

KURT FELIX WINS BRONZE MEDAL AT COMMONWEALTH GAMES

ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, July 29, 2014 – GIS: Grenada has won its first ever international medal in the Decathlon event at the Commonwealth Games currently being held in Glasgow, Scotland; and only its second ever medal in the history of the games.



26-year-old Kurt Felix, who hails from the village of La Femme in St. David, and a former student of the St Dominic's RC School and the Grenada Boys Secondary School, finished a close third in the Decathlon event which is considered to be the test of the most complete athlete. Felix compiled a total of 8070 points, a new national record, behind Ashley Bryant of England on 8109, and Damian Warner, the Gold Medalist on 8282 points.

The Ministry of Youth, Sport and Religious Affairs takes this opportunity to congratulate Kurt as well as Lindon Victor, the brother of Felix, who finished in 9th position with a total of 7429 points.

Minister of Youth Sport and Religious Affairs, Honourable Emmalin Pierre, has extended her congratulations to both brothers on their sterling performance; as well as expressed her joy at the

medal won by Felix which will serve as further inspiration to up and coming athletes of his home community, his alma mater and all the youth of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

The Minister reiterated the commitment of Government to ensure that facilities and training are available for the many athletes of the Spice Isle as they endeavour to follow in the footsteps of Felix, Kirani James and Alleyne Francique. Francique incidentally won Grenada's first Commonwealth Medal in the 2006 Commonwealth Games in the 400 M event.

Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Youth Sport and Religious Affairs, Senator Sheldon Scott has called the victory of Kurt Felix a milestone in the evolution of sport in Grenada. Senator Scott stated that he believes this is the beginning of a new phase in the development of sports in Grenada as more and more athletes continue to excel on the local, regional and international stage. According to the senator, it is obvious that the foundation laid in the past through the National Stadium Project and other Youth and Sport initiatives are now bearing fruits and planting seeds for future sporting glory.

Grenada's Commonwealth Games team has continued to provide an excellent showing over the past six (6) days of competition in swimming, boxing and track and field events. Grenada's former World Champion and present Olympic Champion, Kirani James, will be taking on a diverse field of competitors in the finals of the 400M event at 3.30pm (Grenada Time) tomorrow, Wednesday 30th, July 2014.

The following are the results of Kurt Felix's stellar performance at the 2014 Commonwealth Games:

EVENT RESULT

100m - 11.02s Personal Best (PB)

Long Jump - 7.43m Season Best (SB)

Shot Put - 13.26m Season Best (SB)

High Jump - 2.11m Season Best (SB)

400m - 48.93s

110m - Hurdles 15.06s

Discus - 45.30m Personal Best (PB)

Pole Vault - 4.50m

Javelin - 66.33m Season Best (SB)

1500m - 4:47.66

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