

'Public Works' female athletes deserve praises

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Friday the 18th of March 2016 was a special day in the sporting arena for all Public Works athletes. This was the first and official sporting tournament graced by the management in support of various sports campaigns such as '*work and play*', '*siyadlala – let's play*', etc. A working mind needs an active and healthy body.

Having witnessed the day's order of events, one must indicate that it was the first experience of its kind, but not all sporting codes were on the day's programme list due to various logistical reasons. However, athletes in attendance participated in netball and soccer (female and male). All Regions and Head Office were equally represented. Notwithstanding the fact that the programme resumed a bit late but it is a lesson to be learned to manage time accordingly.



As the programme unfolded, one noticed that Public Works' women who participated on the day, either winning or losing, were the 'best', and nothing but the 'best'. Remember, there were only two sporting codes on the day and '*our female athletes*' participated in both sporting codes (soccer and netball) whereas their male counterparts only participated in soccer. In some instances, one female player had to represent her team in both set of

games at given intervals. Was that not demanding? Is that passion or love of the game on the part of the female athletes concerned? So, be an analyst.

Without undermining anyone at any given time one must also commend all players (males and females) who took it up to themselves in attending and participating at the prestigious tournament. However, Public Works female athletes deserve praises. All teams were well geared and ready for the event. They have showed character – real character, quality, strength, stamina, agility, zeal and zest with minimal injuries recorded during the field of play.



We wish to extend all compliments to the members of the Departmental Sports Committee who ensured that the programme got accomplished as planned. An invitation is also extended to those potential athletes who may directly and indirectly add value to the good course of living healthy life styles whilst also in the line of duty.

It is easier said than done but it is a fact that ‘Public Works’ female athletes really deserve praises. If you cannot beat them then join them.

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