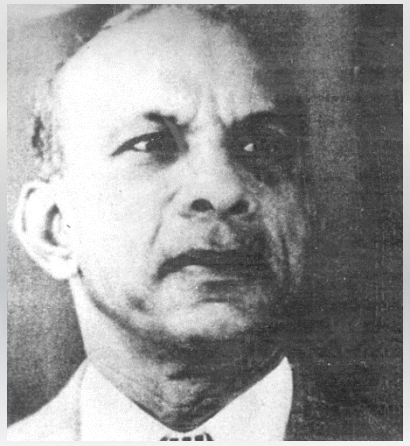
First Citizens Sports Foundation

HALL OF FAME



Latchan Jaggernauth M.B.E.

Administrator

Inducted in 1985

As the foundations for organized sport took hold in Trinidad in the early 20th century, it required sound administrators to impart the knowledge and parameters to ensure progress.

Latchan Jaggernauth fit the bill; he not only had the experience of playing sport, but also had experience of a varied number of disciplines. As a student at the Grant School and then Naparima College in south Trinidad, Jaggernauth took part in the two mainstays, cricket and football, but like many sportsmen of the era, he also took part in other disciplines such as wrestling and boxing, winning several bouts in the latter.

An avid swimmer who also competed, Jaggernauth also took an interest in competitive rowing, attending trials for a West Indies team to attend a rowing championship in Canada and narrowly missing selection.

After secondary school, in 1917 he joined one of the premier sports organizations in the southern region, San Fernando's Oriental Sports Club. There, he gained first-hand knowledge of the running of a sports entity, and by 1930 he took over the captaincy of the club. Under his leadership, Oriental won the Rahamut Championship, the prestigious season-long cricket competition for southern teams.

Soon, Jaggernauth was spreading his administrative wings further, managing club teams from Trinidad to cricket tours to Tobago, then Guyana, Suriname, Venezuela and Bermuda. Given the success of these tours, which were for volleyball as well as cricket, Jaggernauth was installed as President of the Elljay Cricket Competition. It was a post that he held for 20 years and led to him being made the Secretary of the prominent nationwide cricket tournament, the Beaumont Cup. Played between north, south and east Trinidad, and eventually featuring a plethora of international players including Larry Gomes, Charlie and Bryan Davis, Joey Carew and Rangy Nanan, the Beaumont Cup (which would eventually gain first-class status) grew under Jaggernauth's tenure, resulting in him holding the Secretary's post for 15 years.

Continuing his services for sport, he also joined the Southern Football Association as an official. There was hardly a sporting event occurring in his region in which he was not involved. While Trinidad and Tobago recognized and benefitted from his involvement, the United Kingdom also noticed Jaggernauth's efforts and in 1950 he was awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire), the first Trinbagonian sportsperson to be included in the Queen of England's honours list. Thirty-five years later, Latchan Jaggernauth was included in the second

batch of inductees into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame for helping to progress sport in Trinidad and Tobago