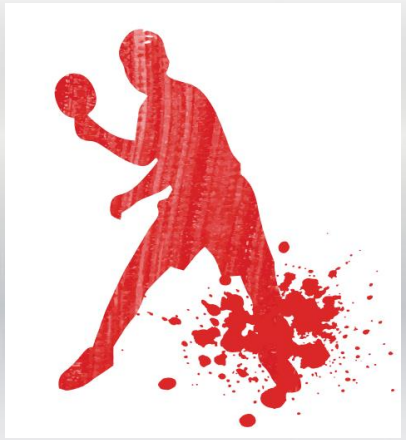
First Citizens Sports Foundation

HALL OF FAME



Winston "Reds" Mulligan

Table Tennis

Inducted in 2023

If one could go back to the mid-20th century and step into what was then known as the Woodbrook Youth Centre (now Woodbrook Youth Facility), in the days when it was essentially the smaller building in the foreground (the larger arena to the back wouldn't open until the 1990s) on a section of O'Connor Street that is now Hamilton Holder Street, he or she would encounter a hive of activity with young persons engaging in various sports battles, from basketball to table tennis.

Among the area juniors who honed their skills on the boards here, Winston 'Reds' Mulligan would go on to enjoy ground-breaking victories in his teens and twenties before becoming a force of a coach who engineered some brilliant showings at the Caribbean Championships, while he remained a formidable opponent with the racket in his hand. At the 1959 Caribbean Championships in Kingston, Jamaica, the 14-year old Mulligan captured both the men's doubles and mixed doubles titles.



A year later, he followed up this effort with a regional gold medal in the mixed doubles, while he won the Trinidad and Tobago singles title over three consecutive years. In 1963 he took home the silver medal from the men's singles competition at the Caribbean Championships and, three years later, won the Caribbean men's doubles crown.

In 1969, while still only 24-years of age, he was appointed as Trinidad and Tobago's national team coach. Four years later, in Georgetown, Guyana, he would oversee Lionel D'Arceuil's dramatic capture of three Caribbean titles on the same night: the men's singles, the men's doubles and the mixed doubles. In 1976, in Havana, Cuba, D'Arceuil and Trinidad and Tobago teammate, Mansingh Amarsingh, would finish first and second in the men's singles competition. Two years later, when the Caribbean Championships were staged in Trinidad and Tobago, Amarsingh himself would claim the regional singles crown under Mulligan's guidance.

Domestically, he continued as one of the top-notch players during the 1970s and BWIA Giants, a team that he helped to establish, would feature himself, D'Arceuil, Amarsingh, Derek De Silva and Gordon Delph, and was very much at the head of the pack in the local team league.

Winston Mulligan was inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame in 2023.