

2016 Sagicor Team Member Sports Programme Round-Up

“WIN DEM” “COME ON SAGICOR BEAT DEM!!!!” These are some of the words chanted by Sagicor team members throughout the year to encourage Sagicor athletes participating in the various Sporting Competitions. This year, the athletes became a “BIG DEAL” in the sporting arena, in areas such as football, basketball and netball, etc. However, who better to speak of the highs and lows of our sporting accomplishments than our athletes themselves.

We sat down with three of our star athletes and this is what they had to say about their experience as part of Sagicor’s extensive team member sports programme.

Netball

“I have been a proud member of Sagicor’s Netball Team since 2014, under the leadership of Suzanne and Coach Terrence. In 2016, a change was made to our administrative and coaching staff and, at our first meeting following, a manifesto was presented by the new coach, which really lifted my spirits, and encouraged me to continue in my journey as a Sagicor Swan.

From the first week of training to our last game, coach made us believe that we are champions. I ‘won’ before the divisional league even started, because I bought into the coaching system. Our Coach told us, “I am here to give you guys three championships”.

He brought us to all three, and we won two but lost one (only on paper though!). We did not let that deter us from our path to greatness. Our strategic and rigorous training molded us into champions. This was extremely crucial for me as it correlates with my belief system, ‘train hard, play easy’.

Going into the Divisional League, our Coach appointed me to the role of vice-captain. Me! Sasha Dixon! It was an interesting task but, with my passion for winning and the acceptance of my teammates, I was able to help lead my team to victory. After doing so, I was awarded MVP for the Intermediate A division, a reward for my hard work for which I am grateful. Victory was sweet and expected!

While we had good support, due to work schedules, some of our coworkers did not get to see us play this year, but I’m hoping that that by next season this will change. Thank you team and staff for a great season!”

*Sasha Dixon
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Most-Valuable-Player (MVP), Sagicor Netball Team*

Basketball

“I have always loved sports, one of which is basketball. Having played at the high school level, I was delighted to be able to enjoy the game as a working adult.

Playing basketball for Sagicor is a positive for me as it allowed me to interact with my co-workers in a less formal setting and build lasting bonds. In addition, competing and fighting to win on the field provided exposure to some tenets not available during my work day.

In my eyes, the basketball team did a marvelous job this year. Our drive to achieve, our hard work, and our ability to not be dragged down by failures, resulted in our coming 2nd in the Business House Basketball League.

It is important to note that the team's success is also attributed to the Company standing behind the basketball team the entire way, and providing us with the necessary tools to succeed."

*Barrington Groves
Manager, Group Client Experience
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Football

"I have been a representative of the Sagicor Football Team since 2012 and this year, despite not winning a 1st place trophy, it has undoubtedly been the most successful year for the team. We finished 2nd in the three inter-bank competitions by a single goal on all occasions, while we retained our top flight status in the Business House League Competition even though we were 'plucky' newcomers.

This year's success can be attributed to both management and players, as the talent pool was increased through internal recruitment and personal improvement respectively. Motivation is very important in football and it's a key factor in performing, especially after missing a goal or making a mistake that leads to the opponent's scoring. Players need that added "arm around the shoulder" from the fans, and this was always provided by key Human Resources personnel, as they ensured we were always hydrated and provided resources that were essential for our on-the-field performance.

To our coworkers – the footballers promise that we will use our 2nd place position, not as a stick to beat ourselves but, as a yard stick to judge how far we need to go collectively to achieve our goals. We will remember that talent is not a replacement for hard work, and that both should be used realize our innate greatness."

*Paul-Anthony Cunningham
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