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Tuesday 1st



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Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

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All Divisions	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Tuesday 1 st July 2025	'Sports Minister Watts visits recreation grounds in Cumuto/Manzanilla' Page 45	On Saturday, Sport and Youth Affairs Minister, Phillip Watts, along with his team visited several recreational grounds in the Cumuto/Manzanilla area. These grounds were: Cunaripo, Coalmine, Housing Village, St Louis, Brooklyn Sangre Chiquito, Manzanilla, Plum Road, and Plum Mitan. It is understood that visits to these recreation grounds are to formulate plans to have at least one state of the art ground for football and cricket, respectively, in each region.		

Wednesday 2nd



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Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

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<p>All Divisions</p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Newsday</p>	<p>News Wednesday 2nd July 2025</p>	<p>‘Nakhid: Foster must apologize to the nation’s youth’</p>	<p>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid, has accused Opposition Senator, Foster Cummings of betraying the nation’s youth during his time as former Minister of Youth Development and National Service. While giving his contributions in the Senate yesterday, he said that one programme from the 38 he went through, namely Fuse, costed \$74,000 per student for 3 months. Senator Nakhid remarked that very few of those said programmes could have allowed young men and women to enter the job market. Cummings said the programmes were part of the PNM government’s youth policy to create training opportunities in a short time to treat with an immediate problem.</p>	<p>https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/01/nakhid-foster-must-apologise-to-nations-youth/</p>	
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<p>Sport Division</p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Newsday</p>	<p>Sport News Wednesday 2nd July 2025</p>	<p>‘Sport Ministry gives \$1.98 million in funding’</p>	<p>The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs hosted a grant distribution ceremony providing a total of \$1.98 million in grants to 20 individuals and organizations across Trinidad and Tobago. "From national sporting bodies and community clubs to rising individual athletes, this support under the Sport (NPI) – Contribution to Non-Profit Institutions programme, reinforces our commitment to empowering excellence, grassroots development, and national pride through sport."</p>	<p>https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/01/sport-ministry-gives-1-98-million-in-funding/</p>	
<p>Youth Division</p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Guardian</p>	<p>Opinion</p>	<p>‘Revamp the Youth Agricultural Homestead Programme’ Page 18</p>	<p>This is a suggestion to revamp the YAHP programme. YAHP, launched by the Ministry of Youth would be better utilized according to several experienced, professional farmers, as the money and resources would be better directed toward farmers who were in production.</p>		

Monday 7th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Saturday 5 th July 2025	‘Millele, Abraham fire CBTT to Corporate Futsal title’ Page 35	The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs’ futsal team was knocked out from the Corporate Futsal Cup as they were defeated 1-0 by The South West Regional Authority and 2-0 by the Ministry of Works and Transport Pure Division. Central Bank won the cup and took home the \$12,000 winners’ prize as they won 2-1 against Republic Bank Financial Holdings.		

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All Divisions	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	News Sunday 6 th July 2025	Watts probes \$19M Chatham youth centre refurbishment	<p>With a \$19 million contract already paid to a contractor for the refurbishment of the Chatham Youth Development and Apprenticeship Centre, Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, Phillip Watts is now questioning where the money went as the project is only 70 percent complete.</p> <p>The upgrade which began in mid-2022, included the construction of new dormitories, the refurbishment of existing buildings, and the addition of a sick bay, laundromat, and general infrastructure improvements.</p> <p>While there were visible signs of work done, the compound was overgrown with bushes, strewn with animal droppings and plagued by incomplete fittings and exposed electrical work.</p>		
All Divisions	TTT News	News Sunday 6 th July 2025	\$19M Spent, Project still incomplete	(same as above)	https://www.ttt.liv/e/19m-spent-project-still-incomplete/ https://youtu.be/tl8Jk2eE0C8	

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All Divisions	Daily Express	News Monday 7 th July 2025	\$19M for incomplete work at Youth Camp	(same as above)	https://trinidadexpress.com/news/local/19m-for-incomplete-work-at-youth-camp/article_2f492570-482e-4231-9110-4e9d587699cb.html	

Friday 11th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Friday 11 th July 2025	‘BSOTT celebrates players with grand awards ceremony’ Page 34	The Billiards Sport Organization of Trinidad and Tobago held their awards ceremony to celebrate individuals and teams who distinguished themselves in competition over the past six months. Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid was present as he delivered the feature address.	https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/bsott-celebrates-players-with-grand-awards-ceremony-6.2.2352607.f7741a3992	

Monday 14th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Monday 14 th July 2025	'New local golf president outlines plans for the sport' Page 45	During a press conference on May 29 th , President of the T&T Golf Association (TTGA) Robin Lewis highlighted the efforts that will be taken to get golf introduced to youngsters across the nation, saying that the TTGA had received approval from the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs. In attendance, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid, gave some tips to the players while he encouraged them to develop the qualities needed for them to succeed – diligence and discipline.	https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/new-local-golf-president-outlines-plans-for-the-sport-6.2.2353365.cd246c1c99	

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Wednesday 16th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Tuesday 15 th July 2025	'TTFA, Melville offers for Soca Warriors name are ludicrous - Nakhid' Page 45	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid has agreed to be the mediator between the T&T Football Association (TTFA) and veteran commentator Selwyn Melville over the team's Soca Warriors nickname. There were offers from both parties involved but they were deemed ludicrous by Senator Nakhid. He will meet both Melville and the TTFA on Thursday to resolve the issue.	https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/ttfa-melville-offers-for-soca-warriors-name-are-ludicrousnakhid-6.2.2355091.071f68427b	

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Time to compromise over 'Soca Warriors' brand	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid is attempting to save the 'Soca Warriors' brand name for the Trinidad and Tobago football team. He stressed the importance of brand names when he said, "When you have a brand name that's recognized internationally, you don't just move on and start from scratch. That's like erasing a legacy that a country has left." He added that the ministry will be iron fisted with both Melville and the TTFA to get a compromise coming out of the meeting on Thursday.	https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/time-to-compromise-over-soca-warriors-brand/article_ef812945-16cd-4b4c-9f17-ef912b3a02d5.html	

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Youth Division	Newsday	News Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Watts: Practical skills just as important as academics	Yesterday, the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts recommissioned the Los Bajos Youth Development Centre. He said that it was more than giving youth employment but also to help empower them. Minister Watts also said his ministry was committed to making centres like Los Bajos' "engines of opportunity" for youth. To do this, he said the ministry has partnered with YTEPP under the YOUTEC programme, offering practical, income-generating courses and management "skills that young people can take to the market tomorrow and earn."	https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/15/watts-practical-skills-just-as-important-as-academics/	

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Youth Division	TTT News	News Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Upgraded: Los Bajos Youth Development Centre Recommissioned	<p>The Los Bajos Youth Development Centre has received a much-needed upgrade, with expanded and updated facilities and services to match the changing technological landscape needed for the community's youth to help them thrive. Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs Phillip Watts said the space is a symbol of the renewal of a promise that their futures matter. "When we speak about youth development, we are not only talking about creating programmes. We are talking about building lives. We are talking about developing skills that can unlock job opportunities, start a business, support a family, and change a community. And here in Los Bajos, we have seen the proof."</p>	https://www.ttt.liv/e/upgraded-los-bajos-youth-development-centre-recommissioned/	

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Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Nakhid calls meeting to resolve Soca Warriors nickname	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid, in an effort to save the beloved nickname Soca Warriors, has called a meeting between the TT Football Association (TTFA) and ex-broadcaster Selwyn Melville. He wants the nickname to stay alive to keep a legacy intact. He said, "It means everything to everybody in TT. It is a name that we have grown accustomed to. It is part of our brand." "We went into the 2006 World Cup with that name and we have experienced enormous success with that name." He further stated that the nickname is not just about sport, but it	https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/14/nakhid-calls-meeting-to-resolve-soca-warriors-nickname/	

Thursday 17th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Thursday 17 th July 2025	'Legal cloud over 'Soca Warriors' trademark' Page 38	Parliamentary secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid is willing to work to resolve the dispute over the 'Soca Warriors' nickname for the Trinidad and Tobago national football team. The meeting between former sports broadcaster Selwyn Melville and the TTFA is carded to take place on Thursday morning.		

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Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Wednesday 16 th July 2025	'Olympic Committee, Triathlon Federation earn \$\$ boost'	The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, Phillip Watts has bolstered TT's sporting ambitions by presenting substantial funding to key athletic organisations (Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee(TTOC) and Trinidad and Tobago Triathlon Federation(TTF)). The TTOC received \$1 million towards the Junior Pan Am Games and the Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Beach Games. The TTF walked away with \$647,920 for the Carifta Triathlon Championships.	https://newsday.com.tt/2025/07/15/olympic-committee-triathlon-federation-earn-boost/	

Tuesday 22nd



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<p>Sport Division</p>	<p>Daily Express</p>	<p>Sport News Tuesday 22nd July 2025</p>	<p>NOT FEASIBLE Edwards: New name coming as proposed Soca Warriors deal...</p>	<p>The TTFA is likely to push ahead with rebranding the national men's senior football team despite negotiations still ongoing. TTFA President, Kieron Edwards said that despite the meeting that took place with the Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, David Nakhid, TTFA first vice-president Mr. Colin Murray, and the trademark owner and his legal team, the situation remains unchanged. Following the meeting, Senator Nakhid said there was great interest in having the matter resolved, however, Mr. Edwards said the two parties were still very far away from an agreement.</p>	<p>https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/not-feasible/article_5e476be2-3daf-4de7-b74d-dec474532ed8.html</p>	
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Sport Division	TV6 News	News Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	New Badminton Coach	<p>The Local Badminton Association has received a boost in new UK-based coach, Parth Mehta to help prepare the national junior team for the upcoming Pan American Junior Championships. Members of the Badminton Fraternity are hoping that Metha's entry will help drive the sport as they push for a home. Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid said that it could be part of the conversation moving forward. He said that once there is a vision common to the association and their membership, then they would have a better case to bring to the Honourable Prime Minister to get a new home.</p>	https://www.tv6tnt.com/news/7pmnews/new-badminton-coach/article_a178ca05-f9a9-4a69-aa08-6028c75a9f62.htm	

Thursday 24th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Thursday 24 th July 2025	'Lack of Gov't \$\$ forces Hockey teams out Pan Am Cup' Page 46			
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Thursday 24 th July 2025	'Summer OF Tennis tournament cancelled after no \$\$ from Sports Ministry' Page 46			

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Thursday 24 th July 2025	‘TATT postpones major junior events’		https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/tatt-postpones-major-junior-events/article_62b8e67b-821a-4f15-94bc-ee1cc7fcab79.html	
Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Thursday 24 th July 2025	‘Tennis Association’s Summer of Tennis tournaments postponed’		https://newsday.com.tt/2025/07/24/tennis-associations-summer-of-tennis-tournaments-postponed/	
Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Thursday 24 th July 2025	‘Hockey players devastated as teams forced out of Pan Am Cup’		https://newsday.com.tt/2025/07/24/hockey-players-devastated-as-teams-forced-out-pan-am-cup/	

Friday 25th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Friday 25 th July 2025	‘TTHB faces possible fines, suspension for Pan Am Cup no-show’ Page 34	T&T’s Hockey Board (TTHB) could also face a series of reprimands, as a result of missing the quadrennial international field hockey championship for the Americas. Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid said part of the reason for the delay in the processing of the funds was due to the TTHB being non-compliant in certain aspects, particularly in reconciliation funds from previous tournaments.	https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/tthb-faces-possible-fines-suspension-for-6.2.2362214.069f6f09dd	

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Friday 25 th July 2025	‘HOCKEY HURTING: Pan Am Cup no-show leaves players, staff uncertain of future	President of the Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board (TTHB) Willard Harris said the board did everything within its power to ensure participation, but the situation eventually spiraled out of their hands. He explained that after applying for funding months in advance, the board kept following up with SporTT and the Ministry of Sport but faced prolonged delays. Mr. Harris also noted that coming down to the time last month, there was not any indication from the Ministry of Sport or SporTT that they were not going to fund the team’s participation in the tournament.	https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/hockey-hurting/article_602a408b-7005-4e18-b3f1-f53352b86441.html	

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Friday 25 th July 2025	Ministry blames hockey board for Pan Am no-show	The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs yesterday laid the blame for the failure of the Trinidad and Tobago men's and women's hockey teams to attend the Pan American Cup in Uruguay at the feet of the Trinidad and Tobago Hockey Board (TTHB). A release from the Ministry stated that the TTHB has been non-compliant in submitting audited financial statements on time and has not yet submitted statements for 2024. It also said, 'its failure to adhere to funding policies established by SporTT significantly hindered the funding approval process, resulting in delays that negatively impacted team preparations.'	https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/ministry-blames-hockey-board-for-pan-am-no-show/article_c19792c3-538f-4bf7-9a76-cb2a7af811bc.html	

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Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Friday 25 th July 2025	Ministry: Hockey Board non-compliant in submitting audited financial statements	The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs said the reason the TT Hockey teams did not receive funding in time to compete at the Pan American Cup is that the TT Hockey Board has been “non-compliant in submitting audited financial statements on time and has not yet submitted statements for 2024. The Ministry also said the TTHB only requested funding for the Pan Am Cup in early May. Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the honourable Phillip Watts expressed his disappointment with the situation and noted that when sport governing bodies fail to address financial and compliance matters such as these, it is the athletes that pay the ultimate price.	https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/25/ministry-hockey-board-non-compliant-in-submitting-audited-financial-statements/	

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Friday 25 th July 2025	TTFA to consider Melville counter-proposal	<p>The executive of the TTFA is expected to meet soon to evaluate a final counter-proposal from the representative s of veteran sports commentator, Mr. Selwyn Melville, owner of the Soca Warriors trademark.</p> <p>There seemed to be some hope of a resolution following last week's meeting, where Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Sport David Nakhid served as arbitrator between the TTFA, represented by first vice-president Colin Murray and the trademark owner and Melville and his team. However, the situation remains unchanged.</p>	https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/ttfa-to-consider-melville-counter-proposal/article_3ad8e22a-dfee-47fd-adbe-73a711f7a9f7.html	

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Sport Division	TTT News	Sport News Friday 25 th July 2025	Venture Credit Union Launches 2025 5K Road Race and Fun Walk	The Venture Credit Union 25 th 5K Run and Fun Walk was launched yesterday at Hilton. The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Ms. Beverly Reid-Samuel was present as she delivered a Feature Address. Ms. Samuel spoke on how this year's theme, 'Running towards the future, 25 years strong' resonates strongly with the ministry as it mirrors our values of inclusiveness, support, and participation.	https://www.ttt.liv/e/venture-credit-union-launches-2025-5k-road-race-and-fun-walk/	
Sport Division	TV6 News	Sport News Friday 25 th July 2025	Venture Credit Union 5K	The Venture Credit Union 25 th 5K Run and Fun Walk was launched yesterday at Hilton. The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Ms. Beverly Reid-Samuel was present as she delivered a Feature Address. She commended Venture for hosting this event for the 25 th time saying, "This is a remarkable achievement. One that follows a journey of trust by your shareholders and service to your members."	https://www.tv6tnt.com/news/7pmnews/ventures-credit-union-5k/article_c30ffd7b-4c95-4a7e-b702-3d26e62fbb17.html	

Monday 28th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Saturday 26 th July 2025	'Boxing team to get \$\$ for OECS Championships' Page 37	Arrangements are being made for the country's boxing team to fly out next week for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Boxing Championships in St. Lucia. Cecil Forde, President of the Trinidad and Tobago Boxing Association (TTBA) has received a letter from SporTT stating that the monies for the tournament had been approved. Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts revealed that further documentation was needed to complete the application process.		

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Saturday 26 th July 2025	<p>‘TTHB shot itself in the foot, says Minister Watts’</p> <p>Page 38</p>	<p>The T&T Hockey Board members have only themselves to blame for the failure of participating in the Senior Pan American Cup. The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, said that the hockey board wrote to the Pan Am Association and they sent the Ministry something saying that they pulled out. He went on to explain the procedure to apply for funding.</p>		

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Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Saturday 26 th July 2025	‘Trinidad and Tobago football crop may expand as changes to eligibility laws head to Parliament’	TRINIDAD and Tobago Football Association (TTFA) president Kieron Edwards remains optimistic the senior men’s football team could benefit from a broader talent pool, as proposed changes to the eligibility law are expected to go before Parliament soon. In a recent interview on i95.5FM, Edwards confirmed that the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs has advanced the required documentation to support the legislative amendment, which would allow players with grandparents from TT to represent the country internationally.	https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/26/trinidad-and-tobago-football-crop-may-expand-as-changes-to-eligibility-laws-head-to-parliament/	

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Youth Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	News Monday 28 th July 2025	<p>‘Sturge: CCC is not being shut down... but says funding cannot continue without trainees’</p> <p>Page 6</p>	<p>The Minister of Defence, the Honourable Wayne Sturge has assured young people that the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) programme has not been shut down. His clarification came after reports circulated that 72 of the programme’s 114 employees will have their contracts ended on July 31. He also revealed that the CCC has not had an intake of students since January, while the Government has been spending approximately \$2.5 million monthly to keep the programme running. Minister Sturge met with Sport and Youth Affairs Minister, Phillip Watts to discuss the matter and the decision was made at that time. The CCC and other similar programmes are currently being transferred from the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs to the Ministry of Defence.</p>	<p>https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/sturge-ccc-is-not-being-shut-down-6.2.2364262.fd744efffd</p>	

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Monday 28 th July 2025	‘TTAFF targets Olympic dream... as flag football tour reached Maracas’	The Trinidad and Tobago American Flag Association (TTAFF) is steadily expanding its national school outreach. Recognised by both the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs and the Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee, the TTAFF is leveraging the Olympic spotlight to fuel grassroots growth.	https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/ttaff-targets-olympic-dream/article_d2c9f497-122c-4124-bbd3-1fe4b19cef0b.htm	

Tuesday 29th



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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Tuesday 29 th July 2025	'No SporTT board, no problem- Minister Watts August vacation sports camps cancelled Page 38	The absence of a SporTT board of directors has left several key national sporting concerns undone; however, Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts does not see this a major issue. Minister Watts said that recommendations were made but there should be something in place by next week. The 2025 Youth Sport Camps, an annual facility provided by the SporTT company have also been mixed. SporTT CEO, Jason Williams said that organisers ran out of time to research and execute the camps. Mr. Williams further stated that in the interim, there are pre-existing programmes that will continue.	https://www.cnc3.co.tt/no-sportt-board-no-problem-minister-watts/	

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Wednesday 30th



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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Wednesday 30 th July 2025	'Minister Watts: Prepare for the future' Page 45	Yesterday, the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts was present at a financial literacy workshop jointly hosted by the Trinidad and Tobago Unit Trust Corporation and SporTT where he delivered the feature address. Minister Watts reminded athletes that the majority of their lives would extend well beyond their time at the peak of their sporting careers and to prepare for the unexpected like injury, retirement or another global crisis.	https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/minister-watts-prepare-for-the-future/article_af1b492c-eebd-4e74-a80a-254e82bd2e6d.html	

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Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Wednesday 30 th July 2025	'Athletes benefit from SporTT, UTC financial well-being workshop'	Yesterday, there was a one-day financial well-being workshop geared towards young athletes hosted by Unit Trust Corporation and SporTT at the National Cycling Velodrome in Couva. The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts attended the session and hailed the turnout and enthusiasm from the country's emerging athletic talent. Minister Watts advised the young group to look beyond their potential careers and also put some time into their plans after sport.	https://newsday.com.tt/2025/07/29/athletes-benefit-from-sportt-utc-financial-well-being-workshop/	
Sport Division	TTT News	Sport News Wednesday 30 th July 2025	'Sport Company and UTC Promote Financial Health For Athletes'	Sustaining a healthy financial career as an athlete has always been a mantra promoted SporTT and the Unit Trust Corporation. This was evident when they both hosted a financial wellbeing workshop involving national athletes from various sporting disciplines at the National Cycling Centre in Couva yesterday. The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts delivered the feature address.	https://www.ttt.liv.e/sport-company-and-utc-promote-financial-health-for-athletes/	

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Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Wednesday 30 th July 2025	'Penny: Don't treat sport like bastard child'	Opposition leader, Penelope Beckles has called on the Government to not overlook the value of sport and urged them to appoint a SporTT board urgently. This is in response to a TT Guardian article published yesterday where Minister Watts stated that the absence of a SporTT board is not a major issue at this time.	https://newsday.com.tt/2025/07/29/pen-ny-dont-treat-sport-like-bastard-child/	

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Thursday 31 st July 2025	‘UTC, SporTT partner to empower national athletes with financial literacy’ Page 43	T&T Unit Trust Corporation (UTC) in a strategic collaboration with SporTT hosted an essential financial well-being session designed to equip national athletes with financial literacy skills on Tuesday 29 th July. The session featured remarks from the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts who highlighted the government’s commitment to the holistic development of national athletes.		

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Thursday 31 st July 2025	‘Volleyball teams promised \$\$\$ for tournaments’ Page 44	The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs has averted more scrutiny by coming to the aid of the T&T Volleyball Federation (TTVF) with the late disbursement of funding for upcoming tournaments. President of the TTVF, Daymian Stewart said that they were still awaiting word from the relevant government officials with regard to the release of funds. The funds will be given out today from SporTT.		
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Thursday 31 st July 2025	‘SporTT Board ‘urgent matter’, says Opposition Leader’ Page 41	Opposition Leader, Penelope Beckles has called on the Government to give the appointment of a SporTT board of directors a priority. Ms. Beckles was responding to a Trinidad Guardian report on Tuesday in which the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, Phillip Watts said the delay in naming a new SporTT board was only a matter of the Government’s priorities at the start of its five-year tenure.		

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Sport Division	Express	Sport News Thursday 31 st July 2025	'Sport Ministry, SSFL talk change'	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid, met with the president of the SSFL, Merere Gonzales, and assistant secretary of administration, Laurence Seepersad, to chart a way forward for the League. The meeting was initiated by the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, Phillip Watts, to encourage the development of youths as well-rounded athletes through strategy and innovative techniques.	https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/sport-ministry-ssfl-talk-change/article_41cc9a34-5c63-4f36-85ab-b86e0bb0833f.html	

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Sport Division	Newsday	Sport News Thursday 31 st July 2025	‘Sprint start Jereem gets \$250k boost in elite athlete funding’	Ace Trinidad and Tobago sprinter Jereem Richards has received Elite Athlete Assistance Programme (EAAP) funding to the tune of \$250,000 as he prepares for meets such as the NGC/National Association of Athletics Administration (NAAATT) Open Championships and the World Athletics Championships to be held in Tokyo, Japan. The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs expressed its delight at offering funding to Richards, who was presented with a cheque by the ministry's permanent secretary Beverly Reid-Samuel.	https://newsday.co.tt/2025/07/30/sprint-star-jereem-gets-250k-boost-in-elite-athlete-funding/	

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Sport Division	TV6	Sport News Thursday 31 st July 2025	'SSFL Reform Coming'	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid, met with the president of the SSFL, Merere Gonzales, and assistant secretary of administration, Laurence Seepersad, to chart a way forward for the League. Senator Nakhid noted that this is the first time in the 50 years of the League that this type of meeting has been held to change the format and amend the Laws of the SSFL with a view to preserving its longevity. Nakhid also gave a commitment to looking into the issues, with the aim of having them addressed, and suggested that the League explore more opportunities to develop student athletes.	https://www.tv6tnt.com/news/7pmnews/ssfl-reform-coming/article_31ea8ce0-55d3-4f6e-a13f-7c717e698ce8.html	