



ST. LUCIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC

Vision: Propelling Saint Lucia Football to Higher Heights

2020 FOOTBALL AWARDS NOMINEE PROFILES

Footballer of the Year – Special Education

Special Education - Footballer of the Year – Female

Ms. Kemara Serina Vernevil:

Kema is a passionate footballer whose passion has always been to represent her country at the national level at an international championship.

When her opportunity came for her to make the national team she gave it her all and was part of the team that played at the 2019 World Games in Abu Dhabi in 2019.

She and the rest of her team members of the 80 member winning Team won Gold at the 2019 World Games that was held in Abu Dhabi.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome Ms. Kemara Vernevil, Special Education Female Footballer of the year,

Special Education - Footballer of the Year – Male

Mr. Alec Quincy Pierre:

Alec has plays the game with a passion second to none. He wore his National team uniform with pride and performed at his best throughout practice and the various matches that he played.

During the International competition at the World Gameshis three goals were major to our victory that earned Saint Lucia the Gold Meda in 2019.

Junior Female Footballer of the Year – Krysann St. Louis

She captained the Vieux-Fort South Senior Female team, to a second place finish (losing only on goal difference) in the SLFA Senior Women's Championship, she captained the National Under 17 Female team during the CONCACAF Under 17 tournament in Dominican Republic and ended as the top goal scorer with a total of 8 goals and she also captained the National Under 20 Female team to the CONCACAF Under 20 World Cup Qualifiers in Guyana, where St Lucia for the first time in its history, qualified for the second round of that tournament, she also ended up as the team's top scorer with 5 goals from 4 matches

In 2019 she made her senior debut in Jamaica at the Olympic Qualifiers where she ended up as St Lucia's top scorer with 3 goals

During the past year, she scored 16 goals in 11 matches for St Lucia and 16 in 8 for Vieux-Fort South, scoring a total of 32 goals in 19 matches

Her presence, attitude and level of performance is a real inspiration to her teammates, she is a model student and a team leader, displays regard for authority and is exemplary in what she does

Junior Male Footballer of the Year

There were two contenders for this Award this year

Shaquan Noah "Ants" Nelson – Captain, National Under 15 Boys

At school he was voted Most Promising Player and at his Club Pioneers he was named the Under 15 MVP and Club MVP after winning the Northern Zone Under 17 Championship, where he was awarded the Best Midfielder, he also won Best Midfielder in the ECFH tournament, hosted by the Castries Football Council

He captained Castries Central in the Inter District Boys Under 14 Championships, scoring the opening goal and went on to be named MVP of the Finals

He went on to captain the St Lucia National Under 15 Boys team in the CONCACAF Under 15 Boys Championship, scoring 2 goals with St Lucia

emerging as Champions of Group B. This victory meant a winning streak of 11 matches in an international competition under his captaincy

This young man served as an inspiring leader, leading every team he captained by scoring at critical times and have also served as a source of motivation for the teams when they are not in the lead

He is enrolled at the St Lucia Sports Academy

Please welcome Mr Shaquan Noah "Ants" Nelson

Mr. Keegan Caul:

He brought the Ciceron secondary school team to third place, contributing a total of two goals in the Inter Secondary School Tournament U19 Division. He was part of the VSADC club that were victorious in conquering the championship in the Under17 Lucelec Youth League

Adding to his success, he also took part in the national U15 Inter District Championship, with this team coming on top as champions. This isn't Mr. Caul only victory for the year 2019.

In the 2019 CONCACAF Division 2 under 15 boys Championship, his team was victorious in that division with the help of his technical and tactical contribution. At the end of the 2019 CONCACAF Under 15 Boys Championship, Kegan was named to the CONCACAF Championship Team.

Female Footballer of the Year – Krysann St. Louis

Apart from her exploits at the local level she has continued to show her dominance at the regional and international levels.

She led by example as captain of the National under 17 Female team during the CONCACAF Under 17 tournament in Honduras and ended as the top goal scorer with a total of 8 goals.

She also captained the National Under 20 Female team to the CONCACAF Under 20 World Cup Qualifiers in Guyana, where St Lucia for the first time in its history, qualified for the second round of that tournament, she also ended up as the team's top scorer with 5 goals from 4 matches

She has been and continues to be the top goal scorer at the local and international levels when she scored when she made her senior debut in Jamaica at the Olympic Qualifiers and ended up as St Lucia's top scorer with 3 goals. During the past year, she scored 16 goals in 11 matches for St Lucia and 16 in 8 for Vieux-Fort South, scoring a total of 32 goals in 19 matches

Male Footballer of the Year – Vino Barclette

A former Junior Footballer of the Year, he captained his club Knights with distinction and was instrumental in carrying them through to win the Promotional League in Vieux-Fort South and also giving his club the edge in goal during the last SLFA President's Cup

He barely conceded a goal in the Blackheart tournament, which his Vieux-Fort South District team went on to win for the 4th consecutive year

He was outstanding at the Windward Island tournament and did a fantastic job, conceded few goals in the CONCACAF Nations League home and away fixtures.

His performance at the national level provided both his club and district teams with added confidence in the domestic and national competitions

He continues to give much to the sport and impacts it positively as he assists his club with their Youth programs.

This player is exemplary, he often makes it his duty at the end of every match, to exchange pleasantries with the opposing players as well as the match officials. He would as often as possible when he was present at domestic matches, offer his assistance even when not called upon.

Football League of the Year

The Gros Islet Football League in 2019

Some of the 2019 Development Programs that the Gros Islet Football League participated and undertook are as follows:

- SLFA First Aid Responders Course
- SLFA D' Licensing Course
- SLFA Managers Workshop
- SLFA League Technical Summit
- SLFA Goal Keeping Coaching Course
- SLFA Northern Finance Workshop

A number of tournaments were played in the Gros Islet League throughout the year in 2019. These tournaments were as followed:

- Gros Islet U11 Tournament 2019 (Winner Northern United)
- Gros Islet /Guardzman U14 Tournament 2019 (Winner GMC United)
- Gros Islet/KFC U23 Cup 2019 (Winner Dominators FC)
- Gros Islet Promotional League (Winner GMC United)
- Spider Cup 2019 (Winner Northern United)
- Female Festival (Winner Big Players)
- Northern zone U13 Tournament 2019 (Winner Northern United)

The Gros Islet Football League continued their success on at national level, participating in the following:

- SLFA Inter District U14 Tournament (made it in Semi Finals)
- SLFA/ Blackheart Tournament 2019 (Did not qualify)
- SLFA/ Blackheart Big 8 Tournament 2019 (made it 1st Place)
- SLFA/Island Cup 2019 (Made it 1st Place)
- SLFA.U23 Female Tournament (Made it 4th Place)

At the Regional level the Gros Islet Football League participated in the Lashley Foundation under 17 Football Tournament in Grenada from August 15th 2019 to August 28th 2019. The team played a total of four matches, were victorious with two, drew one and lost one.

Vieux Fort South Football League

This League participated in all SLFA activities such as Congress, Workshops, Symposiums, Coaching Education, among others,

It participated in all SLFA organized and sanctioned competitions, both at the zonal, national without combining with any other league,

On behalf of the SLFA, the League successfully hosted the following national Competitions: First Division, President's Cup, Island Cup, U17 Southern Zone, Regional Friendly and Blackheart

Of the National competitions, this league

- won the 2019 Blackheart Championship,
- Platinum FC and Uptown Rebels FC placed 1st and 2nd in the First Division Respectively,
- the League placed 2nd in the SLFA Senior Women's Championship,
- Victory Eagles won the National Zonal Under 17 Boys Championship,
- Shambala and Uptown made it to the Top 4 in both the Under 11 and Under 13 National Boys competitions,
- Knights got promoted to the First Division and Victory Eagles made the Top 4 in the President's Cup

The League also facilitated the training and preparation of all National Teams (Under 14 Girls, Under 15 Boys, Under 17 Girls, Under 20 Females and Senior Women)

All National teams have players from the League including Under 23 Males and Senior Males

This League ensure that all 10 affiliated clubs completed the Club Licence Program, which has been approved by the SLFA /CONCACAF

In the area of Administration, the League successfully held its Congress and Elected a New Executive, it submitted the Annual Program, hosted a One-Day Club Leadership and Administration Workshop to assist the clubs in capacity building with emphasis on strengthening Constitution and Understanding the Role of Executive Members

It brought the certified coaches together to form a Technical Development Committee, organised Basic Coaching Courses, collaborated with the SLFA in hosting SLFA Coaching Certificate Courses. The league increased the number of coaches through participation at the SLFA/CONCACAF/FIFA Coaching Education Courses and increased the number of Referees in the South, by developing a cadre of Referees.

It has also established an active Female Development Committee, with compulsory inclusion of at least one female player on every team in the Under 11 and Under 13 competition. The League hosted a one-week development coaching course for females conducted by a Canadian Female Team called Project Next Mile and the hosting of Football Fiesta specifically for females.

Coach of the Year – Club

Three coaches have emerged as the most outstanding for 2019:

Mr. Francis McDonald Northern United All Stars

Ensured that his club, Northern United All Stars remained in the first division by taking them to top half of the table.

That same energy was exhibited at the SLFA National Zonal Under 11 and Under 13 Club Championships in which they participated.

The following is a summary of his achievements for 2019:

- Gros Islet U11 Club Championship - 1st Place
- Gros Islet U13 Club Championship - 1st Place
- The 2019 Spider Cup - 1st Place
- The Northern Zone U11 Club Championship – 1st Place
- The Northern zone U13 Club Championship - 1st Place
- SLFA Under 11 Boys National Championship – 1st Place
- SLFA Under 13 Boys National Championship – 3rd Place
- Maintained their standing in the 2019 1st Division Championship
- Has a full-fledged girls and women's program with over 30 girls,
- Has a strong grassroots club coaching program with over 30 children,

Gilroy Lamontagne - Black Panthers Football Club

Gilroy Lamontagne's dedication to coaching football is unprecedented. Alongside his full time role as head coach at the Black Panthers Youth and Sports Club at which he is a powerful avatar for youth development. His unwavering commitment is demonstrated through coaching grassroots program every Saturday from 9am to 12pm. He firmly believes in the potential of every youth and believes that using their talents in sports, culture, academics and the arts to achieve self-actualization is what is required to build a progressive community.

GRASSROOTS PROGRAM

Coach Gilroy Lamontagne is the pioneer of the Black Panthers grass roots program. Through grassroots he has been able to mold both male and female players who have gone to represent St. Lucia at the national level. In the year 2019 the Soufriere mini stadium was closed for reconstruction. The home of grassroots training was lost. Coach

MENTOR

Coach Gilroy Lamontagne continues to mentor the youth in the community through his coaching.

Major Achievements in 2019

- **U11 SOUTHERN CHAMPIONS**
- **2ND PLACE NATIONAL COMPETITION**
- **UNDER 13 SOUTHERN ZONE CHAMPIONS**
- **3RD PLACE NATIONAL COMPETITION**
- **FREE KICK EASTER INVITATIONAL UNDER 16 - 2ND PLACE**
- **FREE KICK EASTER INVITATIONAL UNDER 19 QUARTER FINALIST**
- **UNDER 17 SOUTHERN ZONE SEMIFINALS - 3RD PLACE**

Gilroy Lamontage is a very supportive, hardworking, dedicated and committed member of the community of Soufriere. He continues to do his best for the youth in the community through an amalgamation of youth development activities through sports.

Emmanuel Bellas – Platinum Football Club

He coached the team which won the 1st Division competition and is responsible for football development at his school where he coordinates football/coaching development. In his community through workshops, he ensure the all his district clubs have certified coaches and he mentors the coaches as well.

He also coached Platinum FC in the Caribbean Cup, but didn't progress to the second stage.

He possess a CONCACAF C-Licence - the only coach in St Lucia to hold such a certificate

The involvement of this coach has rejuvenated his community, players are given due recognition and younger players are more eager to join clubs to play football. He has gained the respect and adulation of his community through his achievements, he is easy going and accessible, always available to assist and provide guidance to all.

Football Coach of the Year – League

Three coaches were shortlisted;

Mr. Emmanuel Bellas – Vieux Fort South Football League

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ This Vieux Fort South Football Coach continues to transition successfully between administration and coaching. He has enjoyed success at the club level and in 2019 once more took his league team to win the 2019 Blackheart Championship,▪ Has coordinated coaching development programs in the community of Vieux-Fort South, through coaching workshops.▪ Ensures that all clubs have a certified coach and is the coaching mentor for the district.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He coached the Vieux Fort South Team which won the 2019 Blackheart tournament for the 4th consecutive year and also placed 2nd place in the 2019 National Lotteries Authority/ SLFA Island Cup.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Coach educator and facilitator/presenter of SLFA Coaching Certificate✓ Now a Certified CONCACAF Coach Educator delivering the CONCACAF D-LICENCE Certificate
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recently succeeded the CONCACAF C- LICENCE• Assisted with the preparation of the National Under15 females which topped their group and placed 3rd overall in the CONCACAF regional competition.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coached the National Under 20 Women’s Team that qualified to play in the next qualification round against the United States of America later in February 2020,

Francis Mc Donald – Gros Islet Football League

In the 2019 Blackheart/SLFA Championship Francis Mc Donald guided the Gros Islet senior football team to their first title in 2019 winning the revamped Big 8 two day tournament.

The sweetest victory was further down the road.

In the longest ever senior tournament ever played in St. Lucia, Gros Islet emerged champions after defeating Vieux Fort South at home.

The team was coached by National Head Coach, Francis McDonald who steered Gros Islet as they fought to stay alive in spite of a shocking defeat from Roseau Valley and a flogging from Canaries FC, 7 -0.

It really seemed like Gros Islet was not going to qualify with two games remaining in the season but with perseverance they ended the first half of the Island Cup in 4th place. Although the Gros Islet team was knocked out in the Blackheart tournament, this only served to motivate the lads to want to win the title for 2019.

Coach Francis ensured that the team was mentally prepared for the second stage where they went on to top the group. He instructed the team no matter what the score they would play to the end at every match. After some gruelling battles, the team qualified to play defending champions, Marchand FC in the semifinals. The team came from behind to win on penalties.

The Final was set against the almost invincible Vieux Fort South Team in, Vieux Fort. The Vieux Fort South Team was in the driving seat with a 2 – nil cushion until the 90th minute of play when the Gros Islet team went all out never giving up to score twice in the two minute extra time to equalize the game and win the 2019 National Lotteries Authority/SLFA Island Cup on Penalties.

Football Club of the Year

Out of a total of over 97 clubs that are currently officially registered under the SLFA / CONCACAF Club Licensing Program, two clubs emerged as most outstanding.

These two clubs are:

Victory Eagles F.C. – Vieux Fort South Football League

- This Club was the 1st Runner-Up at the 2019 Free Kick Foundation's showcase, with its Under 19 winning Most Disciplined Team at the Free Kick Foundation-SLFA Easter Invitational
- They captured 1st Place in the Under 11 and Under 13 Independence Soccerama and also participated the VF South Youth Football Competition,
- 1st Place in the Southern Zonal Under 17 Tournament and Men's Senior
- won the Vieux-Fort South Promotional League and won the SLFA National Zonal Under 17 Championship
- They facilitated a One-Day Coaching Program by Russell London from North Carolina
- Sponsored/Donated a football kit to the Special Education Centre for participation in school's competition
- The Club hosted a Children's Play day, undertook various fund raising activities and provided bursary and stationary assistance to students
- The Club currently has 8 players on the National teams – 5 Females and 3 Males

Northern United All Stars

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Administrators of the Year, Club and League

Administrator of the Year –League

Shayne Paul – Gros Islet Football League

The Gros Islet Football League has nominated Mr. Shayne Paul, President of the Gros Islet Football League as Administrator of the Year 2019. This hard working, dedicated, passionate and ambitious individual has captained the Gros Islet Football League to a productive and success year. A signature of the year was highlighted when they captured the Island Cup 2019 title in unexpected circumstances which justified his potential as a leader.

Shayne continued his journey as he was re-elected as the Gros Islet League President for the second consecutive time, unopposed. This shows the confidence in his ability by the clubs.

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The Brain Mc. Donald Football Media Award

Television Media

- Freelancer Sports Journalist – Marius Modestte
- Helen Television System
- Daher Broadcasting Service – Brian Calixte
- Winners Television

The Print Media

- The Voice Newspaper - Anthony De Beauville
- The Star Newspaper – Dave Pascal
- The Mirror Newspaper – Reginald Andrew

Online Media

- Saint Lucia Sports Online – Kenson Cassimir

Radio

- Vybe Radio "The Sports Banter" – Elijah Williams

Lifetime Achievement Award – Football

- Mr. Mark Louis – Football Administration

Cooperate Partners Appreciation Award

- South Shoe Store,
- Scotts Sports and Awards
- The National Lotteries Authority,
- The Ministry of Youth Development and Sports
- The Castries City Council
- The Ice Factory

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES FOR SPECIAL MENTIONS THROUGHOUT THE AWARDS CEREMONY

National Team Coaches/ Technical Teams Appreciation

- Under 15 Boys: St. Croix Albert/ Victorin Laurence
- Under 14 Girls: Denis Didier/ Vance Vitalis
- Under 17 Girls : Jamil Joseph/ Miran St. Louis
- Under 20 Women : Emmanuel Bellas/Trevor Anderson
- Senior Women: Trevor Anderson/Emmanuel Bellas
- Senior Men: Jamal Shabazz/ Francis

Fitness Coaches who worked with the various teams

- Michael Annius/Wade Clovis/Silva Wilson/SabatusHunte

Managers of National Teams Appreciation

- Under 17 Girls : Chrissie Harris
- Under 14 Girls : ExaminPhilbert
- Senior Women: Mary Campbell
- Senior Men: Denver Samuel
- Under 15 Boys : Adolphus Henry
- Under 20 Girls : Shenelle St. Louis