First Citizens Sports Foundation

HALL OF FAME



Peter Samuel

Administrator

Inducted in 1995

Though most of his association with sport in Trinidad and Tobago occurred within the sphere of swimming, Peter Samuel was an administrator who was familiar with many sports, having competed across a wide array of them during his competitive years. He would later use that knowledge and experience to provide great service to Trinidad and Tobago at the highest level of all, the major multi-event games.

From his teenage years at the sporting hotbed that was Queen's Royal College (QRC), the tall Samuel, who would eventually grow past 6 feet in height, was a natural for basketball. He also exceled at field events in athletics, as well as taking part in wrestling, weightlifting and billiards. He performed best, however, at rifle shooting, where he would represent Trinidad and Tobago at the famed British shooting range in Bisley in 1953 and 1960. In 1966 he attended his only Games as a competitor, the Commonwealths in Jamaica.

As a member of many sports clubs for the various disciplines that he was partaking in, Samuel began to involve himself in the administration of these clubs, while also lending a hand with coaching. By the 1960s he had joined the Trinidad & Tobago Olympic Committee (TTOC) and had become an integral part of the Amateur Swimming Association of Trinidad and Tobago (ASATT). Samuel was also a founding member of the iconic Flying Fish Swimming Club in St. Clair, Port of Spain. There, he was involved in the development of young swimmers, both within the club and at national level.

In 1978 he attended the Central American & Caribbean (CAC) Games in Colombia as the manager/coach, following this up with the same role at the CAC Games in 1982 (Cuba) and 1986 (Santo Domingo). Samuel also performed the same function at the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane, Australia, and the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984. He would attend his final event as manager of the national swim team at Indianapolis in 1987 for the Pan Am Games, overseeing Marc Andrews' bronze medal in the 100m Freestyle.

For much of this period there were his other duties as Vice President of the TTOC, a post that he held from 1981-1985. Add his role as Secretary of the ASATT during the same period, and Samuel was serving sport on many fronts throughout the 1980s. He later became the ASATT President from 1985 to 1987.

Though he reduced his administrative duties as the 1990s dawned, he remained at the forefront of local swimming, coaching national age-group teams in the era up to the 2000s.

For his administrative services to sport, Peter Samuel was duly inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame in 1995