

# Kids have a blast at Youth Football Leadership Clinic

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**B**owl week events continued for the third edition of Popeyes Bahamas Bowl as the organisers attempted to extend their community outreach and interaction between visiting players and locals.

Student athletes and spirit squads from both the Old Dominion Monarchs and Eastern Michigan Eagles participated in community-building exercises with aspiring youth football players yesterday.

First up, the contingent visited the Ranfurly Homes for Children, and in the second event on yesterday's schedule, they hosted a Youth Football Leadership Clinic, in conjunction with USA Football, at the Roscow Davies Soccer Field.

At the youth clinic, dozens of students from kindergarten to high school players took part in various drills by the USA Football staff players.

Chris Maddox, USA Football representative and clinic coordinator, said similar clinics could be integral in bringing some of the country's many talented athletes to American football.

"It was fun watching the kids run around and have a great time, they are getting to interact with and even tackle these guys and they had a blast doing it," he said.

"There are a lot of good athletes here that play other sports, they're just now learning to play American football. It can crossover and as the popularity of the sport develops your better athletes will gravitate towards it. These kids watch the Super Bowl but they don't get



**DOZENS** of students, from kindergarten to high school players, took part in various drills by USA Football staff players during the Youth Football Leadership Clinic at the Roscow Davies Soccer Field.

Photo: **Shawn Hanna**/The Tribune

to go out and play with their buddies afterward. This provides a connection and all helps the sport to grow."

The camp facilitated dozens of aspiring football players between the ages of seven and 13. Players from both schools and USA Football staff demonstrated basic

drills throughout the afternoon covering passing, catching, blocking and tackling. It proved to be a rewarding experience, not just for the participants but for the student athletes themselves. "It was a great day. We got to interact with the kids, teaching them what we know and about our sport and our lives,"

Monarchs freshman wide receiver Noah Ellison said. "I was just glad I got to help out the community and help out the kids. It was a special day and the entire week for me and my teammates, it was special experience."

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# BAHAMIAN PRO BALL PLAYERS STANDOUT IN EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST

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BAHAMIAN basketball players continue to post standout numbers on their respective circuits throughout professional leagues across Europe and the Middle East.

Jaraun "Kino" Burrows has been the top performer for his Hapoel Haifa BC in Israel, a powerhouse of the Liga Leumit, - the second tier level league in the country.

Burrows posted 21 points, eight rebounds and two steals Tuesday night in a 77-73 win over Galil Elion.

In the prior matchup last week, he posted 23 points, 13 rebounds, two steals and two blocks in a 95-81 win over Ironi K-A.

On the season he has posted averages of 23 points, and 11.4 rebounds per game through 10 contests.

Burrows saw his stock rise after a dominant season last year with LF Basket in the Swedish Pro League.

The 6'8", 220-pound forward had the second best scoring average in the league at 20.1 points per game and also averaged 9.2 rebounds per game.

His pro career has also included stops in Finland, Eastern Europe and South America.

Burrows recently completed play with the national team that finished 7th at this summer's FIBA Centrobasket tournament in Panama. They earned qualification for the 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games.

Kentwan Smith has made the most of his new opportunity with Finnish club, BC Nokia of the Korisliiga - the top level of basketball in Finland.

Smith scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds in a 73-67 loss to Salon Vilpas. He is currently averaging 8.1 points and 3.8 rebounds per game.

BC Nokia finished third in the league last season after a loss in the semi-fi-

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# Sydney Clarke emerges as Pool B winner

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**SYDNEY** Clarke emerged as the winner of pool B of the ladies' division and all four Davis Cup players booked their spots in the men's semi-final of the Bahamas Lawn Tennis Association's annual Giorgio Baldacci National Open Challenge at the National Tennis Centre yesterday.

Completing the ladies' round robin segment of the weeklong tournament, Clarke pulled off a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Elana Mackey. With the win, Clarke finished undefeated at 3-0, while Mackey dropped to 2-1.

The two will advance to the semi-final that will be played today against defending champion Iesha Shepherd and Sierra Donaldson, the top two finishers out of pool A.

Starting at 2pm, Shepherd will face Mackey on court two and Clarke will meet Donaldson on court four to earn the rights to play for the final on Friday.

Then at 3pm, the semi-final in the men's division will take place. On court one, defending champion Baker Newman will face Kevin Major Jr and on court three, Spencer Newman will square off against player/captain Marvin Rolle.

The quartet clinched their berths in the playoffs yesterday.

## KEVIN MAJOR JR, SPENCER NEWMAN, MARVIN ROLLE AND BAKER NEWMAN ADVANCE TO THE SEMI-FINALS

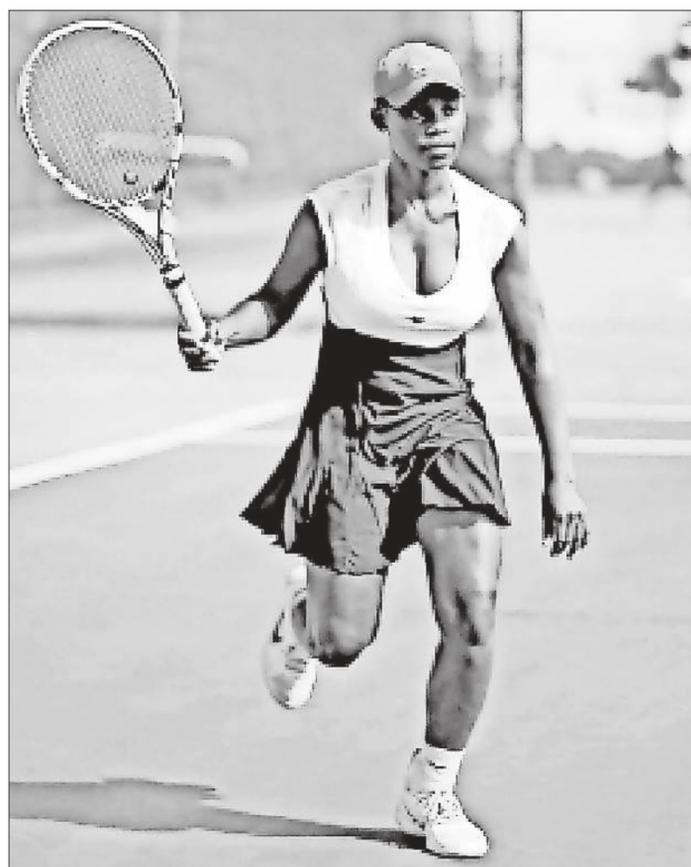
Baker Newman, the top seed, got a bye in the first round of the playoffs and went on to win 7-5, 6-1 over Jody Turnquest. In his first match, Turnquest came from behind to eliminate William 'JJ' Fountain 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Kevin Major Jr pulled off a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Philip Major Jr to get into the semi-finals. Kevin Major Jr beat Jack Kelly 6-4, 6-2 and Philip Major Jr ousted Michael Cooper 6-0, 6-3 in their opening playoff matches.

Marvin Rolle, the No.4 seed, secured a walkover win over Justin Lunn to reach the semis. Rolle won 6-3, 6-4 over collegian Joshua Turnquest in his first match, while Lunn blanked Trenton Smith 6-0, 6-0.

And in the final segment of the

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**SYDNEY CLARKE** in action in this file photo.

## TENNIS CORRECTION

IT was incorrectly stated that Elana Mackey, limited to just one match a day due to her commitment to school at CR Walker Secondary High, pulled off an identical 6-2, 6-2 win over Gabriela Donaldson on Tuesday at the National Tennis Centre to move to 2-0 in the round robin. It was actually Sydney Clarke.

The Tribune apologises for the error.

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