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# Tuesday 2nd



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

## Daily Media Monitoring Report - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 Prepared by: Elijah Samaroo

Division	Media House	Type of Article	Headline and Page No	Article Summary/ Issue Raised	Hyperlinks	Action Required
Sport Division	TTT News	Sport News Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	<b>'Minister Watts Meets With Martial Arts Athletes To Discuss Funding Support'</b>	The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, hosted a meeting with martial arts athletes Chelsea and Christian Winter, along with senior Ministry executives, at the Minister's office to discuss pathways for financial assistance toward international competition and continued programme development. The meeting forms part of the Ministry's ongoing engagement with athletes and clubs seeking support through established grant mechanisms and high-performance pathways.	<a href="https://www.ttt.liv/e/minister-watts-meets-with-martial-arts-athletes-to-discuss-funding-support/">https://www.ttt.liv/e/minister-watts-meets-with-martial-arts-athletes-to-discuss-funding-support/</a>	

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Sport Division	TTT News	Sport News Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	<b>‘Ministry of Sport Distributes \$817,000 in Grants to Athletes and Organizations’</b>	<p>The Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs advanced its commitment to sport development and athlete empowerment across Trinidad and Tobago with the disbursement of \$817,000.00 in grant funding.</p> <p>A total of 11 cheques were issued to beneficiaries across key categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High-Performance/Elite Athlete Assistance Programme – 1 cheque valued at \$250,000.00</li> <li>- Individuals in the Sport Category – 2 cheques totaling \$105,000.00</li> <li>- National Sporting Organizations and Sport Serving Bodies – 8 cheques totaling \$462,000.00</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.ttt.liv/e/ministry-of-sport-distributes-817000-in-grants-to-athletes-and-organisations/">https://www.ttt.liv/e/ministry-of-sport-distributes-817000-in-grants-to-athletes-and-organisations/</a>	

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	<b>‘Minister Watts Meets With Martial Arts Athletes To Discuss Funding Support’</b>  <b>Page 40</b>	Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, hosted a meeting with martial arts athletes Chelsea and Christian Winter, along with senior Ministry executives, yesterday at the Minister’s office to discuss pathways for financial assistance toward international competition and continued programme development. The meeting formed part of the Ministry’s ongoing engagement with athletes and clubs seeking support through established grant mechanisms and high-performance pathways.	<a href="https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/minister-watts-meets-with-martial-arts-athletes-to-discuss-funding-support-6.2.2388108.50d925c80e">https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/minister-watts-meets-with-martial-arts-athletes-to-discuss-funding-support-6.2.2388108.50d925c80e</a>	
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Young, Hoyte get silver, bronze road cycling medals’</b>  <b>Page 31</b>	T&T’s Kylee Young and Shameka Hoyte copped the silver and bronze medals, respectively, in the Juvenlies Girls 11.4 kilometre Time Trial when the Caribbean Junior Road Cycling Championships rode off at the Graeme Hall Course in Barbados on Saturday.		

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Sport Division	TTT News	Sport News  Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	'JAVA Meets CPL'	<p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts said the JAVA Cricket Programme has delivered on its pilot promise to take cricket development “down into the grassroot,” with special focus on rural and less-advantaged young people.</p> <p>Dozens of youngsters got a close up look at professional cricket with their attendance at the Republic Bank Caribbean Premier League clash between the Trinbago KnightRiders and the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots. This was part of the Ministry’s push to inspire the next generation.</p>	<a href="https://www.ttt.liv/e/java-meets-cpl/">https://www.ttt.liv/e/java-meets-cpl/</a>	

# Wednesday 3rd



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Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

## Daily Media Monitoring Report - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

2025

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Division	Media House	Type of Article	Headline and Page No	Article Summary/ Issue Raised	Hyperlinks	Action Required
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	'T&T clinches U-17 50-over title'  Page 33	Trinidad and Tobago captured the Cricket West Indies (CWI) Rising Stars Under-17 Men's 50 over Championship title by defeating table leaders Barbados in the fifth and final round at Gilbert Park, California, Couva on Monday.		

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Jereem, Keshorn spearhead World Champs medal hunt’</b>	<p>Jereem “The Dream” Richards and Keshorn Walcott will lead the Trinidad and Tobago medal hunt at the September 13-21 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan. In a media release, yesterday, the National Association of Athletics Administrations of T&amp;T (NAAATT) announced a four-member team for the global competition.</p> <p>Richards will challenge for the men’s 400 metres title, while Walcott bids for honours in the men’s javelin. Leah Bertrand is listed for the women’s 100m and 200m events. And Tyra Gittens-Spotsville will do battle in the women’s long jump.</p>	<a href="https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/jereem-keshorn-spearhead-world-champs-medal-hunt/article_9606b376-e5d0-456d-a9ca-955cf100a696.html">https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/jereem-keshorn-spearhead-world-champs-medal-hunt/article_9606b376-e5d0-456d-a9ca-955cf100a696.html</a>	

# Thursday 4th



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Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

## **Daily Media Monitoring Report - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

2025

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<b>Sport Division</b>	Trinidad and Tobago Newsday	Sport News Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Minister Watts talks development with volleyball execs’</b>	<p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts met with Trinidad and Tobago Volleyball Federation (TTVF) executives on September 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the future of the sport, with particular focus on athlete welfare, financial support, and long-term development.</p> <p>The talks, held at the Minister’s office, brought together senior officials of the TTVF, including first vice president, Mr. Daymian Stewart and senior women’s head coach Mr. Deon Hutchinson.</p> <p>Minister Watts stressed that athlete development remains his top priority. He outlined a vision where the Ministry plays a hands-on role in helping young talent pursue their goals, particularly those who lack resources at home.</p>	<a href="https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/04/minister-watts-talks-development-with-volleyball-execs/">https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/04/minister-watts-talks-development-with-volleyball-execs/</a>	
<b>Sport Division</b>	TTT News	Sport News Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Minister Watts Meets With TT Volleyball Federation’</b>	<p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, met with Trinidad and Tobago Volleyball Federation executives to chart the sport’s next phase — focusing on athlete welfare, funding, and long-term development.</p>	<a href="https://www.ttt.liv.e/minister-watts-meets-with-tt-volleyball-federation/">https://www.ttt.liv.e/minister-watts-meets-with-tt-volleyball-federation/</a>	

# Friday 5th



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<p><b>Sport Division</b></p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Guardian</p>	<p>Sport News Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘Todd’s Road youth cricketers visit Sport Ministry’</b>  <b>Page 27</b></p>	<p>Ten young cricketers from Todd’s Road got the opportunity of a lifetime recently, when they paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts. The children, who were participants in SporTT’s JAVA Cricket Programme, visited Minister’s office alongside SporTT CEO, Mr. Jason Williams.</p> <p>During their visit, the young cricketers, who live in Minister Watts’ Talparo constituency, not only engaged in insightful dialogue with him and got a chance to see how he runs the ministry, but also took in the inspiring view of the Port of Spain waterfront from the minister’s office.</p>		
<p><b>Sport Division</b></p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Guardian</p>	<p>Sport News Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘Cabinet set to approve citizenship of T&amp;T amendment bill – Watts’</b>  <b>Page 37</b></p>	<p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, says Cabinet has agreed to approve the Citizenship of the Republic of T&amp;T Amendment Bill 2025 and also agreed that this bill is to be introduced in parliament at its earliest opportunity.</p> <p>The announcement comes as great news for the TTFA in its effort to widen the talent pool of the senior men’s national football team.</p>		

<p><b>Sport Division</b></p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Guardian</p>	<p>Sport News Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘DJ Bravo appointed Sport Ambassador’</b>  <b>Page 38</b></p>	<p>Former T&amp;T and West Indies cricketer Dwayne Bravo has been appointed as T&amp;T’s latest ambassador of sport, joining a long list of eminent athletes who have been bestowed with the honour.</p> <p>Speaking at the Diplomatic Centre, St. Ann’s, Port of Spain, The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts said, “Mr. Dwayne Bravo has distinguished himself as one of T&amp;T’s most celebrated sportsmen. He is internationally recognized as a premier cricketer, captain, and all-rounder, having represented the West Indies cricket team with distinction.”</p>		
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<b>Sport Division</b>	Daily Express	Sport News  Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Competitive edge: Cabinet approves “Grandparent Law,” TTFA president pleased’</b>	Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, yesterday officially announced the introduction of the “grandparent law,” that will allow national teams to cast a wider net for talent.  At a post-cabinet news conference yesterday, Watts said Cabinet had approved an amendment to the Citizenship of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Bill 2025. Minister Watts told reporters that Cabinet had agreed the bill “is to be introduced in Parliament at its earliest opportunity” and explained the change would allow people born overseas to acquire T&T citizenship if a grandparent was a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago at the date of their birth.		
<b>Sport Division</b>	TV6 News	Sport News  Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Grandparent Law For Athletes’</b>	Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, yesterday officially announced the introduction of the “grandparent law,” that will allow national teams to cast a wider net for talent.		

<p><b>Sport Division</b></p>	<p>TTT News</p>	<p>Sport News Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘Dwayne Bravo Named Ambassador Of Sport For Trinidad And Tobago’</b></p>	<p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, has announced the appointment of former West Indies captain Dwayne Bravo as an Ambassador of Sport for Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>At Thursday’s Post-Cabinet Media Briefing, he lauded Bravo’s contributions to Trinidad and Tobago and West Indies cricket, noting that his international appeal has carried the nation’s culture to audiences around the world.</p>		
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<p><b>Sport Division</b></p>	<p>TTT News</p>	<p>Sport News Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘Cabinet Approves Citizenship Bill To Expand National Athlete Pool’</b></p>	<p>The Cabinet has agreed to approve the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2025.</p> <p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, also said that the Bill is to be introduced in Parliament at its earliest date.</p> <p>He said the law will widen the pool of athletes available for all national sporting teams and referred specifically to the Trinidad and Tobago Senior Men’s Football Team.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Trinidad and Tobago Football Association President, Kieron Edwards, agrees that the Cabinet’s approval of the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill will aid all national teams. He believes the Bill will give the Senior Men’s Football Team a competitive edge ahead of their CONCACAF World Cup qualifying campaign.</p>		
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# Monday 8th



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<b>Sport Division</b>	Trinidad and Tobago Newsday	Sport News Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Bravo honoured to be named TT sports ambassador’</b>	<p>Former West Indies and TT all-rounder Dwayne Bravo is “deeply honoured” to be appointed sports ambassador to TT.</p> <p>A statement issued by Bravo, on September 5, thanked Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar and Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs Phillip Watts for recognising his contributions to the sport of cricket, and his cultural impact through music and international ambassadorship.</p> <p>Bravo’s acknowledgment came after Watts confirmed government’s plans to appoint the T20 specialist as one of the nation’s sports ambassadors. Watts made the announcement while addressing the media at the September 4 post-cabinet briefing.</p>	<a href="https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/05/government-to-appoint-dwayne-bravo-trinidad-and-tobago-sports-ambassador/">https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/05/government-to-appoint-dwayne-bravo-trinidad-and-tobago-sports-ambassador/</a>	
<b>Sport Division</b>	TTT News	Sport News Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Minister Watts Supports T&amp;T Footballers</b>	<p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs Phillip Watts pledged his continued support to the Trinidad and Tobago Senior Men’s Football Team.</p> <p>After their goal-less draw versus Curacao, Minister Watts greeted the team in their dressing room, at the Hasely Crawford Stadium, congratulating them on the result.</p>	<a href="https://www.ttt.liv.e/minister-watts-supports-tt-footballers/">https://www.ttt.liv.e/minister-watts-supports-tt-footballers/</a>	

# Tuesday 9th



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Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

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Division	Media House	Type of Article	Headline and Page No	Article Summary/ Issue Raised	Hyperlinks	Action Required
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>'Sports Ministry disburse \$817,000 in grant funding'</b>  <b>Page 39</b>	Yesterday, the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs advanced its commitment to sport development and athlete empowerment across Trinidad and Tobago with the disbursement of \$817,000 in grant funding. A total of 11 cheques were issued to beneficiaries across key categories: 1. High Performance / Elite Athlete Assistance Programme – 1 cheque valued at \$250,000. 2. Individuals in the Sport Category – 2 cheques totaling \$105,000. 3. National Sporting Organizations and Sport Serving Bodies – 8 cheques totaling \$462,000.		

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News  Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	'Gymnast Burke savours stellar season'	<p>Senior elite gymnast Dailia Burke paid a courtesy call to the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts at Nicholas Tower yesterday following a standout domestic and regional season.</p> <p>The 15-year-old member of Tots &amp; Tumblers arrived with her parents after collecting several medals at Carifta and Trinidad and Tobago Gymnastics Federation (TTGF) Championships. Burke has already marked herself out as one of the country's brightest junior prospects. Minister Watts welcomed Burke and her family, praising her discipline and achievements and offering continued support as she progresses through the ranks.</p>	<a href="https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/gymnast-burke-savours-stellar-season/article_0e30cd78-cde6-4164-82af-1b45bae60dce.html">https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/local/gymnast-burke-savours-stellar-season/article_0e30cd78-cde6-4164-82af-1b45bae60dce.html</a>	

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Newsday	Sport News Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Trinidad and Tobago powerlifter Joseph McDonald breaks record, strikes gold in Costa Rica’</b>	The raw power, strength and determination of national champion Joseph McDonald were on full display in San Jose, Costa Rica, on September 5 when he overcame a shaky start to reel in the gold medal in the 120 kg weight class at the 2025 International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) World Classic Junior Powerlifting Championships.	<a href="https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/08/trinidad-and-tobago-powerlifter-joseph-mcdonald-breaks-record-strikes-gold-in-costa-rica/">https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/08/trinidad-and-tobago-powerlifter-joseph-mcdonald-breaks-record-strikes-gold-in-costa-rica/</a>	

# Wednesday 10th



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

## Daily Media Monitoring Report - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

2025

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>'Youth netballers eager to represent T&amp;T at World Cup'</b>  Page 39	T&T players will depart for this year's World Youth (Under 21) Netball Cup in Gibraltar. Meanwhile, the president of the local netball body, Netball TT (NTT), Debbie-Ann Francois, encouraged the players to give their all. She also praised the support of the sponsors, headed by the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs and SporTT.	<a href="https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/youth-netballers-eager-to-represent-tt-at-world-cup-6.2.2396397.d3cae0504">https://www.guardian.co.tt/sports/youth-netballers-eager-to-represent-tt-at-world-cup-6.2.2396397.d3cae0504</a>	

# Monday 15th



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**Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs**

**Daily Media Monitoring Report - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September –  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**Prepared by: Elijah Samaroo**

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<p><b>All Divisions</b></p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Guardian</p>	<p>Sport News Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘Against the odds: Young TKR fan’s journey of perseverance, passion and hope’</b></p> <p><b>Page 20</b></p>	<p>When the Trinidad Knight Riders (TKR) walked out to play against the Barbados Royals in their last preliminary round of the CPL, one of their biggest fans, Adrian Cudjoe, was watching with a renewed sense of pride in the team.</p> <p>Born with cerebral palsy, Cudjoe was initially not expected to live past the age of 5, but here he was, thriving at 27.</p> <p>His devotion to cricket earned him the chance of a lifetime where while he was at TKR’s third home game against the Guyana Amazon Warriors, it was there that the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, The Honourable Phillip Watts noticed his patriotism and enthusiasm among the crowd.</p> <p>The Minister arranged VIP tickets for TKR’s next two home matches as well as had a chat with Cudjoe on sport.</p>		
<p><b>All Divisions</b></p>	<p>TTT News</p>	<p>Sport News Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘Grandparent Bill Passed In the Lower House’</b></p>	<p>The Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2025, aimed at granting Trinidad and Tobago citizenship to individuals with third-generation ancestry, was passed in the Lower House on Friday evening.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.ttt.liv/e/grandparent-bill-passed-in-the-lower-house/">https://www.ttt.liv/e/grandparent-bill-passed-in-the-lower-house/</a></p>	

<p><b>Sport Division</b></p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Guardian</p>	<p>News Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘Watts: Citizenship Bill opens doors to athletes, doctors, other professions’</b></p> <p><b>Page 10</b></p>	<p>The Constitution Amendment Bill 2025 will not only be inviting athletes “back home” to become citizens, but also doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, and academics—tackling Trinidad and Tobago’s “brain drain”, says Sport Minister Phillip Watts. Watts said the bill targets national development, sporting excellence, and regional competitiveness to ensure T&amp;T is not left behind its Caribbean neighbours. “This is about unlocking hundreds of millions in diaspora investment, strengthening our national identity across generations. This isn’t a gift to foreigners or importing talent. It’s recognition of family—unlocking our own talent,” Minister Watts said.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/citizenship-bill-opens-doors-to-athletes-doctors-other-profession-6.2.2400064.292b037ca0">https://www.guardian.co.tt/news/citizenship-bill-opens-doors-to-athletes-doctors-other-profession-6.2.2400064.292b037ca0</a></p>	

# Tuesday 16th



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Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

## Daily Media Monitoring Report - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

2025

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Division	Media House	Type of Article	Headline and Page No	Article Summary/ Issue Raised	Hyperlinks	Action Required
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>'Minister Watts extends condolences on passing of cyclist, coach Ragoonanan'</b>  Page 34	In a release, The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, extended condolences to the Central Spokes Cycle Club (CSCC) and the family of Rakesh 'Ronnie' Ragoonanan following his tragic passing. Minister Watts in a conversation with Rovena Williams, president of the CSCC, expressed sympathy for the loss endured by both the cycling fraternity and Ragoonanan's loved ones.		

# Wednesday 17th



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Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs

## Daily Media Monitoring Report - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>'Northeastern Regional Multipurpose Sport Facility reopens in Sangre Grande'</b>  Page 32	The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts said every child who steps onto the court at the Northeastern Regional Multipurpose Sport Facility is a champion. Minister Watts made this statement in his address at the reopening of the facility at Ojoe Road, Sangre Grande, on Monday evening. The Minister also emphasized that the Government and the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs will remain committed to creating holistic empowerment of young people.		

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Newsday	Sport News Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>'SporTT reopens Grande indoor facility, athletes breathe sigh of relief'</b>	<p>Sporting enthusiasts in Sangre Grande and environs breathed a sigh of relief on September 15 following the grand reopening of the North Eastern Regional Multipurpose Sport Facility on Ojoe Road, Sangre Grande.</p> <p>In an interview with Newsday on September 16, SporTT CEO, Mr. Jason Williams said, "This is a proper multipurpose facility in Sangre Grande, and it is for the benefit of all users in the area, and outside of the area. We are asking the community and all who use the facility to protect it, enjoy it, safeguard it, develop the sports, develop the young men and women, and use it for the benefit of sport development."</p>	<a href="https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/17/sport-reopens-grande-indoor-facility-athletes-breathe-sigh-of-relief/">https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/17/sport-reopens-grande-indoor-facility-athletes-breathe-sigh-of-relief/</a>	

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Sport Division	TTT News	Sport News Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘T&amp;T’s Largest Indoor Multi-Sport Venue Reopens’</b>	<p>There were big celebrations in Sangre Grande on Monday night, as the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago officially reopened the North Eastern Regional Multipurpose Sport Facility.</p> <p>With two indoor courts spanning more than 1,600 square metres, a restored outdoor playing field, and newly installed lights by T&amp;TEC, it is now the country’s largest indoor multi-sport venue.</p>	<a href="https://www.ttt.liv/e/tts-largest-indoor-multi-sport-venue-reopens/">https://www.ttt.liv/e/tts-largest-indoor-multi-sport-venue-reopens/</a>	

# Tuesday 23rd



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## Daily Media Monitoring Report - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 Prepared by: Elijah Samaroo

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	<b>'President Ali, Minister Watts, stakeholders meet on Caribbean cricket'</b>  <b>Page 51</b>	T&T's Sport Minister, the Honourable Phillip Watts and SporTT's CEO, Mr. Jason Williams joined Guyana's president, Dr. Irfaan Ali and regional leaders at State house for a meeting on the future of West Indies Cricket in Georgetown, Guyana, last Friday. The meeting focused on forging deeper regional alliances to reposition and revitalize West Indies Cricket.		

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Minister Watts welcomes Special Olympics athletes for strategic talks’</b>  <b>Page 52</b>	The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, welcomed athletes and executives from the Special Olympics T&T (SOTT) fraternity during a courtesy visit to the ministry’s offices, last Friday.		
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	News Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Big rewards for champs – Gov’t to announce national honours for World medalists today’</b>  <b>Page 5</b>	The Cabinet is expected to meet today to come to a consensus on how much 2025 World Athletics Championships javelin gold medallist, Keshorn Walcott and 400 metres silver medallist, Jereem Richards should be rewarded. This was revealed by the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts at the official welcome reception for the athletes in the VIP Lounge of the Piarco international airport yesterday.		

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Opinion Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Reflecting on Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2025’</b>  <b>Page 20</b>	On September 12 the Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2025, was passed in parliament. This landmark reform extends citizenship by descent to the grandchildren of our citizens, finally correcting a long-standing gap in our laws. The initiative, led with vision by the Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts, stands as a testament to what can be achieved when leadership and foresight meet national necessity. – Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism, Dr. Neil Gosine.		
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Walcott calls for more development of track and field in T&amp;T’</b>  <b>Page 33</b>	Recently crowned men’s javelin champion, Keshorn Walcott is lending his voice for more emphasis to be placed on the nurturing of athletic talents in the country.		

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Sport Division	Express	Sport News Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	<b>'Back on top: Head coach Bravo heaps praise on TKR'</b>	<p>Trinbago Knight Riders head coach Dwayne Bravo hailed his side's record-extending fifth Caribbean Premier League (CPL) championship as more than a simple victory on the field.</p> <p>Their three-wicket victory over hosts Guyana Amazon Warriors at Guyana National Stadium in Providence on Sunday night was the moment the franchise reclaimed its place as the Caribbean's most dominant T20 team.</p> <p>Beyond cricket and TKR's victory, Bravo spoke about the broader impact of sport on national unity and culture and urged those in authority to respect sport and what athletes do to represent the country successfully on the world stage.</p>	<a href="https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/regional/back-on-top/article_bd7d5aee-ca58-483e-9c35-7bc89009f644.html">https://trinidadexpress.com/sports/regional/back-on-top/article_bd7d5aee-ca58-483e-9c35-7bc89009f644.html</a>	

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Newsday	Sport News Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Watts: Government to announce rewards for Keshorn, Jereem this week’</b>	<p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs Phillip Watts, said that on September 23, the rewards for World Championship heroes Keshorn Walcott and Jereem Richards will be further discussed when the Cabinet meets.</p> <p>Watts, along with Minister of Culture and Community Development Michelle Benjamin, and officials from the Sport Company of TT and the TT Olympic Committee, welcomed Walcott and Richards back home on September 22 in a celebratory function at the VIP Lounge at the Piarco International Airport.</p> <p>In a statement from the Office of the Prime Minister on September 19, a day after the TT athletes earned the medals, Kamla Persad-Bissessar said, “Our athletes carry more than medals; they carry our spirit, our resilience, and the image of our nation before the world. Accordingly, after due deliberation and Cabinet consultation, both athletes will be aptly and appropriately rewarded by the State for bringing such immense honour and glory to our country.”</p>	<a href="https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/23/watts-government-to-announce-rewards-for-keshorn-jereem-this-week/">https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/23/watts-government-to-announce-rewards-for-keshorn-jereem-this-week/</a>	



# Thursday 25th



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All Divisions	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	News Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘\$750k for Keshorn, Jereem; Chaconia Gold for TKR’</b>  Page 5	The Trinbago Knight Riders received this country's second-highest honour, the Chaconia Gold Medal. While Javelin World Champion, Keshorn Walcott and 400m World Championships silver medallist, Jereem Richards, received \$500,000 and \$250,000 respectively. Additionally, Keshorn Walcott, TKR standouts, captain Nicholas Pooran and Keiron Pollard have been named national sport ambassadors.		

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘T&amp;T senior football team now called Carnival Kings’</b>  <b>Page 39</b>	T&T’s senior football team will now be called the “Carnival Kings”. The name was approved, according to a high-ranking member of the TTFA. This comes after Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator David Nakhid had intervene between the TTFA and Mr. Selwyn Melville.		
Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Guardian	Sport News Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Studio 7 dancers capture 23 medals in Panama’</b>  <b>Page 40</b>	Studio 7 Dance School, home of the Spartan Cheer Club, enjoyed a very successful outing at the All-Dance America Championship at Hotel El Panama in Panama City, which ended on Saturday, with the 23-member team capturing 23 medals, 6 gold, 13 silver, and 4 bronze medals from 27 entries.		

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Sport Division	Daily Express	Sport News Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>'Prime Minister Kamla honours sporting heroes'</b>	<p>Javelin gold medallist Keshorn Walcott will receive, as an acknowledgement of his achievement and pride of country, \$500,000; an appointment as a national sports ambassador, and a diplomatic passport for his accomplishments at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan.</p> <p>His colleague, silver medallist in the 400 metres Jereem Richards, will receive \$250,000.</p> <p>And Caribbean Premier League (CPL) 2025 champions the Trinbago Knight Riders (TKR), who won the CPL finals in Guyana, will receive the Chaconia Medal (Gold) at the National Awards, Queen's Hall, St Ann's, today. Player of the tournament Kieron Pollard and captain Nicholas Pooran were also named sports ambassadors and will be given diplomatic passports.</p>	<a href="https://trinidadexpress.com/news/local/kamla-honours-sporting-heroes/article_8c75516e-567a-4a5e-ae05-1f9413f9707b.html">https://trinidadexpress.com/news/local/kamla-honours-sporting-heroes/article_8c75516e-567a-4a5e-ae05-1f9413f9707b.html</a>	

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Sport Division	Trinidad and Tobago Newsday	Sport News Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>‘Sports Minister Watts reaffirms government’s support for national athletes’</b>	<p>MINISTER of Sport and Youth Affairs Phillip Watts commended Keshorn Walcott and Jereem Richards for their outstanding performances at the World Athletics Championships in Japan, which saw the former cop a historic <u>men’s javelin gold</u>, and the latter set a new national record, in blistering <u>men’s 400-metre silver</u> medal showing.</p> <p>Addressing the pair at a welcome reception at Piarco International Airport on September 22, Watts described their achievements as “inspiring” and “a reminder of the greatness that lives in Trinidad and Tobago.”</p> <p>Watts reaffirmed government’s continued investment in sport and athlete development and said the success of Walcott and Richards reflects the importance of strategic support.</p>	<a href="https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/24/sports-minister-watts-reaffirms-governments-support-for-national-athletes/">https://newsday.co.tt/2025/09/24/sports-minister-watts-reaffirms-governments-support-for-national-athletes/</a>	

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Sport Division	TTT News	Sport News Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	<b>'Keshorn Walcott Named Sports Ambassador, Vows To Inspire Youth'</b>	<p>Sporting heroes Keshorn Walcott, Jereem Richards, and the Trinbago Knight Riders were all honoured and rewarded for their recent exploits by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago during a visit with Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar at the Diplomatic Centre in Port of Spain on Tuesday.</p> <p>World Athletics Championships Gold Medallist Keshorn Walcott expressed gratitude for the recognition as he made a commitment to the nation.</p>	<a href="https://www.ttt.liv/e/keshorn-walcott-named-sports-ambassador-vows-to-inspire-youth/">https://www.ttt.liv/e/keshorn-walcott-named-sports-ambassador-vows-to-inspire-youth/</a>	

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Sport Division	TTT News	Sport News Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	<b>‘New State-Of-The-Art Gym Launched For Elite Athletes In Couva’</b>	<p>Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs Phillip Watts has officially opened a third state-of-the-art Elite Athlete Gym in partnership with the Sports Company of Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>The new facility, located at the National Cycling Velodrome in Couva, joins its counterparts at the Hasely Crawford Stadium in Port of Spain and the National Racquet Centre in Tacarigua.</p>	<a href="https://www.ttt.liv/e/new-state-of-the-art-gym-launched-for-elite-athletes-in-couva/">https://www.ttt.liv/e/new-state-of-the-art-gym-launched-for-elite-athletes-in-couva/</a>	

# Monday 29th



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<p><b>Sport Division</b></p>	<p>Trinidad and Tobago Guardian</p>	<p>News Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	<p><b>‘Minister Watts opens Elite Athletes Gym at NCC’</b>  <b>Page 52</b></p>	<p>The Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs, the Honourable Phillip Watts opened another Elite Athletes Gym, this time at the National Cycling Centre in Balmain, Couva, following the opening of the National Racquet Centre in Tacarigua, a week ago. Minister Watts said that the opening of this gym signals a new era in training, recovery, and holistic well-being for T&amp;T’s elite athletes, spearheaded by the Elite Athlete Well-being Unit.  The gym was officially opened on September 22, courtesy of a collaborative effort of SporTT and the Sports Ministry.</p>		