

TEAM HURRICANE BASKETBALL REVIEW

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WE GO HARD!!

TEAM HURRICANE'S MONTREAL HOOP EXPERIENCE

Team Hurricane Basketball Academy participated in its first ever Montreal Hoop Experience as the team toured Montreal, Canada from March 30th to April 4th.

For Team Hurricane President and Founder, Doug Reed, the Montreal Hoop Experience was a great success. "It served as a great opportunity for our student-athletes to test their talents and skills against international competition.

"This was Team Hurricane's first ever trip to Canada and we owe much to Tim Trott of Coach Bullet Basketball who was instrumental in helping our program make this opportunity a reality. Coach Bullet's girls' program was in Canada at the same time we were. And while our schedules didn't mirror one another, it signified our two programs' willingness to collaborate on initiatives that will help grow the sport of basketball in Bermuda."

Stanstead College hosted Team Hurricane leading up to and during its March Madness Invitational Tournament. The relationship between Stanstead College and Bermuda began more than 2 years ago. Stanstead College basketball team last visited Bermuda for the Thanksgiving Classic held at Berkeley Institute in November 2013. Mark Bembenek, Stanstead's Director of Athletics and Head Basketball Coach, shares that with the Stanstead College March Madness Invitational Tournament, he wanted to create an event that would build a strong camaraderie amongst young people from different areas that all love playing the game of basketball. "This tournament allowed players to compete, challenge and learn from others that they would otherwise never get the chance to play against."

Teams that competed in the March Madness Invitational Tournament were:

- Team Hurricane Basketball Academy
- Triple Threat (Toronto, Canada)
- NOVA (Quebec)
- CEGEP de Sherbrooke
- Stanstead Select

Mark Bembenek goes on to say, "It was very exciting to see high caliber teams from many different places and leagues all competing against each other, learning from each other and inspiring each other."

In leading up to the tournament, Team Hurricane had games scheduled against the following teams as well:

- Lower Canada College (@ Lower Canada College)
- Massey Vanier Regional (@ Stanstead College)
- Chateauguay Valley Regional High School (CVR) (@ Stanstead College)

In addition to game competition, Team Hurricane and the players from CVR and Stanstead Select were also treated to a clinic conducted by Donnie Avey. Donnie Avey is an assistant coach at Warner College (Lake Wales, FL) and a clinician with the NBA who has trained players with the Orlando Magic.

**TEAM HURRICANE – MONTREAL HOOP EXPERIENCE
PLAYER REFLECTIONS**



Sean Tucker

"I enjoyed the experience and playing against more athletic competition. I liked staying on the Stanstead College campus too, and getting the chance to bond with the players from other teams."



Yontz Sutton

"It was a motivating experience because there were things that opened my eyes. There were players in Canada playing like the men's national team in Bermuda."



Darae Smith

"Canada was a great experience because of the culture. Also, I didn't expect the competition to be so good. I was proud of us as a team because we adjusted when teams brought the heat."



Raushon Tankard

"I enjoyed it. This experience showed us what level we're at and what we need to work on. It was good exposure and we were able to make decent connections."

**TEAM HURRICANE – MONTREAL HOOP EXPERIENCE
PHOTO GALLERY**



Team Hurricane Canada Bound



The young ladies of Coach Bullet Basketball coming out and supporting us at our game against Stanstead Select held at Lower Canada College. Thanks Ladies!



Team Hurricane experiencing snow in April!



Coach Donnie Avery with Team Hurricane, CVR & Stanstead Select



Jahmair Trott working hard in the paint.



Raushon Tankard with the pass to Bryce Gonsalves.



Mykal Glasgow shoots his silky, smooth jump shot.

TEAM HURRICANE HOLDS SKILLS CAMP

SOMERSET, BERMUDA, APRIL 13, 2015 – Team Hurricane Basketball Academy returned from their successful Montreal Hoop Experience to hold one week later their first annual Team Hurricane-Global Squad Invitational Skills Camp. The camp was held at Bermuda College weekend of April 10, 11 & 12th.

In keeping with its mission to provide the best competitive basketball experience for student-athletes who want to pursue a college education, Team Hurricane aligned with Alexander Basketball Academy to hold the Team Hurricane-Global Squad Invitational Skills Camp. The fostering of such relationships serves to benefit Bermuda’s student-athletes as Team Hurricane works with other basketball academies experienced in bringing international players to U.S. college coaches.

Alexander Basketball Academy (ABA) is a basketball training organization dedicated to helping athletes achieve their basketball related goals and reach the “next level.” For nearly 10 years ABA players have reached their highest potential by utilizing cutting-edge training techniques and a distinctive coaching style that stresses physical improvement, mental growth, and leadership. Alexander Basketball Academy is led by John Alexander. John played 4 years of college basketball at Washington College (Chestertown, Maryland) where he was captain and three time Defensive Player of the Year. Coach Alexander has been training high school, college, and pro players for nearly 10 years and has over 40 players who have made it to the NCAA level. Basketball is definitely a family affair as John’s brother, Joe Alexander, was a 2008 NBA 1st round draft pick of the Milwaukee Bucks out of West Virginia University.



The main objective of the Team Hurricane – Global Squad Invitational Skills Camp will be to teach players how to develop their individual basketball skills whether on their own or with a small group of friends. Student-athletes will learn fundamental training techniques including proper footwork, speed, agility, ball-handling, and shooting. At camp’s end, players will have the tools necessary to train at a high level regardless of where they live or the facilities at their disposal. Just as importantly, the camp will seek to identify those student-athletes with the talent to play college basketball in the United States.

The Team Hurricane-Global Squad Invitational Skills Camp featured:
Experienced Coaches – Staff with many years of basketball skill development
Focused Instruction – High player to coach ratio
Pro-Style Training – NBA caliber drills so athletes can practice like the pros
Competition – Daily challenges with recognition for excellence.

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**TEAM HURRICANE HOLDS SKILLS CAMP
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Offensive & defensive footwork
Intense ball-handling drills
"Form Shooting"
Speed & agility training
ABA's "Jump Program"

1-on-1 offensive development
Position specific skill work
How to simulate game pressure
Game situational instruction
Exercises in mental toughness

Founder and Head Coach, Doug Reed, couldn't be happier about the success of Team Hurricane's first ever skills camp. "It was a dream come true to be able to provide an awesome training experience for young student-athletes here in Bermuda. The young men of Team Hurricane Basketball Academy carried themselves with such dignity and class while showing a competitive spirit to work hard and do all that was asked of them. They showed that a lot of talent is to be found in Bermuda youth basketball"





American Coaches Reflect On Bermuda Hoops

April 16, 2015 | [0 Comments](#)

The Team Hurricane-Global Squad Invitational Skills Camp recently held at Bermuda College was a triumph for Bermuda youth basketball. The camp was a benefit to Bermuda's student-athletes by allowing them to work with the staff of Alexander Basketball Academy, a well-regarded basketball institution experienced in bringing international players to U.S. college coaches.

Team Hurricane Founder and President, Doug Reed, handed the reins to John Alexander to run a camp designed to scout and recruit, invited NCAA level talent from here in Bermuda. Coach Alexander has been training high school, college, and pro players for nearly 10 years and has over 40 players who have made it to the NCAA level. Joining John Alexander in Bermuda was Kevin Breslin an Assistant Coach at Washington College (Chestertown, Maryland) and Christian Matthews, a Washington College graduate and former player there.

The 3-day camp saw players from Team Hurricane learn what is required to, as Coach John Alexander said, "take ownership of their game." Student-athletes learned fundamental training techniques including proper footwork, speed, agility, ball-handling, and shooting. By camp's end, Team Hurricane players had the tools necessary to train at a high level.



Alexander Basketball Academy & Team Hurricane Coaches

From left to right: John Alexander, Kent Tacklyn, Christian Matthews, Kevin Breslin, and Doug Reed

SKILLS CAMP REFLECTION (continued)

What made the Skills Camp a triumph for Bermuda youth basketball was what Coach Alexander and Coach Kevin Breslin had to say about the talent and heart of young Bermuda players.

John Alexander

"I was impressed with the level of talent we found in Bermuda. More importantly, though, Team Hurricane is clearly building a strong culture of hardworking and extremely coach-able basketball players. In our brief time with the players we saw a great deal of improvement from each player. This demonstrated that they not only take instruction well, but they are willing to put in the work to take their game to the next level. The discipline the Hurricane staff has already instilled in these players really made our job easy and enjoyable. This was without a doubt one of the most enjoyable international skills camp Alexander Basketball Academy has ever run."

Kevin Breslin

"The first time we run a camp in a new country it is always difficult to plan for the first day. Without a good understanding of the level of basketball we will soon encounter we can't be sure of what drills to run. Running a drill I use with my players at Washington College may not be beneficial for a kid who is first learning the game. The remarkable thing about this camp is that the coaches of Team Hurricane have already provided young Bermudians with the basic skills that will help them to succeed as basketball players at a high level. Team Hurricane's mastery of the basic concepts of basketball empowered our Alexander Basketball Academy staff to run the advanced drills we would use with players in our advanced Global Squad program. The challenge for these young players now is to find time to hone their impressive skills on a beautiful island with more golf courses than gymnasiums, a stark difference from their American counterparts who never lack opportunities for gym space."



Alexander Basketball Academy Coaches & Team Hurricane Players

The Royal Gazette

Top youngsters reap grant rewards

May 1, 2015

By Lawrence Trott

The Ministry of Community, Culture and Sports yesterday handed out about \$50,000 to 12 young athletes as part of Government's National Junior Athlete Sponsorship programme.

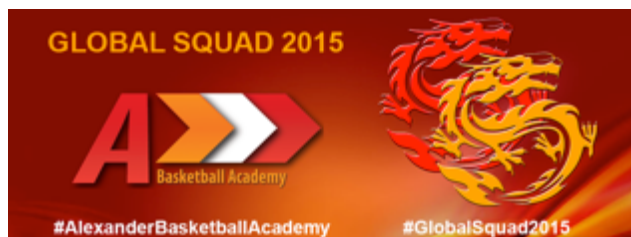
Minister Patricia Gordon-Pamplin made the presentation at the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute, with show jumper Jaylynn Hines, a 2009 and 2010 awards recipient, also at the luncheon to offer words of encouragement to the student-athletes.

Funds donated to the youngsters through their sports' governing bodies ranged from \$2,640 to \$6,108 and will assist with their development and exposure at overseas events.

Raushon Tankard, 17, is a promising basketball player who aims to play at the collegiate level and to assist him in attending the IMG Core Basketball Camp in North Carolina, he has been granted \$4,608 through the Bermuda Basketball Association.



Team Hurricane's Raushon Tankard, (4th from the right) with Minister Patricia Gordon-Pamplin and other Junior Athlete Award Recipients.



TEAM HURRICANE'S PROMISING PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL SQUAD

SOMERSET, BERMUDA, JUNE 3, 2015 – The Team Hurricane Basketball Program proudly announces that five (5) of its players will be participating in Global Squad, an intensive summer basketball program run by the Alexander Basketball Academy. Bermuda student-athletes, Bryce Gonsalves, Jason Gonsalves, Jorel Smith, Darae Smith and Dion Easton will be attending the month long academy held at The Hill School, in Pottstown, Pennsylvania from June 27th to July 27th.

Each summer the Global Squad provides international student-athletes with an opportunity to get recruited by U.S. colleges and universities, by putting them in front of college coaches, while providing elite training required to play at the next level. The Global Squad has an excellent recipe for success when it comes to helping international basketball players get recruited to play in the United States. In four years they have helped nearly 40 players get recruited by colleges, universities, junior colleges and top prep schools.

Team Hurricane Founder/Head Coach Doug Reed is excited about the opportunity being afforded his academy's players. "The Global Squad experience will represent our players' second overseas basketball experience in 2015. Upon competing internationally in Montreal, Canada earlier in April, Jorel, Darae and Bryce now will get the opportunity to play 15 – 20 games against some of the best high school competition in the world. Former Saltus students Jason Gonsalves and Dion Easton, will serve as a counselors during the camp and train for potential college basketball opportunities."

Team Hurricane student-athletes are able to participate in such a high level basketball experience as a result of Team Hurricane aligning with Alexander Basketball Academy to hold the Team Hurricane-Global Squad Invitational Skills Camp this past April at Bermuda College. Coach Alexander and his staff ran an intense camp designed to scout, recruit, invited NCAA level talent from Bermuda to attend the Global Squad Summer Camp. Coach Alexander was impressed with the level of talent he found in Bermuda. "Team Hurricane is clearly building a strong culture of hardworking and extremely coach-able basketball players."



With regards to Coach Alexander's thoughts on the players attending the Global Squad Camp:



1. Darea Smith – “We love his athleticism. His speed and quickness give him a baseline to potentially play D-I basketball. If he can clean up some of his fundamentals, improve his jump shot, and ball-handling then he will have a lot of schools interested recruiting him.”



2. Jorel Smith – “Jorel is athletic, skilled, and extremely coachable. He's only a freshmen so he has a lot of time to develop into a legit NCAA prospect.”



3. Bryce Gonsalves – “Bryce loves getting physical and does a great job using his body around the basket. His high basketball IQ, toughness, and skill set make him a promising college prospect.”



TEAM HURRICANE'S PROMISING PLAYERS TO RETURN TO SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY CAMP

SOMERSET, BERMUDA, JUNE 10 2015 – The Team Hurricane Basketball Academy proudly announces a return to Jim Boeheim Basketball Camp held on the campus of Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY), a highly ranked academic institution, from June 27th to July 1st.

Team Hurricane Founder and Head Coach, Doug Reed, is a graduate of Syracuse University, so the decision to have Hurricane players return to the Syracuse camp was any easy one. "I loved my experience at Syracuse University, and our return to the camp provides a continued opportunity to promote my school and the college experience to young people. Once again, Team Hurricane players will get a small taste of college life and get a chance to stay in the dorms and walk around the campus. More importantly, they'll play competitive basketball in one of college basketball's top venues – the Carrier Dome...although not in front of 30,000 fans."

Team Hurricane's significant growth over the past year will allow for thirteen (13) players to attend this year up from the five (5) student-athletes who participated in 2014. The roster of players who are attending the camp for 2015 are:

- 1) Mykal Glasgow**
- 2) Zachary Johnson**
- 3) Jacy Lowery**
- 4) Raushon Tankard**
- 5) Sean Tucker**
- 6) Yontz Sutton**
- 7) Niall Waring**
- 8) Lewis Ramm**
- 9) Kevin Greaves**
- 10) Jalen Currin**
- 11) Christian Liyanage**
- 12) Zane Curtis-Johnson**
- 13) Yizharyah Williams**

Team Hurricane – Syracuse Trip (continued)

Mykal Glasgow a smooth shooting guard for Berkeley Institute who has been with the Team Hurricane since its inception is excited about returning to Syracuse University. “It will be an even better experience this time around because I know what to expect.”

Warwick Academy point guard Jacy Lowery says, “This year I hope we dominate.”

For Niall Waring, also of Warwick Academy, he shares, “I’m hoping to make a notable contribution to the team. I’m also looking forward to the experience of being on a big time campus.”

Christian Liyanange, one of the younger Team Hurricane players, will be making his first trip to Syracuse this year. The M3 student-athlete from T.N. Tatem is expecting to improve. “I also want to improve my handle and game I.Q.”

Coach Reed is excited about the team’s return to Jim Boeheim’s Basketball Camp at Syracuse University. “This trip demonstrates the Team Hurricane Basketball Academy’s strength to provide a platform in which student-athletes can train, develop and reach their academic and athletic potential. This camp will provide Team Hurricane players the opportunity to learn the game the same way the renowned Syracuse University Orange squad is coached and will, in the process, help the sport of basketball grow in Bermuda.”

“Team Hurricane wishes to thank Tokio Millenium for their charitable donation to this Syracuse University Basketball Camp & College Experience. It is a tremendous opportunity for the players to not only improve their athletic performance but is also the sort of project initiative that Team Hurricane believes cultivates a positive attitude towards the benefits of a college education.”

“It is also just another life enriching opportunity that Team Hurricane is able to offer its student-athletes and is made possible by all who have contributed to our programs and initiatives for 2014-2015: ABWilson Photography, Ace Group, Allied World Assurance, Argus Group, Butterfield & Vallis, FIL Limited, Jardine Matheson International Services, Orbis, The Peter Cundill Foundation, Tokio Millenium, Validus RE, XL Group, Zurich Insurance Company, as well as our individual donors. Their gracious support allows Team Hurricane to continue to develop the youth of Bermuda through sports and education.”



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HURRICANE PLAYERS STUDYING ABROAD

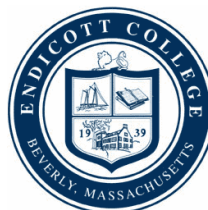
Team Hurricane Basketball Academy provides a platform in which student-athletes can train, develop and reach their academic and athletic potential. We provide the best competitive basketball experience for student-athletes who want to pursue a college education. Through providing letters of recommendation, guidance and assistance the Team Hurricane Basketball Academy helps its student-athletes in navigating the prep school/college application and recruiting process.

The Team Hurricane Family wishes all the best to our latest student-athlete to study abroad...Jacy Lowery! Jacy will be attending Rabun Gap-Nachoochee School in Rabun Gap, Georgia. Wish you all the best, Jacy!



Jacy joins a list of other Hurricanes studying abroad:

Joshua Liyanage - Humber College (Toronto, Canada)
Jason Gonsalves - Endicott College (Beverly, MA)
Lucas-Pierre Barbey - Gordon College (Wenham, Massachusetts)
Kumari Tannock - IMG Academy (Bradenton, FL)
Jalen Currin - Florida Prep (Melbourne, FL)
Kevin Greaves - Florida Prep (Melbourne, FL)



TEAM HURRICANE INSPIRATIONS

Many Things

- 1. Keep courtesy and consideration of others foremost in your mind, at home and away.*
- 2. Pray for guidance and strength to do your best and then have faith.*
- 3. Although it may not be possible to determine what happens to you, you should control how you react and respond.*
- 4. Try to have fun without being funny.*
- 5. Never try for a laugh at another's expense. Try to laugh with others, never at them.*
- 6. Our school (Team Hurricane Basketball Academy) will be judged by our appearance and our conduct. May we command the respect of all in both.*
- 7. Good manners should control our actions at all times.*

John Wooden

*Legendary Hall of Fame Coach
U.C.L.A.*



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