up to other proposals.

As expressed in this space recently, a Commonwealth title fight would have been just what the doctor ordered for the struggling national boxing program. However, unless Hickey is able to get the signed Lenroy Thomas agreement, or find, in a hurry a replacement, acceptable to the CBC, at least for now,



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the match, put back to April 29, would be off.

It is unfortunate that all of the efforts made by Hickey are in danger of going down the drain. He has been tireless in reaching out to the CBC, The Bahamas Boxing Commission, the Lenroy Thomas camp and the other fighters scheduled to participate.

For Williams the opportunity represented a first, in a lengthy career. He will be 45 in September and has been fighting professionally through part of three decades. He made his debut in 1997, solidified himself as a quality boxer during the decade of the 2000s and has been steady, like good old wine up to this point. This would have been the first opportunity, for him, in a big fight to perform with the home court advantage, so to speak.

Williams has been working for some six years now, on an arrangement whereby he would close out his career in The Bahamas with a five bout series. The hope, in this instance, was to win the CBC crown and defend it four times in the land of his birth, before hanging up the gloves.

The CBC has left a window opened for Hickey. If he is not able to full the necessary requirements before day's end, and if months go by and the CBC does not receive acceptable options, then promoter Hickey and boxer Williams could be back in the mix.

Whatever happens though, it has appeared, based on my discussions with Hickey, that he wants to ride the river with Williams to the end of his career. There is no doubt that Hickey has won the hearts of those who call the shots at the CBC, the BBC and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture.

There are not likely to be any reservations about working with Hickey in the future.

He is a gentleman and responded favorably to every condition laid down by the CBC and the BBC.

As long as the CBC Heavyweight title remains vacant without any other meaningful applicants, Hickey will be able to get back to the table with the CBC and the BBC.

Best wishes Tom!

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