



## ATHLETES AND BOXERS PRAISED BY SPORTS MINISTER PIERRE

**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, June 09, 2014 – GIS:** As Team Grenada continues their preparation for the Commonwealth Games due to begin in six weeks; Minister of Sports Hon. Emmalin Pierre has once again reiterated the continued support of her Ministry and the Government of Grenada to our national athletes locally, regionally and internationally.

Minister Pierre was high in praise of athletes Paul Williams, Sherry Fletcher and Joel Redhead who gave admirable performances over the weekend. Williams, Fletcher and Redhead all participated in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual New Jersey International Invitational in Colts Neck, New Jersey USA.

Both Redhead and Williams placed first and third respectively, in the men's 100 metre sprint event. While Redhead also added a first place in the 200 metre sprint event. Additionally Sherry Fletcher has returned to the track with a win in the female 200 metre event at the same athletic meet.

Minister Pierre says the continued top class performances of our local athletes along with the hard work of associations such as the Grenada Olympic Committee, the Grenada Athletic Association, The Grenada Football Association, The Grenada Cricket Association among others working along with the Ministry of Youth and Sport will provide a brighter future for sports in Grenada.

Athletes such as Kirani James, Rondel Bartholomew, Sherry Fletcher, Joel Redhead etc are providing daily inspiration to a new generation of athletes who now see through the exploits of these athletes and those who have gone before such as Alleyne Francique their own goals as achievable.

Pierre also took the opportunity to congratulate the Grenada Boxing Association on the return of boxing to Grenada after a number of years without competitions on the island.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June saw several boxers from mainland Grenada and the sister isle of Carriacou facing off at the Grenada Youth Centre. Pierre stated that she sees boxing as a positive avenue for youthful energy in a controlled setting.

The activity on Saturday also saw three young match referees out of Carriacou officiating for the first time at an event. Minister Pierre also was high in praises of Coach Norbert Grant MBE who at the age of eighty five (85) continues to coach the young men of Grenada in the sport of boxing and who was officially recognized on Saturday by the Grenada Boxing Association.

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