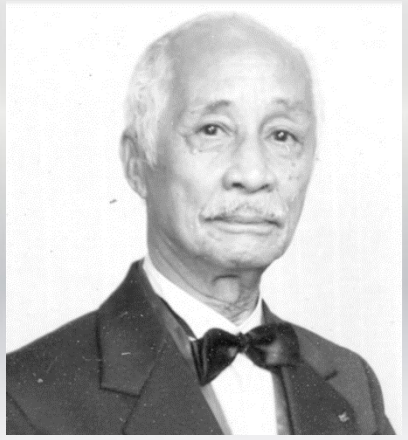
First Citizens Sports Foundation

HALL OF FAME



Alloy Lequay

C.M.T.

Administrator

Inducted in 2004

His presence was almost as prolific as the players that he looked after, reflecting his standing as a giant of the Trinidad and Tobago sports landscape.

Alloy Lequay was recognized mostly for his massive contribution to local and regional cricket, but he served his country and sport on a much larger scale, including the sport of table tennis and as a Member of Parliament.

The Port of Spain born Lequay's involvement with sports administration began in 1940, when the 20-year-old was made General Secretary of the Oxford Club, where he played football as a centre forward and cricket as a middle order right-handed batsman.

A year later he became chairman of the South Zone Trinidad and Tobago Table Tennis Association.

His good work and results in that sport over a decade made it possible for him to be elected to the national level when, in 1956, he was elected General Secretary of the Trinidad and Tobago Table Tennis Association, as well as the Assistant Secretary of the then newly formed Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Council.

Lequay wore both hats well. For Table Tennis, he assisted with the forming of the West Indies Table Tennis Association, which created greater inter-island competition, lifting the standard of play. For cricket, he was involved with the Council's efforts to develop the game beyond its traditional hotspots and include neglected areas such as Tobago.

By 1969, he was made Vice President of the Cricket Council, while still maintaining his role within table tennis. The apex of that role came in 1973, when Lequay led Trinidad and Tobago's first ever sports team to the People's Republic of China for a table tennis tour. Having achieved all that he thought possible within the sport, Lequay demitted office (having given 29 years of service) after the China tour, to concentrate on cricket.

In the early 1970s, cricket in Trinidad and Tobago was still being run by a private club, the Queen's Park Cricket Club (QPCC). Lequay insisted that this was the wrong set-up for any sport and was at the forefront of the battle to nationalize the administration of cricket in the country. By 1977, the upheaval created the necessary push for cricket to be nationalized and Lequay became the President of the Cricket Council.

By 1980, the name was changed to the TTCBC (Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board of Control) and Lequay introduced major constitutional changes to the fledging organization to set a democratic path for its future. In 2003, still under his purview, the name was changed to the TTCB, dropping 'Control'. He also became a director of the West Indies Cricket Board.

Under his tenure, Trinidad and Tobago won the Shell Shield in 1985, and the regional one-day titles in 1979, 1981, 1990, 1992 and 1996. Also, the National Cricket Centre in Balmain was established during his Presidency. In 2004 he retired from the TTCB administration, but served on the Local Organising Committee for the 2007 Cricket World Cup.

His efforts were a major contributory factor in the development of cricket and table tennis in Trinidad and Tobago, together with the discovery of natural talent which has shone on the world stage, and the governance of sport as a whole. In recognition of this, he was awarded the Chaconia Gold Medal in 1988, conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of the West Indies in 2012, while in 2004 Alloy Lequay was inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame.