

IAAF World Athletics Day 2010

Report

The World Athletics Day in Dominica was scheduled to take place on Friday, 14th May, but bad weather and field conditions forced us to postpone the event to Wednesday 26th May. It was a good decision as the World Athletics Day 2010 turned out to be very successful on a beautiful day.

The 2010 Event has seen the greatest number of athletes ever to participate at any staging of the WAD in Dominica (~200). This is the second time that the DAAA has combined with the Sports Division and this is clearly the real reason why this growth has occurred.



The words from the Sports Coordinator at the Opening, on the need to celebrate WAD, as well as his support for the Green world, were well taken. In collaboration with the DAAA President, they both called for competitions in a clean environment and their request for fairness and sportsmanship among the athletes set the stage for a great competition and excitement for all.



The performances of Miss Luan Gabriel took the cake as she equalled the under 15 80m national record and broke the under 15 national record for the 150m. Many athletes came out with personal best performances as the atmosphere was poised for great running.



Congratulations go out to all the six schools and four Clubs that participated and made the event the success that it was. The Isaiah Thomas and Dominica Grammar Schools must be commended for the large number of students that they brought.

Congratulations to the Dominica Grammar School and the Isaiah Thomas Secondary School as they won the team competition in the boys and girls category respectively; Also to Luan Gabriel and Michael

Hector for most outstanding Female and Male athletes in the Schools Category and Shanica Yankey and Ovesen Marshal in the Club Category.

The Sports Division must be commended especially in the works of its officers. Their effort made it possible for a never dying moment during the day's activities. The relays which ended the day left the spectators and athletes wanting more.



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