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Welcome!

It is a distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 49th staging of the Gibson McCook Relays on the customary last Saturday in February.

Since its inception 53 years ago in 1973, there has been recognition that this event is a celebration of discipline, unity, and the relentless pursuit of excellence. Every year, the National Stadium becomes a living reminder that when Jamaicans come together with purpose, the extraordinary becomes possible. Underpinning this and at the core of success is the acknowledgement that the power of strong teamwork is the hallmark of creating enabling environments for all stages of growth and development in athletics.

Excellence through collaboration, commitment to world-class standards and sustainable development for future champions are pillars that will propel athletics into the future, while concretizing Jamaica's prowess as high-achievers.

We are thankful to have been able to hold the Gibson McCook Relays this year, despite the impact of Hurricane Melissa - a catastrophic Category 5 hurricane which made landfall on Jamaica on 28 October 2025 at 12:00 p.m. near New Hope in Westmoreland. Forty-five lives were lost and eleven persons are still reported as missing. Our heartfelt condolences to those who suffered loss of their loved ones!

The effects of the hurricane on individuals, families, communities, schools and businesses caused lives and livelihoods to be changed significantly, in particular in the worst affected parishes in western Jamaica. Yet, rebuild we must with the well-revered resilience of a determined people to chart and lead the way forward, again overcoming adversity to rise to greater heights.

We were reminded of the love and respect for Jamaica and Jamaicans globally with the outpouring of support for the response and recovery efforts post Hurricane Melissa. The visit of World Athletics President Lord Sebastian Coe, with provision of tangible support to rebuild athletic programmes in schools was inspirational and demonstrated our solid standing and reputation internationally in track and field.

This year the Gibson McCook Relays will utilize a Finals Only format, as was done for the first time in 2022, based on the national guidelines for mass gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This event aims to provide a more exhilarating, fast-paced and high-quality experience for athletes, athlete support personnel and spectators over a five-hour period. There are forty events that will showcase the performances of the best of our track and field athletes across all age groups from those under ten years of age to the Elite Athletes and Masters. There are seventeen

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Championship events that offer a special prize of J\$75,000.00 for records broken during these events.

It is a pleasure to welcome teams from Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, and Team Jamaica Bickle, USA. A further highlight is the participation of athletes from 21 countries at the Gibson McCook Relays 2026, who are studying and training alongside our own athletes here in Jamaica. This augurs well for the advancement of track and field across the Caribbean and globally as athletes prepare to hone their craft and excel, while being nurtured in a wholistic manner at all stages of their lives and careers.

We recommend broadening of horizons and encourage all athletes to exchange experiences, develop friendships and create new networks.

We remain proud that the status of World Athletics Ranked Event - Tier 2 has been maintained by the Gibson McCook Relays. As stated on its website, World Athletics has created a global ranking system where athletes score points, based on a combination of result and place, depending on the level of the competition in which the result is achieved. We know that it is the wholistic development of our athletes that must be cemented in the values to be upheld by all who influence their paths. This starts with families and by extension the communities, which must assist in the transition of our athletes through the various phases of their growth and development.

World Athletics continues to set the standards and raise the bar for athletics at the international level and we continue to rely on the Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association (JAAA) to provide guidance to meet organizers and those who partner with them to ensure that opportunities created for athletes to maximize their full potential are in keeping with all World Athletics requirements.

The Gibson McCook Relays Organizing Committee (GMROC) remains committed to maintaining the high standards that are embodied in our Mission Statement which emphasizes the aim of furthering the development of track and field athletes, coaches and administrators through the provision of world-class meets and other development programmes.

I would like to thank our Presenting Sponsor, PUMA, major sponsors Television Jamaica, Wisynco and Universal Service Fund, event sponsors and those who

have contributed to this 49th staging of the Gibson McCook Relays.

To the GMROC: Our work and worth have been recognized locally and internationally. Our responsibility is therefore to maintain our core values and incorporate approved standards, as we strive for excellence and foster the spirit of volunteerism.

To every athlete competing today: run with courage and heart.

To every coach: continue shaping lives with wisdom and passion.

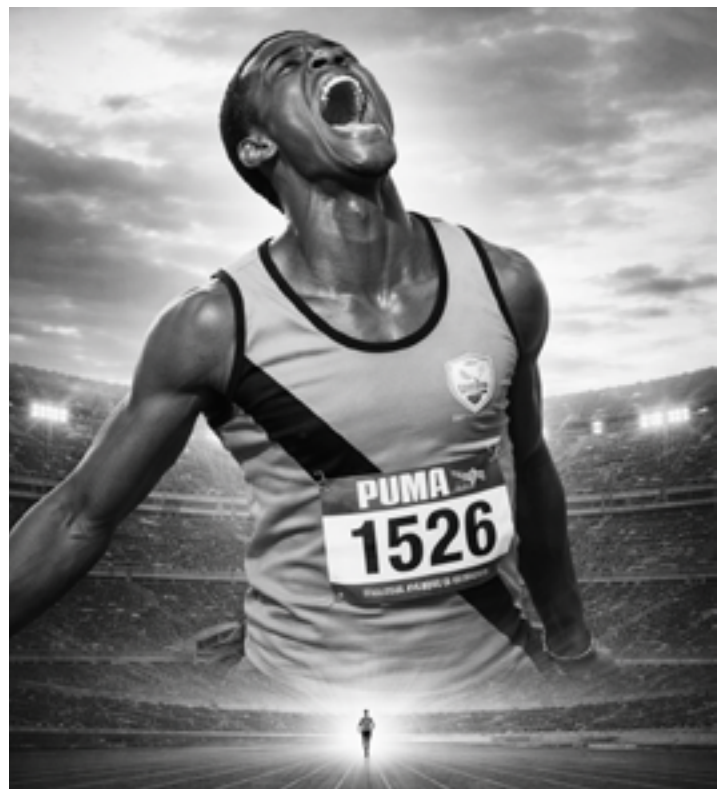
To every administrator and organizer: keep building the structures that allow our athletes to shine.

To our officials and volunteers: keep your standards high.

To every supporter: keep believing, keep cheering, keep lifting our athletes higher.

Together, we are not just preparing for the next event — *we are shaping the future of Jamaican athletics.*

Thank you and enjoy the Gibson McCook Relays 2026! See you all in 2027!



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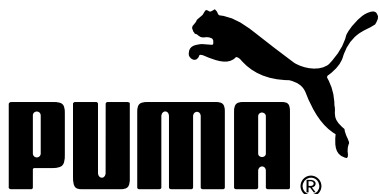
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ORDER OF EVENT



EVENT

No.	TIME	ALL FINALS
1	4:00 p.m.	Long Jump Women – Open
2	4:00 p.m.	High Jump Men – Open
3	4:00 p.m.	Pole Vault Men – Open
4	4:00 p.m.	4 x 100m Prep School Boys Under 10
5	4:05 p.m.	4 x 100m Primary School Boys Under 10
6	4:10 p.m.	4 x 100m Primary School Boys Under 12
7	4:15 p.m.	4 x 100m Prep School Girls Under 12
8	4:20 p.m.	4 x 100m Prep School Boys Under 12
9	4:25 p.m.	4 x 100m Primary School Girls Under 12
10	4:30 p.m.	4 x 100m High School Girls U19 – <i>Champ.</i>
11	4:35 p.m.	4 x 100m High School Girls U17 – <i>Champ.</i>
12	4:40 p.m.	4 x 100m High School Girls U15
13	4:45 p.m.	4 x 100m High School Girls U13
14	4:50 p.m.	4 x 100m Institution Women
15	4:55 p.m.	4 x 100m Institution Men – <i>Championship</i>
16	5:05 p.m.	4 x 100m High School Boys Class I – <i>Champ.</i>
17	5:10 p.m.	4 x 100m High School Boys Class II – <i>Champ.</i>
18	5:15 p.m.	4 x 100m High School Boys Class III
19	5:20 p.m.	4 x 100m High School Boys Class IV
20	5:25 p.m.	4 x 100m Special Olympics Men
21	5:30 p.m.	4 x 100m Masters Men

5:40 p.m. **OPENING
CEREMONY**



EVENT

No.	TIME	ALL FINALS
22	6:10 p.m.	High Jump Women – Open
23	6:10 p.m.	Long Jump Men – Open
24	6:10 p.m.	60m Women – Open – <i>Championship</i>
25	6:18 p.m.	60m Men – Open – <i>Championship</i>
28	6:30 p.m.	1500m Men
26	6:45 p.m.	400m Women – Open
27	6:50 p.m.	400m Men – Open
30	6:55 p.m.	Sprint Medley High School Girls Open – <i>Champ.</i>
31	7:05 p.m.	Sprint Medley High School Boys Open – <i>Champ.</i>
32	7:15 p.m.	4 x 200m High School Girls Open – <i>Champ.</i>
33	7:23 p.m.	4 x 200m High School Boys Class I – <i>Champ.</i>
34	7:31 p.m.	4 x 200m High School Boys Class II – <i>Champ.</i>
35	7:39 p.m.	4 x 200m High School Boys Class III
36	7:48 p.m.	4 x 200m High School Boys Class IV
37	7:56 p.m.	4 x 800m High School Girls Open – <i>Champ.</i>
38	8:10 p.m.	4 x 800m High School Boys Open – <i>Champ.</i>
40	8:25 p.m.	4 x 400m Institution Men – <i>Champ</i>
41	8:35 p.m.	4 x 400m High School Girls Open – <i>Champ.</i>
42	8:45 p.m.	4 x 400m High School Boys Open – <i>Champ.</i>

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Immaculate Conception
Mount Alvernia High
Port Antonio High
St Andrew High
St Catherine High
St Elizabeth Technical
St Jago High
St Mary High
Sydney Pagon Agricultural
Team Jamaica Bickle
The Queen's School
Vere Technical
Wolmer's Girls School

PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS

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Corinaldi Ave Primary
Greater Portmore Primary

Half Way Tree Primary
Howard Cook Primary
Morant Bay Primary
Naggo Head Primary
Spanish Town Primary

PREP SCHOOL GIRLS

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St Andrew Prep
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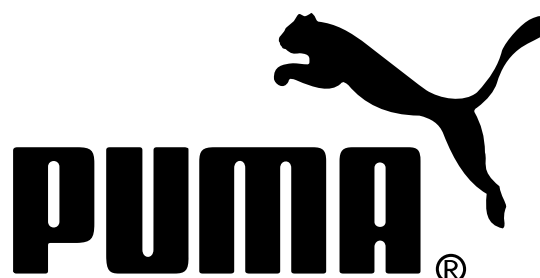
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2. Control of the meet shall be vested in the GIBSON McCOOK RELAYS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.
3. Entries are by invitation only. Each member of a competing team must be a bonafide student or member of the invited club or institution, and be registered to participate in the event.
4. In school events, the age limits and all other regulations governing competition in Jamaican High School boys, High School girls, Preparatory and Primary schools, shall be determined in a similar manner as they affect these various competitions.
5. Any violation of the above regulations will result in the withholding of an invitation to the defaulting institution from participation in this annual meet for a period of time.
6. Any action that brings the event into disrepute will result in the withdrawal of accreditation.
7. Except as provided for in these rules, the rules of the World Athletics shall apply.
8. Coaches must produce a valid photo ID to collect their team's package.
9. Athletes must have their numbers affixed to both the front and rear of their vest.
10. Each member of a competing team will be similarly attired in the colours of the school, institution or club.
11. No part of a competitor's vest properly tucked into his/her shorts must be removed during or immediately after competition. Athletes guilty of this offence will automatically have their team disqualified.
12. The names provided to the Organizing Committee are the only names allowed to compete in the particular relay event.
13. Each team scheduled for the finals must collect a relay card from the call room desk, complete same, and return the completed card to the call room desk at least one hour prior to their final.
14. Competitors will warm up at the warm-up area and will be brought into the competition area when their event is about to take place.
15. Lane placement in the finals will be decided by draw of the eligible finalist teams, made by representatives of the controllers of the meet.
16. Any individual or member of a relay team guilty of a false start will be automatically disqualified.
17. A protest or objection against the conduct or placing of a team shall be made to the Referee of the meet by the representative of the protesting team according to World Athletics rules. If the protesting team is not satisfied, the protest can then be taken to the Jury of Appeal, along with a required deposit of One Thousand Jamaican Dollars (J\$1,000). The resulting decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.
18. Only officials or competing athletes under the direction of call room officials are allowed on the field.
19. Teams declared as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place must make all members available for medal presentations immediately after completion of their event.
20. Failure to comply with any of the rules of this meet will result in disqualification.

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FAST LEGS, FRAGILE EXCHANGES: JAMAICA'S RELAY WOES



Article By:
Glenroy Morgan



Struggles to cross the line

The 2025 season ended on a forgettable note for the nation's men's sprint relay teams.

Just as Jamaica sought to steady itself globally, calamity returned. For the third time in four outings, Kishane Thompson left the track baton-less, this time in the preliminaries of the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, sending the nation crashing out without a place in the final.

Shortly after the humiliating bungling in two races at the World Relays, Jamaica was forced into damage-control mode as it chased and nearly exhausted its qualifying opportunities before eventually salvation came at a meet in the Olympic Stadium, London.

The carefully selected quartet produced a nippy 37.80 seconds— just enough to rescue the country from the embarrassment of being mere spectators at the World Championships in Tokyo. That run ultimately secured a lane on the sport's main stage and a non-automatic berth in the men's 4x100m. The time itself is considered modest when compared with the current world record of 36.84 seconds, a near full second faster.

A comparison of the personal bests of members of the world-record-holding quartet with Jamaica's current leading athletes—Oblique Seville (9.77s), Kishane Thompson (9.75s), Bryan Levell (9.82s), and Akeem Blake (9.88s)—based on their lifetime bests, reveals no glaring disparity. The current speedsters are theoretically capable of approaching the benchmark set by Nesta Carter, Michael Frater, Yohan Blake, and Usain Bolt, whose respective personal bests at the time of the record were 9.78s, 9.88s, 9.69s, and 9.58s. These comparable statistics suggest that Jamaica's male sprint relay is performing below expected levels.

Yet the bigger concern remains unresolved. Completing the baton exchanges has not been rare. They occurred during the year and in seasons prior — but they have yielded little reward. In recent memory, Jamaica has assembled multiple quartets with individual foot speed comparable to any in the world. Still, the times posted consistently fail to add up, and the team often finishes

Jamaica remains a powerhouse in athletics, its sprinting prowess firmly etched in the annals of history. The one-two finish of Oblique Seville and Kishane Thompson, who claimed gold and silver respectively in the 100m at the recent World Athletics Championships, evokes memories of Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake's colossal achievements at the 2012 London Olympics in the 100m.

Even as Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce bids farewell to an illustrious career following Tokyo's showpiece event, another precocious talent has emerged. Tina Clayton, still in the early stages of her career, is already basking in a silver-medal performance in the women's equivalent, reinforcing Jamaica's enduring sprint legacy. Together, these feats arguably solidify the nation's stranglehold on claims to being the sprinting capital of the world.

Yet amid this frenzied euphoria, a stark shadow begins to loom. In the sprint relays, Jamaica continues to relinquish the hegemonic dominance it once wielded so effortlessly.

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FAST LEGS, FRAGILE EXCHANGES: JAMAICA'S RELAY WOES

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behind nations with far fewer individual sprinting credentials. Is the nation's sprinting success collapsing under its own weight? The same foot speed that has led to countless individual medals in the flat sprints looks to be both its Achilles heels and miscues in relay executions. Raw foot speed alone doesn't win relays—and when a sprint powerhouse leans too hard on it, the relay can become the weak link. This is a classic paradox in elite sprint nations.

History judges

It therefore begs the question: why has the rate of failure continued to trend upward in the post-Bolt era? Jamaican fans have grown largely indifferent to outcomes in which the nation's sprint relay teams fail to cross the line first—whether due to poor baton exchanges or batons crashing onto the track. There is a pervasive sense that Jamaica possesses an almost inalienable right to dominate the one-lap relay. Truthfully, the fans cannot be blamed entirely for this skewed mindset, given the manner in which the country dominated the event during the Bolt era. That period saw Jamaica set multiple world records and string together consecutive relay victories, routinely leaving even the mighty United States in their wake.

It is fair to say that the women have, so far, fared better than their male counterparts at the senior level, largely due to greater consistency in short sprint relay execution. However, this success also exposes a lingering conundrum, one that ironically provides cover for a long-standing structural weakness in our system: the difficulty of securing elite athletes for relay camps ahead of major global championships. Despite the growing presence of professional training setups locally, top ranked athletes are increasingly absent from relay camps. As a result, the benefits of sustained practice fluctuate, often undermined by logistical constraints. No doubt, history is judging the country's commitment to maintaining its sprinting glory.

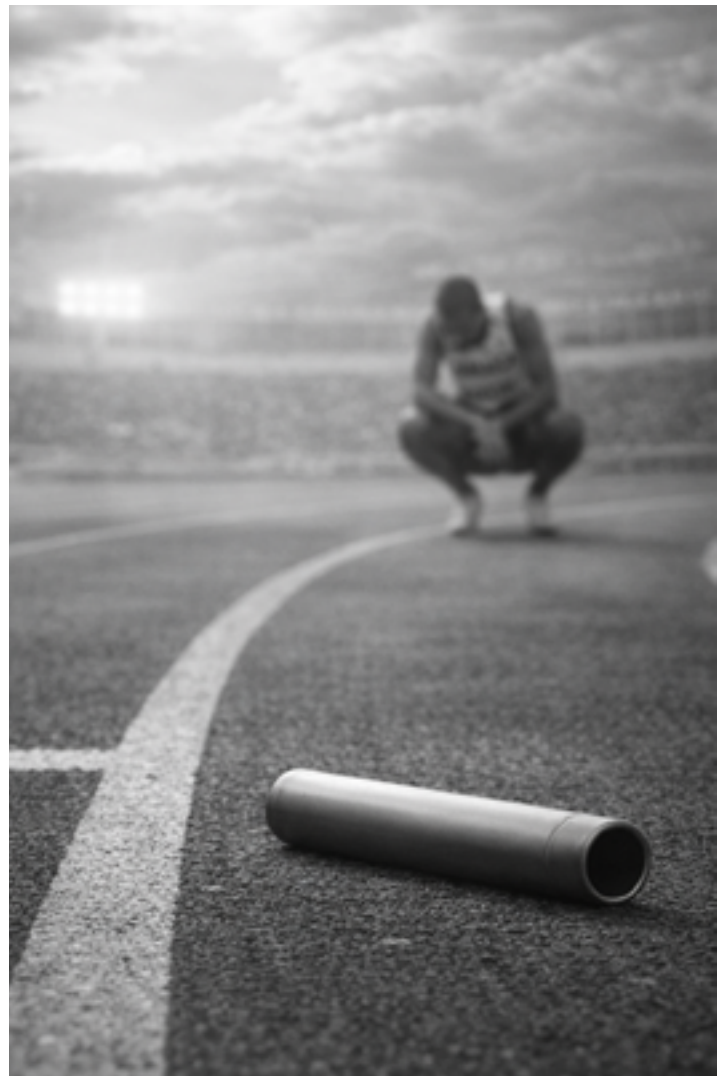
Qualification woes

No longer is there a discernible gap between Jamaica's sprint relay teams and those of the world's top-tier relay nations, and this is evident in the country's recent struggles to qualify for major global championships. While these qualification woes have not been confined to the 4 x 100m relays for men and women, concern deepens as the relays shortest distance is more synonymous with success, and moreover, Jamaicans embraced the

narrative of being the fastest per capita.

The jury remains out on the primary causes of this recent underperformance. Some local track and field aficionados apportion blame to the sport's administrative body, citing transparency concerns and strained relationships with club officials—issues that reportedly complicate logistics and disrupt in-camp training. Others criticize selectors and coaches, pointing to team composition and technical execution during competitions. There may also be deeper, more systemic issues at play.

The same conveyor belt of freakishly fast individuals can undermine relay performance if selections change constantly, leg order is optimized for star power rather than chemistry, and baton work is treated as secondary to individual medal chances.



THE GIBSON McCOOK RELAYS EVOLUTION – WHITHER



Article By:
Denzil Wilks

The Gibson Relays started in 1973 and it is generally accepted that the main driver in this development was Neville “Teddy” McCook. Hence the new name Gibson McCook Relays. It evolved out of an examination of the famous Penn Relays. It is my understanding that Teddy and his team concluded that, given Jamaica’s strength in track and field, we needed to have our own similar festival or carnival, whichever is the preference.

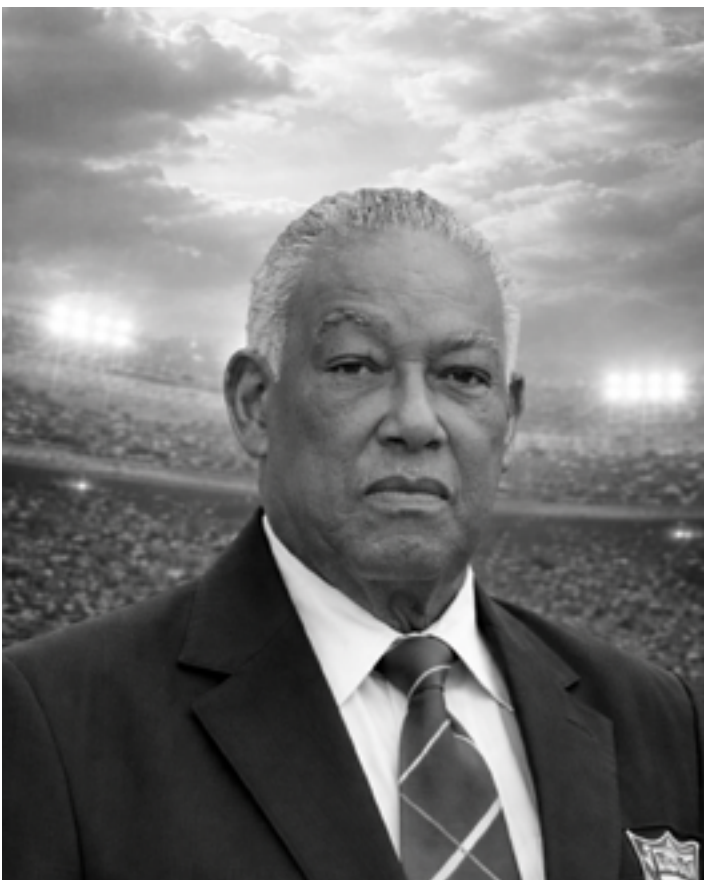
It is not accidental that this event is seen by many as a Kingston College (KC) event. It is Kingston College that was the first Jamaican school that contested the Penn Relays and with great success. History should also recall that KC was instrumental in paving the way for Excelsior and other schools to participate in the Penn Relays. This event is now dominated by Jamaican schools, to the extent that the Americans have, at times, wondered whether the representation is national as against individual schools.

The initiative to develop Jamaica’s own Relay Carnival came at a time when KC had been winning Boys Championship for eleven years in succession and would go on to win for fourteen straight years, an achievement yet unmatched. Teddy McCook proposed that KC take the lead, and given the dominance of KC, the idea of naming the relay event in honour of the erstwhile Bishop of Jamaica, but more importantly, founder and first Principal of KC. This contextual beginning, is not meant to rewrite the history of the Relays, as this has already been done by the erudite and most able Professor Verene Shepherd.

To continue to contextualize, when the Gibson Relays began, it was the premier “pre-Champs” event. In the early 1970s competitive opportunities were mainly confined to two or three schools organizing meets at their respective home grounds. The National Stadium was the only synthetic facility at the time and things remained that way until the 1990s. It was not until after the turn of the century that a number of developments took place, resulting in a major change in the track and field landscape, pun intended.

- A new track was laid at the G. C. Foster College in Spanish Town in 1998.
- This track was completely redone in 2015.
- The international performances of the track and field teams hit a new level after 2007.
- Professional track and field clubs were established and have continued to grow in size and numbers.
- A new synthetic track was laid at the University of the West Indies in 2010.
- The National Stadium tracks were upgraded in 2010-2011.
- A synthetic track was laid at Catherine Hall in 2003.

These developments resulted in local track meets moving from being just between a few schools. The Jamaica Athletic Administrative Association (JAAA) established development meets and with sponsorship



Neville “Teddy” McCook

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G.C. Foster College - Running Track



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from the private sector, meets multiplied over the years. The Western Relay Carnival was established, along with numerous other meets at Catherine Hall and St. Elizabeth Technical High school, which has always had one of the better 400m grass tracks in Jamaica. Along with those facilities just mentioned, the G. C. Foster College, Jamaica College, Calabar High and Excelsior High, along with the National Stadium and Stadium East facilities became busy from as early as December. These meets would continue up to the Boys and Girls Championships and so the Gibson McCook Relays (GMR) was no longer the guide to “Champs”.

The brilliance of our athletes on the international stage, combined with the fact that track clubs were multiplying and locally prepared athletes were excelling, added to the excitement. The GMR managed to hold its own in spite of what could be described as the onslaught of competition. However, attendance waned and the questions began to be raised about the format. The advent of the Diamond League and Grand Prix meets, designed for the media and concentrated over 2-3 hours have become popular and questions began to be raised as to whether the all-day format of the GMR was sustainable. Then came the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the GMR was the only major meet that managed to be staged as contact activity was banned. By 2021, the format had to be changed to just finals as stipulated by Health Officials.

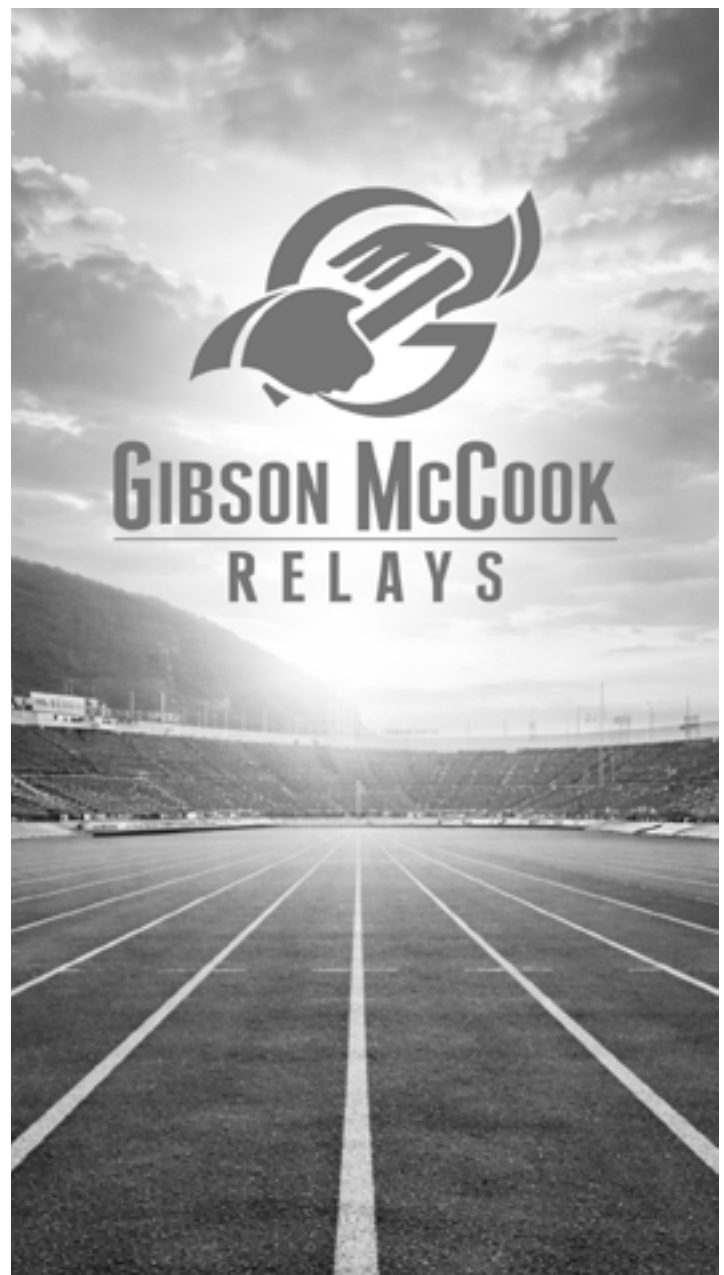
The return to an all-finals format in 2026 has resulted in numerous questions from fans and aficionados. And so, the debate resumes; Should the GMR yield to the pressure of sustainability demands and become a “made for media” event? Or should the meet continue its development role of exposing talent from age 10 years upward?

Clearly the organizers must now reexamine their mandate in the context of all the various developments in the sport. Financial viability must be a key issue as minds muse over the best format for the long term. The decision makers would do well to canvass opinions from all quarters in their quest for the ideal format. Sponsorship can make or break in these circumstances. The positioning of the event from a marketing perspective, is critical to the ultimate decision. The question remains as to whether the main media sponsor would be happy carrying an all-day event or just the finals.

Would the organizers be willing to continue the all-day format, with only the finals being televised live?

Do the organizers want to maintain their role as talent developers by maintaining the all-day format?

Would the organizers dare to contemplate moving to a Penn Relays format and make it a genuinely international event? This may sound preposterous but maybe the very thought would make Neville “Teddy” McCook sit up. After all, this was his initial ambition. There is no harm in thinking and dreaming big.



APPLAUDING TWO GIANTS

KIRKLAND "KIRK" DOUGLAS & HUGH "JACK" MANHERTZ



Article By:
Gregory Spalding

As Kingston College celebrated its centenary in April 2025, the Fortis fraternity reflected on a century shaped by men who embodied the ideals of its founder, Bishop Percival Gibson. Kirkland Douglas (Kirk) and Hugh Manhertz (Jack) were two standout athletes contributing to separate ends of adjoining generations. Both recently transitioned in 2026, but their passing has left a profound emptiness in the KC community and the wider Jamaican track and field family.

Douglas rose to prominence in the late 1960s, and Manhertz earlier in that decade, but both gentlemen carried the same Fortis spirit and are remembered with fondness. They returned to their alma mater as coaches in different decades: Douglas is remembered particularly for his work in the late '70s to the 1980s, and Manhertz for giving of himself in the 1990s. In those years of service, both worked with the legendary weights' trainer William "Youngster" Goldsmith, whose influence shaped aeons of athletes.

Together, the two towers formed part of a coaching lineage, bridged solidly by the venerable George Thompson (George-T), which strengthened KC's dominance in the field of sport, while upholding the values that have defined the school for a century. The merits of the men - discipline, service, and the pursuit

of excellence - were intonations common in the dictum of these pillars of unyielding conviction.

Kirk Douglas: The Quiet Storm

Kirk Douglas was a sprinter/hurdler of rare poise and precision. Calm, quiet, and sturdy in demeanour, he let his performances speak for him—and they spoke loudly. His defining moment came at Champs 1968, a year etched in Jamaican track and field history.

Douglas delivered one of the most commanding hurdle performances ever witnessed at the championships. In the 80m hurdles, he shattered the existing record, clocking 10.6 seconds to erase the previous mark of 11.4 set earlier in the decade by Henry also of KC (1965). He returned in the 100 yards, running a blistering 10.4 seconds, lowering the 10.6 record previously held by Ferguson of Cornwall College (1966).

His brilliance stood tall even in an era when several new records were set, including Donald Quarrie's iconic Class One sprint double of 9.7 seconds (100 yards) and 21.1 seconds (220 yards). Previous marks—9.8 jointly held by Lennox Miller (KC) and Dennis Johnson (Calabar), and 21.8 by Louis Knight of Wolmer's— were established in a wave of athletic excellence.



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APPLAUDING TWO GIANTS

KIRKLAND “KIRK” DOUGLAS & HUGH “JACK” MANHERTZ

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Douglas’s technique was smooth, his temperament unshakeable, and his leadership instinctive. After his KC years, he converted to coaching with quiet fervour, returning to the school in the 1980s before later serving with distinction at Edwin Allen High School. There, he also guided sprint and intermediate hurdlers with the same calm authority that defined his own athletic career.

His athletes remember him as a man who taught not only speed and rhythm, but mastery, with humility and purpose. In this, he walked faithfully in the tradition of Bishop Gibson, a leader who believed that sport was a vehicle for shaping character.

Jack Manhertz: The Confident Flame

Where Douglas was quiet strength, Jack Manhertz was confident fire. Representing KC in the early 1960s, he emerged as one of the most gifted throwers of his generation. Standing tall, his proficiency in the shot put and discus was evident early, and his performances quickly became the stuff of Fortis lore.

So exceptional was Manhertz that, while still a Class Three athlete, he outthrew competitors in Class Two, vindicating his coach’s bold decision to elevate him to compete against an older slate. His dominance was not merely athletic—it was psychological. He spoke with confidence, walked with the gait of self-belief, and carried himself like a champion even before the medals mounted.

In the 1990s, when Manhertz returned to KC as a coach, he brought aspiration and charismatic presence to a new generation of athletes, who hadn’t tasted the sweet success. Staying attuned with the insights of William “Youngster” Goldsmith, he helped refine the strength and conditioning of KC’s throwers, ensuring that the school repositioned its competitiveness across all field events.

His athletes remember him as a mentor who demanded high standards, inspired belief, and understood the deeper purpose of sport. His life echoed the values Teddy McCook championed throughout his administrative career—commitment, consistency, and the conviction that Jamaican athletics could stand tall on any stage.

An Interwoven Legacy

As Kingston College reflects on its first century through

a mirror glazed with athletic achievements, the stories of Douglas and Manhertz affirm that the school’s greatness is built on the shoulders of men who lived its values daily. They were athletes, coaches, mentors, and custodians of a tradition that continues to shape Jamaican sport.

Commiserations to the families, friends, former athletes, and colleagues of Kirk Douglas and Jack Manhertz. We share your grief, but we also share your pride. These men ran their races with honour. They served with distinction and conviction. They uplifted generations. Their memories are fittingly honoured in this 2026 edition of the Gibson/McCook Relays Magazine, as both are aligned to the enduring legacies of the Honourable Neville “Teddy” McCook and Bishop Percival Gibson, the Lord’s servant.

May their memories continue to inspire all who strive, all who serve, and all who believe in the transformative power of our sport. Their legacy is secure. It lives in the records they set, the athletes they shaped, the programmes they strengthened, and the values they embodied.

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Event 1 Women Long Jump OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:00 PM

Sponsor: T GEDDES GRANT (HILIBORANGE)

Meet Record: 6.63m 2/28/2015 Shanieka Thomas

Pos	Name	Age	Team	Seed Mark
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Flight 1 of 1 Finals

1	Francis, Kishauna		St Catherine	
2	Wilson, Seana		Alpha	
3	Henlon, Mickelia		Holland High	
4	Longmore, Mikayla		Holmwood	
5	Housen, Malia		Mount Alverna	
6	Chambers, Rihanna		St Catherine	
7	Atkinson, Sabrina		Hydel	
8	Palmer, Sackoya		St Mary High	
9	Dunkley, Jenice		Hydel	
10	Robinson, Jaeda		Immaculate	
11	Price, Rajana		Alpha	
12	Malcolm, Asasia		Utech	
13	Morgan, Melissa		Unattached	
14	Powell, Canniga		Utech	
15	Smith, Ackelia		Puma	

Event 2 Men High Jump OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:00 PM

Sponsor: CIBC CARIBBEAN

Meet Record: 2.24m 2/25/2023 Lushane Wilson

Meet Record: 2.25m 2024 Raymond Richards

Pos	Name	Age	Team	Seed Mark
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Flight 1 of 1 Finals

1	Lewis, Desjaun		St Mary High	
2	Williams, Rajae		Titchfield	
3	Neil, Michael Jordan		KC	
4	Nisbett, Zackery		KC	
5	Thomas, Kabiki		KC	
6	James, Jaidi		JC	
7	Haynes, Tejahni		KC	
8	Distin, Santino		Steths	
9	Humphrey, Horatio		MVP	
10	Wilson, Lushane		GC Foster	
11	Richards, Raymond		MVP	

Event 3 Men Pole Vault OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:00 PM

Sponsor: JAMAICA BISCUIT COMPANY (BERMUDEZ)

Meet Record: 4.42m 2/22/2014 Xavier Bolan

Pos	Name	Age	Team	Seed Mark
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Flight 1 of 1 Finals

1	Williams, Tajay		Excelsior	
2	Phillip, Shyiem		KC	
3	Clarke, Addison		Wolmer's Boys	
4	Gordon, Jareek		Excelsior	
5	Scott, Malik		KC	
6	Richards, Dominic		Wolmer's Boys	
7	Walters, Liam		JC	
8	Hudson, Jordon		Wolmer's Boys	
9	Howard, Ryheim		Wolmer's Boys	
10	Maitland, Bryson		Excelsior	
11	Bailey, Trey Nicholi		JC	
12	McKenzie, Mikail		JC	
13	Thomas, Kabiki		KC	
14	Grant, Kevaun		Excelsior	
15	O'Neil, Tedre		JC	
16	Cooke, Anthony		Wolmer's Boys	
17	Clement, Jurel		KC	
18	Reid, Isaac		KC	
19	Souden, Jaquan		Happy Grove	
20	Facey, Daniel		JC	
21	Lewis, Al'J		Steths	



GIBSON McCOOK RELAYS 2026

Data Management by On Di Run MEET PROGRAMME

Event 4 Boys Under 10 4x100 Meter Relay PREP SCHOOL

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:00 PM

JOAN DUNCAN FOUNDATION

Meet Record: 54.29 2013 Vaz Prep

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Hydell
- 2 Vaz Prep
- 3 Mona
- 4 Our Lady OF The
- 5 Sts Peter & Paul
- 6 St Andrew Prep
- 7 Lannamans Prep
- 8 Emmanuel

Event 5 Boys Under 10 4x100 Meter Relay PRIMARY SCHO

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:05 PM

CAL'S MANUFACTURING

Meet Record: 53.26 2/22/2025 Ascot Primary

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 4 Corinaldi Ave Pr
- 5 Spanish Town

Event 6 Boys 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay PRIMARY SCHO

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:10 PM

P.A. BENJAMIN MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED

Meet Record: 50.97 2/25/2023 Spanish Town Primary

J FENTON, J FINDLEY, D FOSTER, A MINTO

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 2 Spanish Town
- 3 St Johns Primary
- 4 Craighead Primar
- 5 Red Hills
- 6 Angels Primary
- 7 Iris Gelly Prima
- 8 Corinaldi Ave Pr

Event 7 Girls 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay PREP SCHOOLS

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:15 PM

NESTLE (MILO)

Meet Record: 52.41 2019 Hydell Prep

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Stella Maris Pre
- 2 Emmanuel
- 3 Our Lady OF The
- 4 Mona
- 5 Vaz Prep
- 6 Sts Peter & Paul
- 7 St Andrew Prep
- 8 Ardenne Prep

Event 8 Boys 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay PREP SCHOOLS

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:20 PM

SHERWIN WILLIAMS

Meet Record: 49.83 2/22/2025 Hydell Prep

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Hydell
- 2 Vaz Prep
- 3 Emmanuel
- 4 Ardenne Prep
- 5 Sts Peter & Paul
- 6 Mt. St. Josephs
- 7 St Andrew Prep
- 8 Mona



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Data Management by On Di Run MEET PROGRAMME

Event 9 Girls 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay PRIMARY SCHO

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:25 PM

GATES TRADING

Meet Record: 51.58 2019 Naggo Head Primary

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 2 Spanish Town
- 3 Corinaldi Ave Pr
- 4 Half Way Tree
- 5 Windwary Road PR
- 6 Angels Primary

Event 10 Girls 17-18 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 1

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:30 PM

Sponsor: UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 43.37 2/26/2022 Edwin Allen High

C SERENA, C TINA, B Hall, C TIA

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Mount Alverna
- 2 Holy Childhood
- 3 Immaculate
- 4 St Jago
- 5 Edwin Allen
- 6 Hydell
- 7 Holmwood
- 8 Excelsior

Event 11 Girls 15-16 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 2

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:35 PM

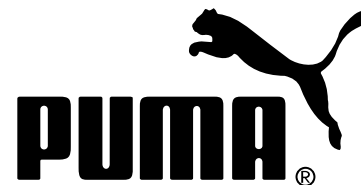
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CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 43.73 2/29/2020 Edwin Allen High

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Holy Childhood
- 2 Immaculate
- 3 Wolmer's Girls
- 4 Holmwood
- 5 Hydell
- 6 Edwin Allen
- 7 St Jago
- 8 VERE



GIBSON McCOOK RELAYS 2026

Data Management by On Di Run MEET PROGRAMME

Event 12 Girls 13-14 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 3

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:40 PM

Sponsor: MUSSON JAMAICA LIMITED (NUPAK AND SEMOLA)

Meet Record: 44.59 2019 Edwin Allen High
T. Clayton, T. Clayton, S. Cole, B. Johnson

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Immaculate
- 2 St Mary High
- 3 VERE
- 4 Edwin Allen
- 5 Holmwood
- 6 St Jago
- 7 Alpha
- 8 Wolmer's Girls

Event 13 Girls 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 4

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:45 PM

Sponsor: JAMAICA BISCUIT COMPANY (HOLIDAY SNACKS)

Meet Record: 47.23 2017 Hydel High

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Hydel
- 2 Wolmer's Girls
- 3 Immaculate
- 4 Alpha
- 5 Edwin Allen
- 6 VERE
- 7 Holmwood
- 8 Steths

Event 14 Women 4x100 Meter Relay CLUBS

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:50 PM

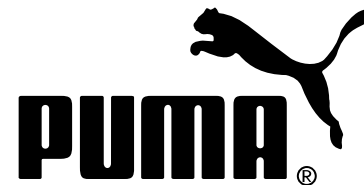
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Meet Record: 43.06 2/22/2025 SprinTec Track Club

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 2 Uwi Mona
- 3 Utech Track Club
- 4 SprinTec
- 5 GC Foster
- 6 Swept
- 7 Utech
- 8 Mico



GIBSON McCOOK RELAYS 2026

Data Management by On Di Run MEET PROGRAMME

Event 15 Men 4x100 Meter Relay CLUBS

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 4:55 PM
Sponsor: ZDA CONSTRUCTION
CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 38.08 2010 RACERS LION

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 2 Finals

- 1 G C Lions
- 2 Swept
- 3 Antigua & Barbud
- 4 SprinTec
- 5 Barbados
- 6 Dymanic Speed
- 7 Racers
- 8 Utech

Section 2 of 2 Finals

- 4 Uwi Mona
- 5 GC Foster
- 6 EXED
- 7 Mico
- 8 Utech Track Club

Event 16 Boys 16-18 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 1

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 5:05 PM
Sponsor: WISYNCO
CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 39.32 2015 Calabar High

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 St George's
- 2 Clarendon Col
- 3 Steths
- 4 JC
- 5 Edwin Allen
- 6 Calabar
- 7 Excelsior
- 8 KC

Event 17 Boys 14-15 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 2

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 5:10 PM
Sponsor: JTA CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION
CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 40.65 2014 Kingston College

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Steths
- 2 St Jago
- 3 Excelsior
- 4 KC
- 5 JC
- 6 Calabar
- 7 Edwin Allen
- 8 Wolmer's Boys

Event 18 Boys 13 Year Olds 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 3

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 5:15 PM
Sponsor: UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Meet Record: 41.83 2014 Calabar High

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Manchester
- 2 Steths
- 3 St George's
- 4 St Jago
- 5 JC
- 6 KC
- 7 Calabar
- 8 Wolmer's Boys



GIBSON McCOOK RELAYS 2026

Data Management by On Di Run MEET PROGRAMME

Event 19 Boys 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 4

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 5:20 PM

Sponsor: JOAN DUNCAN FOUNDATION (JMFB)

Meet Record: 44.38 2014 Calabar High

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Champion
- 2 Excelsior
- 3 Herbert Morrison
- 4 St Jago
- 5 Wolmer's Boys
- 6 KC
- 7 JC
- 8 Calabar

Event 20 Mixed 4x100 Meter Relay SPECIAL OLYM

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 5:25 PM

Sponsor: EASTWOOD LIMITED

Meet Record: 46.06 2005 SOJ St. Ann

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 2 Kingston B
- 3 St Catherine B
- 4 St Catherine A
- 5 St Andrew B
- 6 Kingston C
- 7 St Andrew A
- 8 Kingston A

Event 21 Men 4x100 Meter Relay MASTERS

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 5:30 PM

Sponsor: TOOLS HARDWARE LIMITED

Meet Record: 43.50 2016 CAN/JAM MASTERS

D RYAN, R REID, L McEWAN, E KEENE

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Ebony Masters
- 2 Jamaica Masters
- 3 Express
- 4 Jamaica Elite
- 5 Big Brother
- 6 Elite Masters
- 7 416 Masters
- 8 Police Masters

Event 22 Women High Jump OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 6:10 PM

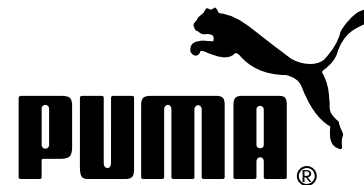
Sponsor: K & S CATERERS

Meet Record: 1.89m 2000 Karen Beutle

Pos	Name	Age	Team	Seed Mark
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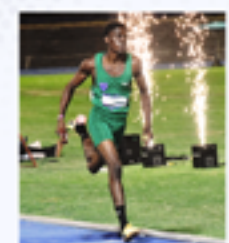
Flight 1 of 1 Finals

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| 1 | Bernard, Zavien | | Hydel | |
| 2 | Palmer, Sackoya | | St Mary High | |
| 3 | Treasure, Gabriella | | St Catherine | |
| 4 | Housen, Malia | | Mount Alverna | |
| 5 | Robinson, Desta | | Hydel | |
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| 7 | Francis, Kishauna | | St Catherine | |
| 8 | Morris, Sharrian | | Alpha | |





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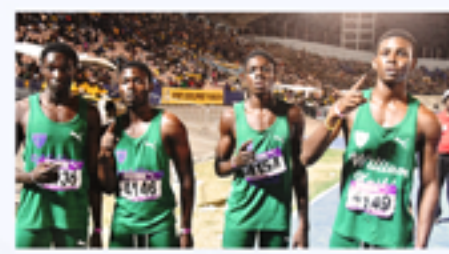




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Event 23 Men Long Jump OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 6:10 PM

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CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 8.34m 2/22/2025 Tajay Gayle

Pos	Name	Age	Team	Seed	Mark
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Flight 1 of 1 Finals

1	Botia, Leonard		Bethlehem		
2	Cato, J'Aivar		JC		
3	Edwards, Michael-Andre		JC		
4	Archibald, Emanuel		Swept		
5	Allen, Aubrey		Swept		
6	Phillips, Mark		Utech		
7	Thompson, Shawn-D		SprinTec		
8	Tomlinson, David		GC Foster		
9	McLeod, Savaughney		GC Foster		
10	Gayle, Tajay		Puma		
11	Walters, Rodeeki		Steths		

Event 24 Women 60 Meter Dash OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 6:10 PM

TVJ (RJR GROUP)

Meet Record: 7.02 2/25/2023 Tina Clayton

Lane	Name	Age	Team	Seed	Time
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Section 1 of 2 Finals

1	Nugent, Ackera		Racers		
2	Sloley, Krystal		Utech		
3	Williams, Sada		MVP		
4	Cole, Serena		Swept		
5	Terrelonge, Theianna-Lee		Uptimum		
6	Niles, Kishawna		Utech		
7	Hill, Kerrica		MVP		
8	Wedderburn-Goodison, Nia		Dymanic Speed		

Section 2 of 2 Finals

1	Bascombe, Shaniqua		Uptimum		
2	Williams, Jodean		SprinTec		
3	Morrison, Natasha		MVP		
4	Clayton, Tia		MVP		
5	Williams, Levanya		Dymanic Speed		
6	Smith, Jonielle		MVP		
7	Clayton, Tina		MVP		
8	Strachan, Anthonique		MVP		

Event 25 Men 60 Meter Dash OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 6:18 PM

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Meet Record: 6.42 2/25/2023 Ackeem Blake

Lane	Name	Age	Team	Seed	Time
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Section 1 of 3 Finals

1	McGregor, Ainsley		Wolmer's Boys		
2	Maynard, Justin		Utech		
3	Williams, Shakur		Titans		
4	Williams, Martino		Mico		
5	Ellis, Nigel		Elite		
6	Compton, McKish		SprinTec		
7	Kerr, Adrian		Dymanic Speed		
8	Daley, Deandre		Adidas		

Section 2 of 3 Finals

1	Dunkley, Javorne		Elite		
2	Nkrumie, Bouwahjgie		Racers		
3	Greene, Cejhae		MVP		
4	Campbell, Michael		MVP		
5	Thomas, Javari		Dymanic Speed		
6	Davison, Sandrey		SprinTec		
7	Foster, Rasheed		Mico		
8	Dennis, Sachin		Elite		

Section 3 of 3 Finals

1	Levell, Bryan		Uptimum		
2	Ebanks, Nishion		MVP		
3	Goldson, Kadrian		SprinTec		
4	Thompson, Kishane		MVP		
5	Blake, Ackeem		Dymanic Speed		
6	Watson, Rohan		MVP		
7	McPherson, Odaine		SprinTec		
8	Rodney, Brendon		SprinTec		



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Event 26 Women 400 Meter Dash OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 6:40 PM

Sponsor: TYRE WAREHOUSE AUTOMOTIVE (JETOUR)

Meet Record: 51.23 2/22/2014 Stephenie McPherson

Lane	Name	Age	Team	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

1	Harris, Deandra		Utech	
2	Powell, Breanna		Utech	
3	Clayton, Rushell		Elite	
4	Brady, Annalice		Utech	
5	Knoght, Andrenette		Elite	
6	Josephs, Janielle		MVP	
7	Anderson, Shana Kaye		Utech	
8	Charles, Hannah		Utech	

Event 27 Men 400 Meter Dash OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 6:44 PM

Sponsor: FIRST GLOBAL BANK

Meet Record: 45.50 1984 Bertland Cameron

Lane	Name	Age	Team	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 2 Finals

1	White, Jamar		Uptimum	
2	Blair, Nicholas		Bethlehem	
3	Wallace, Zachary		Elite	
4	Murray, Demar		Titans	
5	Luke, Dennick		Racers	
6	Symister, Roshane		MVP	
7	Hyman, Tyrece		Titans	
8	Davis, Kemar		Dymanic Speed	

Section 2 of 2 Finals

1	Francis, Demar		Eagles	
2	Wilson, Assine		Titans	
3	Chambers, Shemar		Uptimum	
4	Watkin, Deandre		Elite	
5	Barnes, Zandrión		SprinTec	
6	Miller, Wendell		MVP	
7	Kennedy, Delano		Uptimum	
8	James-King, Malik		Titans	

Event 28 Men 1500 Meter Run OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 6:30 PM

Sponsor: CINITECH ENGINEERING

Meet Record: 3:52.06 2/22/2025 Ryan Achau

Lane	Name	Age	Team	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

1	Achau, Ryan		St Jago	
2	Campbell, Michael		MVP	
3	Burke, Jadau		Bethlehem	
4	Brown, Aldaine		Bethlehem	
5	James, Jauvaney		Elite	
6	Sterling, Thywaine		William Knibb	
7	Amponsah, Dominic		JC	
8	Tetteh, Evans		JC	
9	Wanjiku, Chris		KC	
10	Itubo, Julius		KC	
11	Campbell, Omar		GC Foster	
12	Mills, Jordan		GC Foster	
13	Thomas, Amiel		GC Foster	
14	Walker, Rahiem		Vip T C	



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Event 30 Girls 10-18 1600 Sprint Medley HS OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 6:55 PM
JAMAICA ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATION (JAAA)
 Meet Record: 3:55.77 2/26/2022 Holmwood Technical
 A Palmer, A Brady, R Russell, S Pryce

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 St Catherine
- 2 Holmwood
- 3 The Queen's
- 4 Alphansus Davis
- 5 Steths
- 6 Hydel
- 7 Edwin Allen
- 8 St Jago

Event 31 Boys 10-18 1600 Sprint Medley HS OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 7:05 PM
WISYNCO
 Meet Record: 3:25.99 2019 Enid Bennett High
 C. Gordon, A. Green, K. Perry, L. Murphy

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Port Antonio
- 2 Morant Bay
- 3 Calabar
- 4 Charlemont
- 5 Alphansus Davis
- 6 KC
- 7 B.B. Coke
- 8 JC

Event 32 Girls 10-18 4x200 Meter Relay HS OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 7:15 PM
 Sponsor: GRACE FOODS
CHAMPIONSHIP
 Meet Record: 1:33.17 2/25/2023 Hydel High

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Holy Childhood
- 2 Immaculate
- 3 Port Antonio
- 4 Edwin Allen
- 5 Hydel
- 6 St Jago
- 7 Holmwood
- 8 Alpha



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Event 33 Boys 16-18 4x200 Meter Relay CLASS 1

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 7:22 PM

Sponsor: TVJ (RJR GROUP)

CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 1:24.67 1992 Jamaica College

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Steths
- 2 KC
- 3 Excelsior
- 4 William Knibb
- 5 Calabar
- 6 St Catherine
- 7 Herbert Morrison
- 8 JC

Event 34 Boys 14-15 4x200 Meter Relay CLASS 2

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 7:29 PM

Sponsor: I-KARE MEDICAL

CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 1:25.30 2014 Kingston College

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Herbert Morrison
- 2 William Knibb
- 3 JC
- 4 Excelsior
- 5 KC
- 6 Calabar
- 7 Wolmer's Boys
- 8 St George's

Event 35 Boys 13 Year Olds 4x200 Meter Relay CLASS 3

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 7:36 PM

Sponsor: DAIRY INDUSTRIES

Meet Record: 1:31.30 2/22/2025 Calabar High

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 William Knibb
- 2 Herbert Morrison
- 3 Manchester
- 4 St Jago
- 5 JC
- 6 Calabar
- 7 KC
- 8 Wolmer's Boys



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Event 36 Boys 10-12 4x200 Meter Relay CLASS 4

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 7:43 PM

Sponsor: COLDWELL BANKER JAMAICA LTD.

Meet Record: 1:34.71 2010 Wolmer's Boys School

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Herbert Morrison
- 2 Cornwall
- 3 Campion
- 4 JC
- 5 KC
- 6 Wolmer's Boys
- 7 Calabar
- 8 Steths

Event 37 Girls 10-18 4x800 Meter Relay HS OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 7:50 PM

Sponsor: ADVANCED SCALES & EQUIPMENT

CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 8:46.40 2018 Edwin Allen High

K. Grant, S Ingram, C. Donald, J. McLean

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Steths
- 2 Immaculate
- 3 Edwin Allen
- 4 Hydel
- 5 Alphansus Davis
- 6 Sydney Pagon
- 7 Holmwood
- 8 Alpha
- 9 Bellefield
- 10 St Jago
- 11 Team Jamaica Bickle

Event 38 Boys 10-18 4x800 Meter Relay HS OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 8:05 PM

Sponsor: RAINBOW AWNINGS & CUSTOM PRODUCTS LIMITED

CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 7:24.30 2/26/2022 Jamaica College

O Davis, H Roban, K Bygrave, J Blake

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Bellefield
- 2 Calabar
- 3 KC
- 4 JC
- 5 Holmwood
- 6 Munro College
- 7 Port Antonio
- 8 Edwin Allen
- 9 Clarendon Col
- 10 Alphansus Davis
- 11 Steths
- 12 Tacius Golding



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Event 40 Men 4x400 Meter Relay CLUBS

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 8:20 PM

Sponsor: PUMA

CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 3:03.18 2015 UTECH

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 EXED
- 2 Uwi Mona
- 3 GC Foster
- 4 Mico
- 5 Titans
- 6 Racers
- 7 SprinTec
- 8 Utech Track Club

Event 42 Boys 10-18 4x400 Meter Relay HS OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 8:45 PM

Sponsor: PUMA

CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 3:07.00 2014 Calabar High

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 Calabar
- 2 Steths
- 3 Excelsior
- 4 Holmwood
- 5 KC
- 6 JC
- 7 Edwin Allen
- 8 St George's

Event 41 Girls 10-18 4x400 Meter Relay HS OPEN

Saturday 2/28/2026 - 8:30 PM

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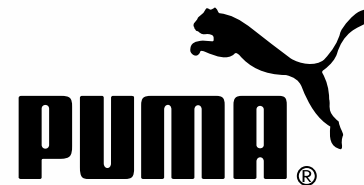
CHAMPIONSHIP

Meet Record: 3:33.34 2013 Vere Technical

Lane	Team	Relay	Seed Time
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Section 1 of 1 Finals

- 1 St Jago
- 2 Mount Alverna B
- 3 Excelsior
- 4 Holmwood
- 5 Hydel
- 6 VERE
- 7 Edwin Allen
- 8 Immaculate
- 9 Team Jarnaica Bickle





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4 x 100m Primary School Boys Under 10	Cal's Manufacturing
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4 x 100m Prep School Boys Under 12	Sherwin Williams (W.I.) Limited
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4 x 100m High School Boys Class II (Under 16)	JTA Co-op Credit Union
4 x 100m High School Boys Class III (Under 14)	Universal Service Fund
4 x 100m High School Boys Class IV (Under 13)	JMMB-Joan Duncan Foundation
4 x 100m Institution Men	ZDA Construction
4 x 100m Institution Women	Western Union
4 x 100m High School Girls (Under 19)	Universal Service Fund
4 x 100m High School Girls (Under 17)	Diverse Services & Constr. Ltd.
4 x 100m High School Girls (Under 15)	Musson Jamaica (Nupak)
4 x 100 High School Girls (Under 13)	Jamaica Biscuit Company (Holiday Snacks)
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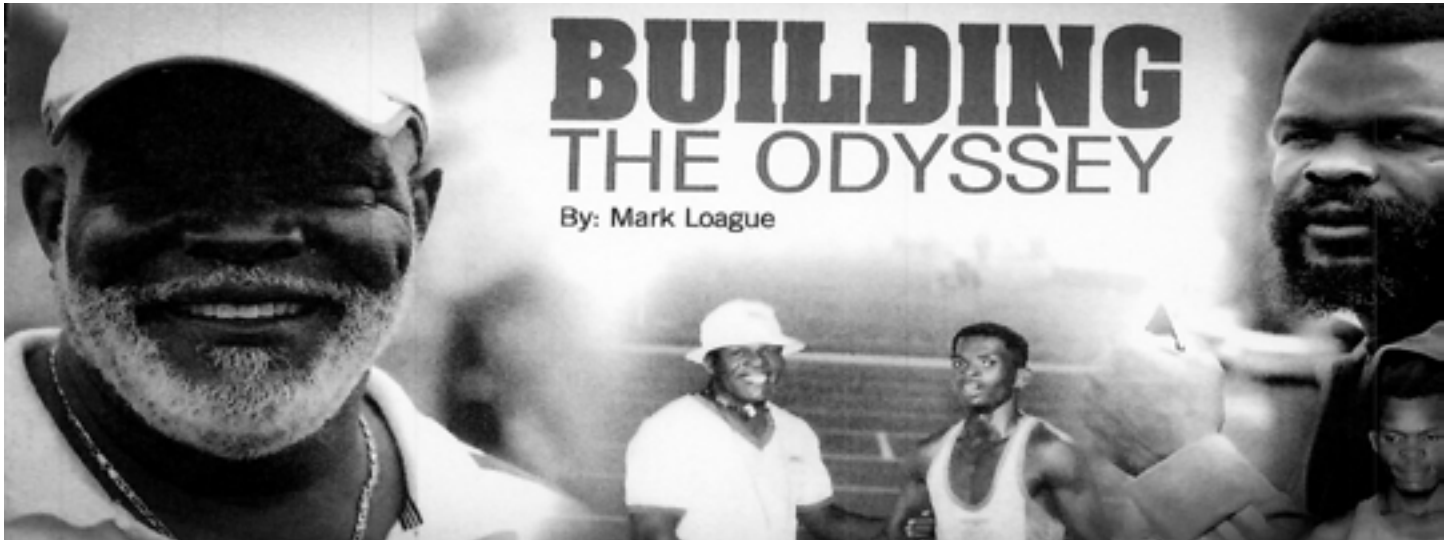
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400m Women Open	Tyre Warehouse Automotive (Jetour)
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Sprint Medley High School Girls Open -Champ.	Wisynco
4 x 200m High School Girls Open- Champ.	Grace Foods
4 x 200m High School Boys Class I (Under 19) -Champ.	TVJ
4 x 200m High School Boys Class II (Under 16) -Champ.	I KARE Medical Technologies Ltd.
4 x 200m High School Boys Class III (Under 14)	Dairy Industries
4 x 200m High School Boys Class IV (Under 13)	Coldwell Bank Jamaica
4 x 400m Institution Men- Championship	PUMA
4 x 400m High School Girls Open – Champ.	PUMA
4 x 400m High School Boys Open – Champ.	PUMA



BUILDING AN ODYSSEY



Article By:
Mark Loague



Vinton O Powell was educated at Bryce Primary School and Holmwood Technical High School, where he represented the latter in 1959-60, before entering the Mico Teachers' College in 1962 to receive training for his future profession. At Mico, he exhibited more than the willingness of a country boy who had come to the Capital in awe. He took Mico by storm, mainly because of his prowess in athletic sports, specializing in the middle to long distance races. While still at Mico he dominated the 1500m, the 3000m, the 5000m and the Steeplechase with occasional sorties into the 800m. He was, without a doubt, one of the dominant athletes of the era and extended his commanding position at the inter-collegiate level (Champion Athlete in 1964) into the National Competitions.

Interestingly, in 1967 there was a twin Meet held over two consecutive weekends at the National Stadium between Jamaica and the University of Miami, and this was the period he chose to give perhaps his best performance over any two week stretch of his life. On Friday of the first weekend he broke the 1,500 metres record, then followed up with the three mile record on the following Saturday. The Steeplechase record was broken on Friday of the next week. Other victories followed that same year, some of them over other distances such as the marathon and the 5000 metres.

Throughout the rest of the seventies and into the eighties Vinton continued on his winning ways and actually represented his country at the 8th Commonwealth

Games, the Central America and Caribbean Games in Puerto Rico and the CAC

Games in Cuba where he was the Team Captain.

Changes had taken place in Vinton's life in the late sixties. In addition to performing, Vinton started coaching and assisting in the continuing development of our rich legacy. He started his career as a school coach at Kingston High School, previously Kingston Senior, in 1967 and served there until 1980. He was part of the team that organized a competition amongst the reclassified group of schools. In 1974 when Kingston High introduced a double shift, he worked in the mornings then left for St. George's in the afternoons to work alongside Dennis Johnson, and continued with this arrangement until 1976.

In 1980 Vinton took time off to prepare for the future by taking up a scholarship at Gutenberg University in West Germany where he secured an Advanced Coaching Diploma. In 1982, he returned to St. George's and remained there until 1990. His third stint at St. George's started in 2003 and is still in progress.

Vinton has established himself as a talented practitioner in his field, who has committed himself to giving back of his expertise. He has served as an Official at Meets from as far back as 1974 and covered many areas namely: Time Keeping, Judging and Starting. In addition to that

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early group of organizers he served as President of the National Track and Field Coaches Association which was launched in 1975 with the following executive: Chairman – Herb McKenley, Secretary- Dennis Johnson, Treasurer- Al Phillips, Asst. Treasurer- Freddie Green, First V.P. – Glen Mills, Second V.P. - Howard Aris and Third V.P. – Lister Haughton James. The others who

formed the foundation membership were no less distinguished and the guidelines spoke to passing on the expertise, primarily to the coaches and secondarily to the athletes. This was before the establishment of the G.C. Foster Institution. If you are in search of another significant reason for the continuing legacy behind Usain, Asafa and Shelly-Ann etc, note this and bear in mind that our honouree this year is a silent but integral part of our odyssey.

It is little wonder then that in 1984 the St. George's College Old Boys in their Newsletter, paid tribute to Sportsmaster Vinton Powell for the significant improvement of its athletic performance after 59 years.

It is too, little wonder that The Mico Teachers Training College, in commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the institution, selected Vinton Powell as the sole male awardee.

Thank you Vinton, we appreciate your service to us at ISSA, to coaching as a profession and to athletic sports as a means of entertainment and development.

Vinton O Powell sadly passed away on December 14, 2025. The Gibson McCook Relays Organizing Committee extends our sincerest condolences to his family, friends and every athlete whose life Vinton has helped to shape.





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Dorothy Hobson, OD

“She did not simply play sport — she built structures that allowed others to dream.”

The Gibson McCook Relays has long celebrated individuals whose lives reflect discipline, excellence and service to Jamaican sport. Among those towering figures stands the late Dorothy Hobson, OD — a woman whose influence reached far beyond the cricket pitch and whose impact resonates across classrooms, playing fields and administrative corridors throughout Jamaica.

Dorothy Hobson passed away on January 10, 2026, leaving behind a legacy defined by courage, leadership and quiet strength. While widely celebrated as one of the pioneers of women’s cricket in the Caribbean, her life’s work extended deeply into education, sport governance and youth development — including meaningful contributions to the culture of track and field in Jamaica.

A Cricketing Trailblazer

Born on November 11, 1946, Dorothy Hobson emerged at a time when opportunities for women in sport were limited. Undeterred, she became one of the foundational figures of Jamaican and West Indies women’s cricket.

She represented Jamaica at the historic 1973 Women’s Cricket World Cup — the first of its kind — and was

among the early members of the West Indies Women’s team in the mid-1970s. A disciplined right-hand batter and right-arm off-break bowler, Hobson embodied technical excellence and tactical intelligence.

Yet her true distinction lay not only in her performance, but in her persistence. She helped lay the groundwork upon which generations of Caribbean women cricketers would stand.

After her competitive career, she transitioned seamlessly into leadership — serving as captain, coach, selector and mentor. She later coached the West Indies Women’s team at the 1993 Women’s Cricket World Cup and played a pivotal role in rebuilding Jamaica’s women’s cricket programme.

The Educator: Forming Minds and Character

If the cricket field displayed her skill, the classroom revealed her calling.

Dorothy Hobson served with distinction at Camperdown High School, St. Andrew High School for Girls, and Campion College — three institutions synonymous with excellence in Jamaican education. At Campion College in particular, she was revered as Sportsmaster, shaping not only teams but young lives. She also coached at St. Hugh’s High School.

Students remember her as firm yet nurturing, disciplined yet deeply invested in their success. She believed that sport was a vehicle for character formation — that punctuality, preparation, teamwork and respect were life skills as much as athletic ones.

Her influence extended beyond cricket. She encouraged broad participation in athletics and inter-school competitions, understanding that Jamaica’s sporting identity is rooted not in one discipline, but in a culture of movement and excellence.

Administrator and Advocate for Women in Sport

Dorothy Hobson belonged to that generation of educators who saw no separation between teaching and service.

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THE PURPLE DIARY 2026



JAAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025 - 2026



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
2025		
OCTOBER		
6	JATAFCA National Coaches Day	
11	JAAA Calendar Conference	JAAA Office/Online
11	Hotel Invitational Championships	TBD
18-26	CAC Games	Quetzaltenango, GUA
NOVEMBER		
9	Burger King Portmore 5K and 4x1500m Relays	New Kingston
23	CB Group UWI 5K	UWI Mona
TBD	JAAA National XC Championships	GC Foster College
DECEMBER		
4	JAAA AGM	Jamaica College
7	Reggae Marathon, Half Marathon & 10K	Kingston
13	Tyser Mills Development Meet	GC Foster College
13	Wesley Powell Benjamins Track and Field Meet	Excelsior High School
20	Foga Road Over-Distance Meet	Foga Road High, Clarendon
28	Old Harbour Bay/ Neville Myton 5K	Old Harbour Bay, St. Catherine

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2026		
JANUARY		
3	Ted Dwyer Classics & Pentathlon Challenge	EXED Community College
9	OnDiRun/ JC Sprint Fest 200	Jamaica College
10	Jamaica College Invitational	Jamaica College
17	Douglas Forrest Invitational	Stadium East
17	JAAA/PUMA Fuller Anderson Meet	GC Foster College
17	Manchester High School/Charlie Fuller Field Events Meet	Manchester High School
17	Montego Bay Comets Development Meet	Montego Bay, St James
17	World Class Development Meet	Jamaica College
23	OnDiRun/ GC Foster Sprint Fest 100	GC Foster College
23	Javelin Fest	Jamaica College
24	Central Hurdles Relays & Field Events	GC Foster College
24	McKenley/ Wint Invitational Meet	Calabar High School
24	Big Shot Invitational Meet	Excelsior High School
24	Dr. Sanders Invitational (INDOOR)	New York, USA
31	STETHS Invitational Meet	Santa Cruz, St. Elizabeth
31	Queen's/Grace Jackson Track Meet	National Stadium, St Andrew
31	NY International Showcase (INDOOR)	Staten Island, New York

THE PURPLE DIARY 2026 - CONT'D.



JAAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025 - 2026



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
2026		
FEBRUARY		
1	Milrose Games	New York, USA
7	Fervet Distance Carnival	Jamaica College
7	JAAA/PUMA Development Meet	Jamalco Sports Club, Clarendon
7	Youngster Goldsmith Classics	National Stadium, St. Andrew
14	Camperdown Classic	National Stadium, St. Andrew
14	King of the Ring	Excelsior High School
14	Western Relays	GC Foster College
16-17	Eastern Championships (REGIONAL MEET)	National Stadium, St. Andrew
20-21	Corporate Area Development Meet (REGIONAL MEET)	Jamaica College
17, 21	Western Champs (REGIONAL MEET)	GC Foster College
21	S.W. Isaac Henry Invitational	National Stadium, St. Andrew
24-25	Central Championships (REGIONAL MEET)	GC Foster College
28	Gibson McCook Relays	National Stadium, St. Andrew

MARCH		
6-8	JAAA Carifta Trials	National Stadium, St. Andrew
7	NACAC Road Running Championships	TBD
7	QWICK Meet	GC Foster College
14	GC Foster Classic	GC Foster College
TBA	Melbourne 5K	Kingston
20-22	World Athletics Indoor Championships	Kujawy Pomorze, POL
21	Velocity Fest #18	National Stadium, St. Andrew
21	Greater Portmore Primary School Track Meet	Greater Portmore, St Catherine
24-28	ISSA/Grace Kennedy Boys and Girls Championships	National Stadium, St. Andrew

APRIL		
4-6	Carifta Games	St. George's, GRN
11	Ricky Martin Invitational Primary School Meet	Stadium East, St Andrew
11	Prep & Primary School Invitational	Cornwall College, Montego Bay
16	Inter-Collegiate Track & Field Championships	GC Foster College
18	KC / Prep Primary Development Meet	Kingston College (Melbourne)
18	NACAC New Life Invitational	TBD
18	Naggo Head Classics	TBD
18	Velocity Fest #19	National Stadium, St. Andrew
23-25	PENN RELAYS	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
24-25	DRAKE RELAYS	Des Moines, Iowa



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JAAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025- 2026



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
2026		
MAY		
2-3	World Athletics Relays	Gaborone, BOT
2	East Coast International Showcase	Maryland, USA
7	World In Athletics Day	Jamalco Sports Club, Halse Hall
7	World Kids in Athletics Day	Jamalco Sports Club, Halse Hall
7-9	INSPORTS Western Primary Schools Championships	Santa Cruz, St. Elizabeth
8	Doha Diamond League	Doha, QATAR
9	Ricky Martin Invitational Prep School Meet	Stadium East, St Andrew
9	JAAA / Puma Meet #1	National Stadium, St. Andrew
11-13	INSPORTS Central Primary Schools Championships	GC Foster College
14-16	NJCAA Outdoor Athletics Championships	Hobbs, New Mexico, USA
14-16	INSPORTS Eastern Primary Schools Championships	Stadium East, St Andrew
15	Lloyd's Department Store Western Prep Schools Championships	Cornwall College, Montego Bay
16	JAAA / Puma Meet #2	National Stadium, St. Andrew
16	OnDiRun/JC Jnr. Sprint Fest (Prep Edition)	Jamaica College
16	Shanghai Diamond League	Shanghai, CHN
23	Xiamen Diamond League	Xiamen, PR of China
28	Felix Sanchez Classic	Bayaguana, DOM
28-30	INSPORTS Primary School Championships FINALS	National Stadium, St. Andrew
29-30	Annual Police Championships	GC Foster College
30	JAAA / Puma Meet #3	National Stadium, St. Andrew
31	Rabat Diamond League	Rabat, Morocco

June		
4	Rome Golden Gala - Wanda Diamond League	Rome, ITA
6	JAAA / Puma Meet #4	National Stadium, St. Andrew
7	BAUHAUS-Galan - Wanda Diamond League	Stockholm, SWE
11	Bislet Games - Wanda Diamond League	Oslo, Norway
10-13	NCAA Div 1 National Outdoor Championships	Eugene, Oregon, USA
12-13	Western Primary Championships	Herbert Morrison Tech
11-13	JISA Prep School Championships	National Stadium, St. Andrew
13-14	Northwest Track & Field Classic	Miami, Florida, USA





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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
2026		
TBD	INSPORTS Basic School Championships	National Stadium, St. Andrew
18-21	JAAA National Junior & Senior Championships	National Stadium, St. Andrew
20-21	JAAA National Age Group U13/U15 Championships	National Stadium, St. Andrew
26-27	JTA/Sagicor Primary Championships	National Stadium, St. Andrew
26	Meeting de Paris - Wanda Diamond League	Paris Saint-Denis, France
26-28	PanAm Senior Championships	Medellin, COL

July

4	Prefontaine Classics - Wanda Diamond League	Eugene, OR, USA
10	Monaco Herculis Grand Prix - Wanda Diamond League	Monaco, Monaco
10-12	NACAC U18/U23 Championships	TBD
18	London Meeting - Wanda Diamond League	London, England
18	JAAA / Puma Pre-Departure Meet	Stadium East, St Andrew
27- Aug. 1st	Commonwealth Games	Glasgow, Scotland

AUGUST

2	Kamila Skolimowska Memorial - Wanda Diamond League	Chorzow, POL
2-8	CAC Games	Santo Domingo, DOM
5-9	World U20 Championships	Eugene, OR, USA
16	NACAC Road Running Championships	TBD
21	Lausanne - Wanda Diamond League	Lausanne, SWI
23	NACAC New Life Invitational	TBD
27	Zurich Meeting - Wanda Diamond League	Zurich, SWI

SEPTEMBER

5-6	Van Damme Memorial - Wanda Diamond League Finals	Bruxelles, BEL
11-13	World Athletics Ultimate Championships	Budapest, HUN
26	JAAA Calendar Conference	Kingston, Jamaica

OCTOBER

6	JATAFCA National Coaches Day	
TBD	Hotel Invitational Championships	TBD
30-Nov. 15	Youth Olympic Games	Dakar, SEN

NOVEMBER

TBD	JAAA AGM	TBD
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2025 MEET RESULTS



Event	INSTITUTION	ATHLETE(S)	Height Distance Time
Men Pole Vault OPEN	Excelsior High	Ryheem Campbell	4.00
Women High Jump OPEN	St Andrew High	Shanniqua Williams	1.75
Men Long Jump OPEN	Ricketts Performance	Tajay Gayle	8.34 R
Women Long Jump OPEN	Ricketts Performance	Tissanna Hickling	6.61
Men High Jump OPEN	G C Foster College	Lushane Wilson	2.20
Men 1500m Run OPEN	St. Jago High	Ryan Achau	3:52.06 R
BOYS U10 4X100 METER RELAY PREP SCHOOL	Our Lady of the Angels Prep		54.59
Boys U10 4x100 Meter Relay PRIMARY SCHOOLS	Ascot Primary		53.26 R
Boys 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay PRIMARY SCHOOLS	Spanish Town Primary		51.49
Boys 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay PREP SCHOOLS	Hydel Prep		49.83 R
Girls 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay PREP SCHOOLS	Vaz Prep		54.08
Girls 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay PRIMARY SCHOOLS	Naggo Head Primary		53.50
Boys 16-18 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 1	Calabar High		39.60
Boys 14-15 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 2	Kingston College		41.26
Boys 13 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 3	Jamaica College		42.44
Boys 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 4	Jamaica College		45.14
Men 4x100 Meter Relay CLUBS	Dynamic Speed Ytrack Club		38.68
Women 4x100 Meter Relay CLUBS	SprinTec Track Club		43.06 R
Girls 17-18 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 1	Edwin Allen High		44.81
Girls 15-16 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 2	Hydel High		45.70
Girls 13-14 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 3	St. Jago High		46.51
Girls 10-12 4x100 Meter Relay CLASS 4	Edwin Allen High		47.56
Men 4x100 Meter Relay MASTERS	Jamaica Elite Masters		44.42
Mixed 4x100 Meter Relay SPECIAL	St. Catherine A		48.15
Women 60 Meter Dash OPEN	MVP Track & Field Club	Tia Clayton	7.02
Men 60 Meter Dash OPEN	Elite Performance Track Club	Julian Forte	6.48
Boys 10-18 4x800 Meter Relay HS OPEN	Calabar High		7:47.94
Girls 10-18 4x800 Meter Relay HS OPEN	Holmwood Technical		8:54.06
Women 400 Meter Dash OPEN			
Men 400 Meter Dash OPEN	MVP Track & Field Club	Rusheen McDonald	45.53
Men 1600 Sprint Medley CLUBS			
Boys 10-18 1600 Sprint Medley HS OPEN	Alphansus Davis High		3:35.87
Girls 10-18 1600 Sprint Medley HS OPEN	Edwin Allen High		3:58.68
Girls 10-18 4x200 Meter Relay HS OPEN	Hydel High		1:36.26
Boys 16-18 4x200 Meter Relay CLASS 1	William Knibb Memorial		1:26.05
Boys 14-15 4x200 Meter Relay CLASS 2	Calabar High		1:27.19
Boys 13 4x200 Meter Relay CLASS 3	Calabar High		1:31.30 R
Boys 10-12 4x200 Meter Relay CLASS 4	Jamaica College		1:35.60
Women 4x400 Meter Relay CLUBS			
Men 4x400 Meter Relay CLUBS	SprinTec Track Club		3:06.78
Girls 10-18 4x400 Meter Relay HS OPEN	Hydel High		3:36.11
Boys 10-18 4x400 Meter Relay HS OPEN	Kingston College		3:10.26
Mixed 10-18 4x400 Meter Relay HS OPEN	Alphansus Davis High		3:30.61
Men 1 Mile Run OPEN			
Women 1500m Run OPEN			
Women 100 Meter Dash OPEN			
Men 100 Meter Dash OPEN			
Women 70 Meter Dash OPEN			
Men 70 Meter Dash OPEN			

GIBSON McCOOK RELAYS - RECORD HOLDERS

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MEET RECORDS



INSTITUTION	ATHLETE(S)	Height Distance Time	Year
G.C.Foster College	Xavier Bolan	4.42m	2014
	Karen Beautle	1.89m	2000
Ricketts Performance	Tajay Gayle	8.34	2025
UWI Mona	Shanieka Thomas	6.63m	2015
Utech	Raymond Richards	2.25m	2024
St. Jago	Ryan Achau	3:52.06	2025
Vaz Prep		54.29	2013
Ascot Primary		53.26	2025
Spanish Town Primary		50.97	2023
Hydel Prep		49.83	2025
Hydel Prep		52.41	2019
Naggo Head Primary	B. Dalley, B. Ellis, D. Hinds, O. St. John	51.58	2019
Calabar High		39.32	2015
Kingston College		40.65	2014
Calabar High		41.83	2014
Calabar High		44.38	2014
RACERS LIONS		38.08	2010
SprinTec Track Club		43.06	2025
Edwin Allen High	S. Cole, Tina Clayton, B. Hall, Tia Clayton	43.37	2022
Edwin Allen High		43.73	2020
Edwin Allen High	T. Clayton, T. Clayton, S. Cole, B. Johnson	44.59	2019
Hydel High	O. McAnuff, N. Brown, S. Hinds, D. Simpson	47.23	2017
Can Jam Masters	D. Ryan, R Reid, L McEwan, E Keene	43.50	2016
SOJ St. Ann		46.06	2005
M.V.P. Track Club	Tina Clayton	7.02	2023
Titans Track Club	Ackeem Blake	6.42	2023
Jamaica College	O. Davis, H. Roban, K. Bygrave, J. Blake	7:24.30	2022
Edwin Allen High	K. Grant, S Ingram, C. Donald, J. McLean	8:46.40	2018
M.V.P. Track Club	Stephenie McPherson	51.23	2014
	Bertrand Cameron	45.50	1984
UWI Mona		3:18.99	2012
Enid Bennett High	C. Gordon, A. Green, K. Perry, L. Murphy	3:25.99	2019
Holmwood Technical	A. Palmer, A. Brady, R. Russell, S. Pryce	3:55.77	2022
Hydel High		1:33.17	2023
Jamaica College		1:24.67	1992
Kingston College		1:25.30	2014
Calabar High		1:31.30	2025
Wolmer's Boys School		1:34.71	2010
UTECH		3:29.87	2015
UTECH		3:03.18	2015
Vere Technical		3:33.34	2013
Calabar High		3:07.00	2014
Alphansus Davis High		3:30.61	2025
M.V.P. Track Club	Rayon Lawrence	4:09.00	2012
M.V.P. Track Club	Taniece Barnett	4:57.21	2011
	Sherone Simpson	11.11	2004
Racers Track Club	Zharnel Hughes	10.01	2018
SprinTec Track Club	Remona Burchell	8.25	2023



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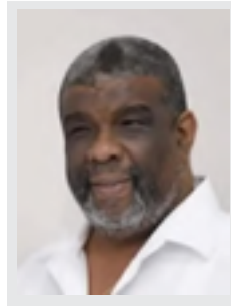
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Kingston
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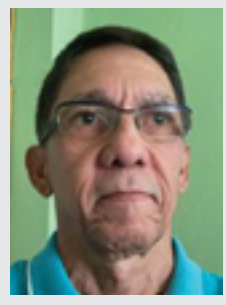
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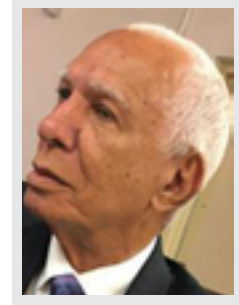
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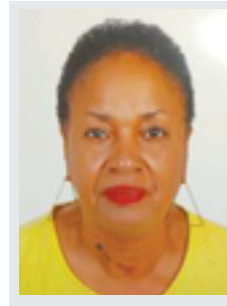
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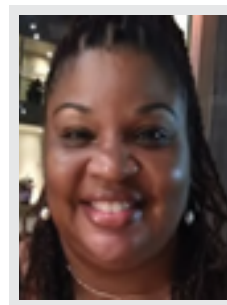
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She contributed to the development of women's sport administration in Jamaica at a time when female leadership in sport governance was rare. Through her roles in selection, coaching, and programme development, she helped institutionalise pathways for young women athletes.

Her work intersected with the broader athletic community — including Jamaica's strong tradition in track and field and netball. In school systems where athletics meets and netball serve as both competition and community celebration, Hobson supported and nurtured student participation, reinforcing the values that underpin events such as the Gibson McCook Relays: discipline, resilience and team pride.

A Love of Music and Culture

Those who knew her personally speak of another dimension of Dorothy Hobson — her love of music.

She appreciated the rhythms and harmonies that form the backdrop of Jamaican cultural life. Whether in school settings or community events, music was not peripheral; it was part of the atmosphere she cultivated — an understanding that sport, education and culture are interconnected strands of national identity.

Her life reflected balance: intellectual rigour, athletic discipline, cultural appreciation and exceptional culinary skills.

National Recognition and Lasting Impact

Dorothy Hobson was conferred the Order of Distinction (Officer Class) for her contribution to sport — a fitting recognition for a woman whose influence shaped policy, participation and performance.

But perhaps her greatest honour lies not in medals or titles, but in memory.

In every young woman who steps confidently onto a cricket pitch.

In every student who learned that preparation is non-negotiable.

In every school athletics meet where discipline and pride define performance.

Her legacy aligns naturally with the spirit of the Gibson McCook Relays — an event built on the belief that sport refines character and strengthens community.

Legacy Statement

Dorothy Hobson, OD, belongs to that distinguished generation of Jamaican educators and sports pioneers whose work ensured that women would not merely participate in sport — they would lead it.

Her life reminds us that excellence is not accidental.

It is cultivated — patiently, purposefully, and with unwavering commitment.

And for that, Jamaica is grateful.

Personal Note

I had the distinct privilege of working alongside Dorothy as a young teacher at St. Andrew High School for Girls. Later, our paths continued to cross as certified officials at numerous track and field meets across Jamaica, and as assessors for the Joint Board of Teacher Education. In every space she occupied, Dorothy was unmistakably herself.

She was always punctual—never late, never flustered—because she believed that if something was worth doing, it was worth doing properly. Dorothy spoke her mind, and she did so with a firmness that was uniquely hers. You always knew where you stood with her. Yet, behind that forthright manner was a loyal and dependable colleague. If you were right, and even sometimes when you were finding your way, Dorothy would stand with you. She was not one to abandon ship.





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