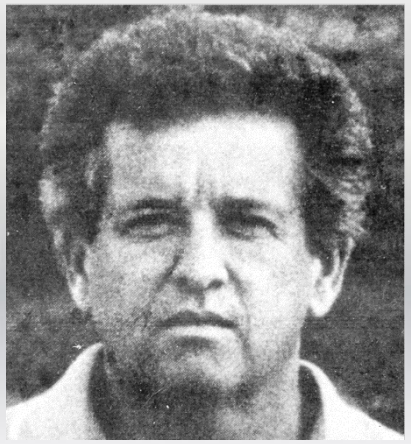
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HALL OF FAME



Alan Price

Lawn Tennis

Inducted in 1989

His is a name synonymous with Trinidad and Tobago lawn tennis, a prodigy who fulfilled his early promise with a dominance that lasted decades.

Picking up a tennis racquet when he was just 8 years old, the Woodbrook-born Alan Price had his interest in the sport piqued by the good fortune to live opposite the St. James Tennis Club on Long Circular Road, Port of Spain. Making the short journey across the road, Price would practice on the courts every evening, where coaches recognized his natural talent and Price recognized the need to work hard to develop it.

One year later, aged nine, Price won his first title, the St. James Tennis Club Cup. He had started as he meant to continue. As the 1950s dawned, local tennis enjoyed a boom fueled by the emergence of young talented players such

as Peter Valdez, Michael Valdez and Ria Mark, and Alan's brother, Lindy.

But it was Alan Price who led the way, especially with performances such as the 1956 national championships, when he won the Junior title, then followed that by securing the Senior title at the same tournament. As of 2022 he remains the only player to have achieved that memorable double.

Such was his tennis prowess that Price was sent to represent Trinidad and Tobago on the greatest tennis stage of all, the 1957 Wimbledon Championships Boy's Singles. There, he lost to Denmark's Jan Leschy in the first round.

Locally, he teamed up with brother Lindy to form the dominant Men's Doubles team in the country, with an uncanny understanding of each other's play that often left the opposition many games behind just as the Price brothers were warmed up. As national and tournament titles rolled in for both Singles and Doubles categories, Price was a natural selection for the Trinidad and Tobago team to contest the 1958 Brandon Trophy (the Caribbean Lawn Tennis Championship for men) hosted by Trinidad. He was unbeaten throughout the competition and helped lift the trophy.

In 1960 the Brandon Trophy was held in Jamaica, with Trinidad and Tobago relinquishing their crown to Jamaica in 1959 despite Price's continued unbeaten run. He came into the tournament ranked No. 2 and gave a commanding display that delighted the crowds to help Trinidad

and Tobago reclaim the title. With Price in its ranks, Trinidad and Tobago would win additional Brandon Trophy titles in 1962, 1963, 1965 and 1972. In that latter year they were able to stop the stranglehold that Jamaica had on the Trophy, having won it six times in a row.

For the 1962 Central American & Caribbean (CAC) Games held in Kingston, Jamaica, Price was included in the ambitious national tennis team. Playing in the Men's Singles, Price was at the top of his game, advancing through the early rounds to make it to the final where he defeated Mexico's Juan Arredondo to take Trinidad and Tobago's first and, thus far, only tennis gold medal. Price was not finished yet. He teamed with Peter Valdez to secure the bronze medal in the Men's Doubles, part of a wonderful haul for Trinidad and Tobago tennis at those CAC Games that also included Ria Mark and Michael Valdez's bronze in the Mixed Doubles. It would be another 40 years until Trinidad and Tobago would win another CAC tennis medal with Shane and Try Stone in 2002.

With Trinidad and Tobago playing its first Davis Cup match in 1954, Price was prominent in representing the nation in the world's premier tennis team competition throughout the 1960s and early 1970s, while he won every local tournament available to him including an incredible 10 Tranquility Singles titles.

His flair on the court made Price a local legend. His trophy haul was evidence of his talent and hard work, as well as his love for the sport of

tennis. In 1989, Neville Alan Price was inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame.

CAC Games:	**1962 Gold Men's Singles**
	1962 Bronze Men's Doubles
Brandon Trophy:	**1958, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1972**
Winner (Trinidad and Tobago)	