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THE HAND OFF – Corey Sherrod hands off to third leg runner Tyrell Simms, during the Under 18 Boys' 4x400m finals. The team eventually won the silver medal. (PHOTOS: SHAYNE STUBBS)

Bahamas finishes third for second straight year at CARIFTA Games

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CURACAO – The Bahamas closed out the 46th FLOW CARIFTA Games on a high note, with a number of top place finishes and third overall.

In the final medal count The Bahamas earned its second, third place finish at this year's competition. Jamaica led the gold medal count (which determines the standings) with 39 gold, 28 silver and 19 bronze for a total of 86. Trinidad and Tobago earned seven gold medals along with five silver and 10 bronze for a total of 21. The Bahamas finished with six gold medals, 15 silver and 10 bronze for a total of 31.

The 4x400 meters relays closed out the Games on Monday (April 17) and a few of Grand Bahama's athletes played a huge role in all four of the top three performances.

Corey Sherrod was on second leg duty for the Under 18 Boys, while Tyrell Simms took on the third leg run. Sherrod, Simms, Gareth Lewis and Edward Gayle eventually secured the silver medal in a time of three minute and 17.22 seconds.

Barbados ran away with the gold in the time of 3:14.65 and Trinidad settled for the bronze with a time of 3:30.85.

Quanisha Marshall ended the day with two silvers to bring back to Freeport. The first came in the Under 20 Girls' 800m.

Marshall, who was an Under 18 bronze medalist at last year's Games in Grenada, took on second leg responsibility in the Girls' Under 20 4x400m. Fellow Grand Bahamian, D'Ajonae Jayawardana, ran the anchor leg; Gabrielle Shannon and Chelsea Smith were in tandem with Marshall as the team finished with another silver medal.



EXCHANGE – Quanisha Marshall exchanges the baton with teammate Chelsea Smith in the Under 20 Girls' 4x400m finals.

The team ran a time of 3:18.03.

Trinidad escaped with the gold medal, while Jamaica fell short to take the silver.

The team of Wendira Moss, Marissa White, Doneisha Anderson and Gabrielle Gibson clocked a time of 3:41.24 to win the silver, behind the Jamaicans who took gold and ahead of Trinidad to who won the bronze.

The team picked up two silver medals in the 200m. Devine Parker kept pace with Michae Harriot of Jamaica, but fell short near the finish with a time of

23.87 seconds.

Joella Lloyd of Antigua and Barbuda rounded out the top three for the Under 18 girls. Joel Johnson (21.55 seconds) added the second silver medal of the event in the Under 18 Boys' competition. He followed closely behind Michael Stephens (21.30 seconds) of Jamaica, who won the gold. Xavier Nairne (21.58 seconds) took home the bronze for the Jamaicans.

In the Under 20 Boys' 110m Hurdles Tavonte Mott nearly

beat out Orland Bennett of Jamaica (13.60 seconds), but came up shy to take the silver in 13.64 seconds. Alex Robinson (13.72 seconds), also of Jamaica won the bronze.

Gabrielle Gibson and her time of 14.07 seconds picked up another bronze for The Bahamas in the Girls' Under 18 100m Hurdles. Britany Anderson and Daszay Freeman of Jamaica earned the gold and bronze, respectively.

Simms and Bryant Lowe also competed in the Under 18 Boys'

800m final, finishing fifth and seventh, respectively. Simms clocked a time of 1:58.27 and Lowe registered a time of 1:59.30.

The Bahamas received the CARIFTA flag, as the host of the 47th CARIFTA Games in 2018. The Games will take place at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium, in New Providence.

The athletes and executives have already expressed the excitement at hosting one of the top junior track and field competitions this time around.

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