



Youth is a priority for Sharks in Central

TT Pro League club, Central F.C. launched their 2013 youth teams at JZZ's International Steakhouse in Couva last Wednesday and announced that their priority is to develop young Central footballers into professional players. At the event, The Sharks introduced their youth team sponsors, Toyota, JZZ's and S.I.S. and also confirmed that another Central based company, Superior Readymix Ltd had stepped forward to sponsor the clubs Reserve team.

Managing Director, Brent Sancho said that while the club would love to win trophies, the club was also very much focused on development. "It would be easy to just adopt an existing team to represent Central F.C." said Sancho "But that's not the way we want to do things at this club. We held trials across the region and are proud to say that the teams truly represent the whole of the Central catchment area." Sancho explained that the philosophy of the club is to recruit players at age 11 or 12 and feed them through the various teams until they reach the senior level. "The cream always rises to the top. Just as Barcelona have 6 or 7 first team regulars who came through their youth system, so will Central, and that can only bode well for the national team in 5 or 6 years time."

Youth Development Manager, Kevin Jeffrey said that building the teams had been a mammoth task. "We're in the middle of our Reserve team season and to build three additional teams from scratch has been no mean feat. However, we were determined not to take short cuts and lay a strong foundation for the future." Jeffrey said that the strategy is not expected to bear fruit in the first season, as the teams will need to play competitive games in order to gel. "As with our Senior and Reserve teams, they will take time to bed in and we have realistic expectations. This is a developmental year at all levels of the club, but we understand that success on the field will come our way, and once the formula is set, we will be recognised as a club who identifies and develops quality young footballers."

Operations Director, Kevin Harrison explained that aside from developing the boy's football skills, the club aims to install a sense of discipline, respect and responsibility in the players which will help them progress in life. The club will use slogans such as "Shoot Goals Not Guns" and "Join A Team Not A Gang" to try to keep them out of trouble and focused on becoming role models in their community.

Pro League C.E.O., Dexter Skeene urged the Government to put more support into football. He said that tens of thousands of young people play the game and therefore it makes sense that if you want to keep young people out of crime you should invest in the areas that interest them.



About Central F.C.

Central F.C. is the Digicel TT Pro Leagues newest club. Based in Couva and partnering with Presentation College, Chaguanas, "The Sharks" are privileged to represent the communities of the Central Region, and will do so with pride and passion.

Headed by former Socawarrior, Brent Sancho and Kevin Harrison, Central F.C. feel fortunate to have as Head Coach, former England & Tottenham Hotspur defender, Terry Fenwick. After a distinguished playing career, Terry became Trinidad & Tobago's most successful coach, winning the Pro League title 3 times with San Juan Jabloteh as well as just about every domestic cup competition.

Terry will be assisted by former T&T international, Travis Mulraine. Travis played 21 times for T&T, while at U.S. club San Jose Earthquakes, Joe Public, San Juan Jabloteh and W.Connection.

Team Manager is Norris Ferguson, a FIFA match official and former T&T U23 team manager. Technical Manager is Adrian Romain, while Equipment Manager is Glen Nelson. Physio, Oswin Birchwood makes up the staff roster and was signed from St Anns Rangers. Team masseur is Earl Walters and Youth Development Director is former T&T international, Kevin Jeffrey.

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TT Pro League standings



P W D L Goals Pts

1		Defence Force	16	11	3	2	43:17	36
2		Caledonia AIA	16	10	2	4	43:24	32
3		North East Stars F.C.	16	7	6	3	22:14	27
4		W Connection	16	7	5	4	29:18	26
5		Central FC	16	6	5	5	23:26	23
6		Police FC	16	3	5	8	22:31	14
7		St. Ann's Rangers	16	2	4	10	19:40	10
8		T&TEC	16	2	2	12	12:43	8

Next weeks games

Friday 22nd March

6pm Police F.C. vs Caledonia 8pm T&TEC vs W.Connection

Saturday 23rd March

6pm Defence Force vs Central F.C. 8pm N. E. Stars vs St Ann's Rangers

Venue details at www.ttproleague.com

Introducing...Central F.C.

No	Name	Position	Age	Place of Birth	Nickname
1	Marvin Phillip	GK	28	San Fernando	Marvo
3	Keion Goodridge	D	23	Port of Spain	Ballers
6	Marc Leslie	D	31	Port of Spain	Passion
7	Hayden Tinto	AM	27	Port of Spain	Wannie
9	Anthony Wolfe	S	28	Sangre Grande	Wolfey
10	Marvin Oliver	AM	37	Port of Spain	Big Dread
12	Simba Aberdeen	S	25	Port of Spain	Baba
13	Shane Mattis	GK	31	Kingston, JA	Frassman
14	Peter Byers	S	28	Antigua & Barbuda	
15	Sayid Freitas	M	29	Port of Spain	Face
16	Carey Harris	M	37	Guyana	
17	Jameel Neptune	D	19	Port of Spain	
18	Cyrano Glen	M	24	Port of Spain	Chynee
19	Adrian Noel	M	22	Port of Spain	Baby G
20	Darryl Trim	S	20	Tobago	
21	Darren Mitchell	AM	23	Tobago	Chucky
27	Omar Charles	D	20	Tobago	
28	Hector Sam	S	35	Port of Spain	Sammy
29	Rundell Winchester	S	19	Tobago	
30	Troy Dublin	D	20	Antigua & Barbuda	
31	Rennie Britto	AM	28	Mount Hope	
32	Jason Marciano	AM	29	Mount Hope	
33	Wesile John	D	21	Port of Spain	
34	Fablen Lewis	D	30	Port of Spain	
37	Johan Peltier	AM	20	Port of Spain	

Q & A with Darren Mitchell

[Sharks newest addition to the T&T national senior team, takes time out to answer some questions from www.socawarriors.com](http://www.socawarriors.com)

SW: Chucky, congratulations on being called into the squad for the upcoming friendly games against Belize and Peru. Were you surprised to be called up by T&T.

DM: Wow, yeah, I'm still trying to get my head around it all. Everything's happened so fast. As a footballer, of course, you dream of representing your country, but I really wasn't expecting to be selected right now. I know I'm in good form at the moment, but there are lots of good players in the Pro League, so I'm pleased to have been chosen.

SW: Are you excited about going to Peru and what do you know about the country

DM: Yeah, it's mad. I never even thought about going to other countries to play football. I can't wait to get to Peru, but I don't really know what to expect. All I know about Peru is watching them play T&T last month. It will be a tough game, coz they're fast and strong. We just have to concentrate on keeping shape and take our chances when we get them.

SW: What do you feel you can bring different to the T&T team.

DM: Well, I like to play more on the outside, so I hope I can stretch the defenders and create space and chances for the strikers. But, the Coach here (at Central) likes me to play inside as well, to pull the defence in to me and create space for Justin and Johan (Marcano and Peltier). I'll just do the job that the coaches ask me to do, and give 100% so I don't let anybody down.

SW: Where were you born and who are your past clubs?

DM: I was born in Princes Town, but I moved to Tobago when I was at school. I actually remember growing up in Trinidad with James Saunders as a neighbour! I think he's taking some credit for my career, but I'm not too sure about that! I played in the Super League for Phoenix 1976. I have to thank Coach Williams there for all the help he gave me and for letting me move to Central when Mr Sancho approached him.

SW: How is the experience playing in the Pro League and also, under head coach Terry Fenwick.

DM: It's still exciting for me. There are lots of good players in the Pro League and every match I love the challenge of taking on these players. At the time, you just play your game, but sometimes afterwards I think "Boy, they couldn't live with you out there!" I try not to get over confident, but it's a great feeling knowing that you can perform against these guys. The coach is really supportive. He likes to shout a lot, but I think he brings out the best in players. As a team now, we afraid of no one and I think next year we'll win a lot of trophies.

SW: How did you get the name Chucky.

DM: My old coach called me Chucky because he said I was always miserable! I'm not sure exactly why, but the name stuck. But I don't think I was miserable, I was probably just quiet until I got to know everyone.

SW: What is your goal in life as far as football goes.

DM: Obviously, I want to play as many games as I can for T&T. I remember 2006 and I'd love to play in a World Cup finals. Right now, I'd love to win a cup with Central and be part of a league winning team next season. But I just want to keep playing and be happy. I do want to set examples for youngsters, especially in Tobago. Nobody comes to watch you play in Tobago and there's loads of good kids there. I'd like them to see how lucky I've been so it gives them hope that if they work hard they can make it too.

SW: Chucky, thanks for your time and the whole of SW.Net wishes you a long and successful International career

DM: Thanks, it's really nice to know that the supporters out there are interested. I know a lot of your people are in America, so I'm hoping to see them at the Gold Cup, please God.



Darren Mitchell in action vs Defence Force (Photo courtesy TT Pro League)

Tobago Shark is a surprise call up to the national team

23 year old Central F.C. midfielder, Darren Mitchell is the surprise addition to the Trinidad & Tobago national squad who will face Belize and Peru in friendly internationals over the next two weeks.

Mitchell, who hails from Scarboro in Tobago joined the Sharks in January from Tobago Super League outfit, 1976 F.C. Phoenix, after impressing the Central F.C. management with some exciting performances in the F.A. Trophy.

"Chucky (Mitchell) just stood out" said Central F.C. Managing Director, Brent Sancho. "We immediately made enquiries, and to the credit of the guys from Phoenix, they didn't stand in his way."

Mitchell made the move from Phoenix to Central F.C. along with team mate, 19 year old defender, Dario Holmes, while the Sharks also snapped up another pair of Tobago youngsters, Rundell Winchester and Omar Charles from Stokely Vale.

"We knew there was lots of untapped talent in Tobago, and the F.A. Trophy gave us a chance to take a good look." said Sancho. "We realised that without a Pro League club representing our sister isle, these players were not being spotted."

Sancho was also pleased to see goalkeeper Marvin Phillip continue his run with the National team. "Marvin's been great for us" said Sancho "His professionalism is an example to young players and he has earned the captains armband at Central"

"Tobago's loss is Central's gain" said Sharks Head Coach, Terry Fenwick. "There's such a good crop of youngsters coming through the Super League teams in Tobago. If the island had a representative in the Pro League, they would be flying high with most of their team made up of home grown players. Including our striker, Daryl Trim, we have 5 excellent young prospects from Tobago, and we're over the moon that Chucky has come to the attention of the national team coaches."

Fenwick said the selection of Mitchell was no surprise to the Central F.C. coaching staff. "He's a great lad with loads of talent" said Fenwick "We could all see his potential. Kudos to Hutson Charles and Jamaal Shabazz for making a bold decision. We actually thought that Jason Marcano would be called up as he's had a superb run recently."

Sancho and Fenwick both applauded the selfless decisions of both Stokely Vale and 1976 F.C. Phoenix in allowing the players to move to Central F.C.



The Funny Side of Football



Leeds Utds Alex Bruce, son of former Man Utd defender Steve Bruce, had a nasty pre match ritual due to nerves: he vomited before every game, usually on the touchline at Elland Rd!



Chris Waddle wore the same pair of pants in every game during the 1983/84 season. (We hope he washed them between games!) But they clearly brought Chris luck as his Newcastle Utd team won promotion to the top flight!



Huddersfield Town striker Malvin Kamara used to have the bizarre pre-match ritual of having to watch Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory before every game. The midfielder said that "I have to watch it every game. It gets me in the right mood. It's been my favourite film since I was little – it calms my nerves and gives me luck."



Apparently, Zinedine Zidane was never caught offside in his career



In 1975 an international match between Chile & Uruguay was abandoned after 19 players were sent off.



Ryan Giggs's real surname is Wilson and he's part African. His dad, Danny Wilson, is a half-Welsh, half-Sierra Leonean rugby professional who used to play for Wales. Giggs took his mother's maiden name when his parents split up.

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