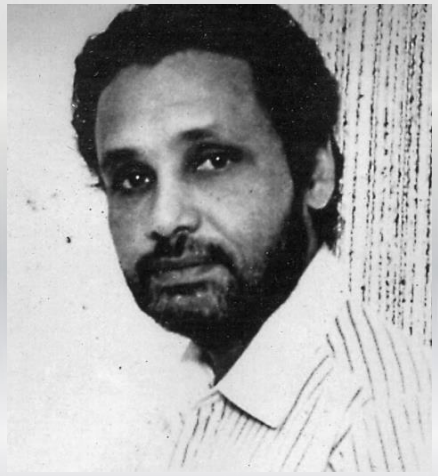
First Citizens Sports Foundation

HALL OF FAME



David Radix (Posthumous)

Administrator

Inducted in 2000

He played an instrumental role in growing hockey across Trinidad and Tobago, together with helping to create the administrative infrastructure to support that expansion. For David Radix, it was a life spent in the game from his teenage years until he passed away, a life spent in Trinidad and Tobago hockey.

It was at Queen's Royal College (QRC) that Radix began to play the sport and he would represent the school for two years, 1966 and 1967. The national men's team had just won a bronze medal at the Pan Am Games in Winnipeg, and the national women's team had just played at the World Conference (forerunner to the World Cup) in Leverkusen, Germany, so there was great interest in the sport locally.

Radix joined the Carib club, playing in the top tier National Hockey League and earning his place in the North Trinidad Board team. This gave Radix first-hand experience as to how disjointed the administration of local hockey was at the time, the early 1970s.

There were separate governing bodies for the men's and women's sides of the sport, separate bodies for north, south and east Trinidad, as well as a separate hockey umpire's association.

Radix became involved in the administrative arena as an Executive member of the North Trinidad Men's Hockey Association and recognized that there would be greater scope for progress for hockey, with a unified approach. As such, he was instrumental in the process of dissolving the Trinidad & Tobago Board of Control and the creation of the Trinidad & Tobago Hockey Federation (TTHF) in the mid-1970s. Finally, all the geographical zones, leagues and umpires were governed by a single hockey entity, even though the women's arm of the sport was yet to join.

Radix took his involvement further, becoming the TTHF President in 1978. It was a post that he would hold for 17 years. Under his tenure, the sport made a big effort to expand to the secondary schools of north Trinidad, with a particular focus upon east Trinidad and Tobago. This exercise would lead to the increased participation in school's hockey for both girls and boys, creating new stars.

By 1979, women's hockey came under the governance of the TTHF. Indoor hockey was gaining in popularity, with large crowds and a number of tournaments cropping up during Trinidad's rainy season. Radix and the TTHF oversaw the establishment of the national indoor championships held on the boards of the Jean Pierre Complex, providing thrilling play and electric performances.

Also, in 1979 he served as a Director of the Pan American Hockey Federation, a stint that would lead to Trinidad and Tobago's successful hosting of the Pan American Junior Hockey Championships in 1988. The tournament saw the International Hockey Federation award the TTHF the Pablo Negre Trophy for the country that is considered to have done the most for the sport in any year.

Radix's next point of focus was helping to secure an artificial turf for local teams to play upon, in what had become the global standard. Trinidad and Tobago got its long-awaited artificial turf in 1996 at the Tacarigua hockey facility.

In honour of his pioneering efforts for hockey, the Radix Dos Santos Memorial Tournament is held each year (also honouring fellow Hall of Famer Sir Errol Dos Santos), attracting local and foreign teams and occasionally being held in Tobago, espousing Radix's vision of spreading the sport. In the year 2000, David Radix, was inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame for his contribution to the game of hockey.