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PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

President Message

New Year's Message from the President of the BVI Football Association

Dear Football Community,

As we welcome the year 2025, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all of you—our players, coaches, referees, volunteers, fans, sponsors, partners and supporters—who continue to make football in the British Virgin Islands a source of pride, unity, and growth.

Reflecting on 2024, we made significant progress, and it is thanks to your dedication and passion that we are moving forward stronger than ever. From nurturing young talent to raising the level of competition, each of you has played an important role in advancing the sport in our territory.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are determined to continue building on this momentum. We will focus on creating more opportunities for our youth, improving our local leagues, and representing the BVI with pride on the international stage. Together, we will create even more platforms for growth, skill development, and excellence.

Let us continue to lead with the values that define us: respect, teamwork, and dedication. Football is not only about winning, but about shaping character, fostering community, and creating a legacy for future generations.

On behalf of the BVI Football Association and the Executive Council, I wish you all a prosperous and fulfilling 2025. May the year ahead be filled with achievements, personal growth, and the joy that comes from being part of this incredible football family.

Here's to another year of passion, progress, and purpose. Together, we will make 2025 an unforgettable year for BVI football.

Yours in Football,

Avanell Morton

President

BVI Football Association



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A Positive Step Forward for BVI Football

The BVIFA recognizes the importance of creating opportunities for its national teams to compete regularly against international opponents. These friendly matches not only prepare the U17 squad for the CONCACAF U17 Championship but also help to solidify a framework for future collaboration with neighboring football associations.

What's Next

- **Final Preparations:** The BVIU17 squad has three weeks remaining to fine-tune their performance before heading to Costa Rica.
- **Strengthening Partnerships:** BVIFA is committed to maintaining and growing relationships with regional partners, with a vision of fostering more international preparation games across all age groups.

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COMMUNICATION

Stay Connected with BVI Football!

Exciting news! The BVI Football Association now has its very own WhatsApp channel! Stay updated with the latest news, match schedules, live scores, and exclusive behind-the-scenes content – all at your fingertips.



★ COMMUNITY & CLUB NEWS

- **TAG Supports BVI Football**

Tortola Auto Group contributed to the BVIFA to support youth and women's football development.

- **Club Fundraiser**

VG United hosted a raffle fundraiser to raise funds for club development

- **Courtney Bascombe Represents BVI**

Panthers FC athlete Courtney Bascombe qualified for the semi-finals of the World Indoor Masters 60m Dash.



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JANUARY FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

January Transfer Window

The official BVI Football Association Transfer Window opened from January 1 – 31, 2025. Clubs across the territory engaged in strategic player movements in preparation for an exciting year of football.



Men's National League Returns The BVI Men's National

League resumed on January 12, 2025. The action is back and teams are ready to battle for the top spot!



BDO School Football League Kicks Off.

Our future stars hit the pitch as

the BDO School Football League resumed on January 9, 2025.

🏆 Congratulations to Enid Scatliffe Primary for winning the U7 Division and St George's Primary School for their U12 Championship victory!

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES & U17 PREPARATIONS

The BVI U17 National Team stepped up preparations for the 2025 CONCACAF U17 Championship with three friendly matches hosted in Greenland:

- 📅 January 16 – BVI vs. USVI
- 📅 January 18 – BVI vs. USVI
- 📅 January 19 – BVI vs. USVI

The team also announced a 20-member squad to compete in the qualifiers in Costa Rica. Their campaign kicks off on February 7 against St. Maarten.

Let's rally behind our boys as they fight for a spot in the FIFA U17 World Cup!

The squad climbed from 32nd to 24th in the latest CONCACAF Rankings—a testament to their progress!





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WOMEN'S FOOTBALL & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Women's Football Festival 2025



The first Women's Football Festival of 2025 kicked off on February 1 at Greenland.



Congratulations to VG United FC 2 for topping the table!



TDS U14 Girls Elite Academy

Our elite girls' academy resumed training on February 1 in Greenland. Empowering the next generation of female football stars!

PRE-STRATEGIC CONSULTATION MEETING HELD WITH MEMBER CLUBS

On March 27, the first pre-strategic consultation meeting was conducted with member clubs to gather input, align priorities, and promote collaboration ahead of the development of a comprehensive strategic plan. Additional meetings with internal and external stakeholders are planned to ensure a well-rounded and inclusive approach.

LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



The BVI Football Association is pleased to announce the appointment of a new National Teams Head Coach Mr David Perez, and a Women's Development

Director, Mr. Fitzgerald Carter. These key leadership roles mark an important step in the continued growth and development of football in the BVI, strengthening our national teams' performance and advancing opportunities for women's football across all levels.

STADIUMUPDATES

The East End Long Look Football Stadium is undergoing major redevelopment, featuring a new artificial turf, upgraded lighting, expanded seating, and improved drainage to meet international standards. Plans also include relocating the current turf to Virgin Gorda, increasing access to quality playing surfaces across the territory. Work is expected to commence April 15th 2025.

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COACHING & REFEREEING DEVELOPMENT



CFU Next Generation Referee Program

Guillaume Parkins successfully completed the CFU Next Generation Referee Course Class of 2025. Congratulations on this achievement!

Train the Trainers Workshop

From January 24-26, the BVIFA hosted the Train the Trainer's Workshop in collaboration with CONCACAF, focused on elevating the skills of local coaches.



Coach Education Calendar 2025

Take your coaching career to the next level:

- D License – March 10
- C License – April 7
- B License – November 2025

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION



BVI at 40th CONCACAF Congress

President Avaneil Morton, VP Andy Davis, and General Secretary Juliana Luke represented the BVI at the 40th CONCACAF Congress in St. Lucia.

The delegation engaged in key discussions on governance and development strategies for the region.



James Ramprashad Makes FIFA Refereeing Debut

BVI's very own James Ramprashad officiated at the CONCACAF U17 World Cup Qualifiers, proudly representing the BVI as a FIFA referee.

A historic moment for local officiating!

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Guillaume Parkins Recognized at CFU Referee Course

BVI's Guillaume Parkins earned top recognition at the CFU Next Generation Referee Course, held in Barbados from January 17-19, 2025. Parkins was awarded for being one of the Most Outstanding participants in the Video Test, sharing the honor with Trinidad & Tobago's N'Neeka Harewood. This achievement highlights Guillaume's growing potential as a match official on the regional stage and reflects the BVIFA's ongoing commitment to referee development.

Professional Development: Eldon Williams Attends CONCACAF Workshop

Continuing our commitment to professional growth, FA Executive Member Eldon Williams attended the CONCACAF Professional Football Development Workshop in Costa Rica. The workshop provided key insights and strategies to further enhance the development of football in the BVI, ensuring our programs align with international standards.



Linda 'Champagne' Magloire Continues Her Rise in CONCACAF

BVI's very own Linda Magloire, fondly known as "Champagne," continues to make her mark as a CONCACAF Match Official. Linda was recently appointed as Match Commissioner for the 2025/26 Gold Cup Prelims Round 1 clash between Guadeloupe and Nicaragua, held in Guadeloupe—a significant achievement on her growing résumé.

Her recent international appointments also include:

- 2024 CONCACAF Men's Nations League: Martinique vs Guyana in Fort-de-France, Martinique
- 2023 Road to Women's Gold Cup: USVI vs Grenada in St. Croix, USVI
- 2023 Road to Women's Gold Cup: Antigua & Barbuda vs Dominica in Antigua

At home, Linda continues to serve as Match Commissioner for the BVIFA Senior Men's Domestic League, bringing her expertise and leadership to local competitions.



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PROFESSIONALS

BVI FA Engages Future Stars at Career Day

The FA proudly participated in the Career Day hosted by Elmore Stoutt High School and Virgin Islands School of Technical Studies (VISTS). Our team connected with students and faculty, providing insight into the opportunities available within football—both on and off the field. Several students, particularly young women, showed strong interest in pursuing football and will soon be joining the BVIFA Women's Program.

FA & Ministry of Education Host Safeguarding Workshop

On February 20, the BVI Football Association partnered with the Ministry of Education to deliver an important Safeguarding Workshop aimed at teachers and key personnel across the territory. The session, facilitated by Morris Mark, focused on creating safe environments for young athletes and empowering educators with the knowledge to identify and address safeguarding issues within sports and schools.

BVI MENS' SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM



BVI Gears Up for FIFA World Cup Qualifier Against Jamaica

The British Virgin Islands Men's National Team is ramping up preparations for their upcoming FIFA World Cup Qualifying clash against regional powerhouse Jamaica this June 2025.

The match marks a key fixture in the BVI's qualifying campaign as the team looks to make history and test themselves against one of CONCACAF's top-ranked sides. Training camps and player

assessments are already underway, with the squad focused on fitness, strategy, and team cohesion. The BVIFA encourages all fans and supporters to rally behind the team as they take on this exciting challenge on the road to the 2026 FIFA World Cup.



U17 Player Blake Kirk Joins Level D Coaching Course

BVI U17 National Team player Blake Kirk is among the latest participants in the Level D Coaching License course, facilitated by the BVI Football Association.

Kirk's involvement reflects a growing interest among young players in developing coaching skills and contributing to the game beyond the pitch. Blake's dual commitment to playing and now coaching is an inspiring example of the next generation leading the way in football development across the BVI.



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PLAYER PROGRESSION

Adrian Padilla's Football Journey in Spain

Adrian Padilla is currently part of United FC International, a training and development centre based in Madrid, Spain. Through the programme, he is fully immersed in the Spanish football methodology and competes with CF Trival Valderas Juvenil (U19) A in the Liga Nacional Juvenil – Spain's second-highest youth division. In addition to his playing career, Adrian is pursuing a Football Sports Technician qualification at the Instede Institute, equivalent to a UEFA B coaching licence.



Another BVI talent on the rise!

Congratulations to Azarni Callwood, who has earned a professional contract with Lexington FC in the USL Championship after impressing during trials.

Azarni's journey began at a 2017 camp in the BVI, later joining AFC Bournemouth JTC and helping the BVI win the 2022 Barcelona Cup. He's also a proud BVIFA International.

One Love United's Johari Lacey Earns UK University Placement & Football Opportunity

One Love United FC proudly announces that player Johari Lacey has been accepted into the BSc (Hons) Sport, Coaching & Development programme at the University Center Bishop Burton in North Yorkshire, UK. He will also join the football program at SFS International Academy. Johari, a former BVI National Team player at both junior and senior levels, aims to continue representing the Territory while pursuing his academic and football goals. The club congratulates him and wishes him every success.

