

### T&T Turns Things Around With Goal From Gay



Jamal Gay (L) and Aklie Edwards (R)

The Trinidad and Tobago Men's National Team has been playing friendly matches throughout the month of September to prepare for the Digicel Caribbean Cup. Trinidad and Tobago's most recent game was against St. Lucia, where they were able to defeat the Caribbean side 3-0. Jamal Gay scored the second goal of the game in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute for Trinidad and Tobago. Gay also came in as a sub in the team's game against Antigua and Barbuda, which was a 1-0 victory for the Soca Warriors. These were Jamal's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> caps of his international career and the goal was his second. Jamal's only other goal came in his last cap in 2008. The team lost a friendly to Jamaica at the end of August, and continued that poor form into the beginning of September. The team surprisingly lost 3-0 on the road to Panama. They followed that up with a 0-0 draw at Belize before the team was able to collect the 1-0 victory over Antigua and Barbuda. The team will be traveling to Uganda for a game on November 17 and are attempting to setup a fixture with Rwanda. MLF client Aklie Edwards has also been capped twice during the recent friendlies playing 45 minutes against Panama and Belize. The Defence Force Defender now has 28 international appearances.

### Soca Warriors profile Randi Patterson

Randi Patterson is profiled by the Trinidad and Tobago National Team website. They have chosen Randi based on his in-season performance with Crystal Palace Baltimore and the Austin Aztex. Randi attributed his desire to play for Trinidad as a tribute to his father. Randi's father died when Randi was very young however the Trinidad roots stayed strong with Randi despite growing up in the United States. Randi was drafted and played a couple games for the New York Red Bulls. He also spent time in the United States youth system before deciding to play for Trinidad and Tobago at the Senior International level.



Randi's club team, the Austin Aztex, is attempting to win the USL title of the USSF Division II. They finished the regular season a point behind the Rochester Rhinos. The team will have the #3 overall seed for the upcoming playoffs where they have a matchup with the Montreal Impact. Randi scored in the team's 4-2 victory over AC St. Louis. Which allowed them the opportunity to win the regular season title in their final game, but the team lost to Montreal, setting up a rematch with the Impact in the USL quarterfinals. The team faltered down the stretch losing their last two games that would have secured the regular season title. Randi has played 11 games since joining the team and has contributed with 2 goals and an assist.

# USL Restructures League for 2011

USL is merging their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> divisions for the 2011 season. They will be calling the league USL Pro, and it will be the equivalent of USSF Division II and will be the highest form of professional soccer in the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean outside of Major League Soccer (MLS). The league is thought to be structured into as many as four geographic regions which will cut down on travel expenses for many of the teams. This will also lead to more geographic rivalries that have become the foundation of American sports. It is thought that many of the teams currently in the USL Conference of USSF Division II and many of the teams in USL-2. It is thought that the Austin Aztex and Puerto Rico Islanders will be among the teams joining the USL Pro conference however no plans have been finalized. There is also word that there will be a Puerto Rican division headed by recent Puerto Rican Soccer League Champions Sevilla and River Plate.

## Puerto Rico Islanders

### CCL Run

Kendall Jagdeosingh and the Puerto Rico Islanders have a 1-3-1 record in USL in the month of September. They have qualified for the USL playoffs, and will begin their run against the Rochester Rhinos who were the regular season champions. Jaggy has been an instrumental part of the team's CONCACAF Champions League Run. The team is 2-1-2 in Group D and in sole possession of 2<sup>nd</sup> place. They have one game remaining in group play after tying FAS from El Salvador despite going down a man just before halftime. The Islanders and Jagdeosingh then followed that up with a come from behind victory over Toluca of Mexico. They have one game remaining in group play against Olimpia. The top two teams in the group advance to the next round.



## Flavio Fioretti and Cantu begin season

Flavio Fioretti, coach of the Roosevelt Bouie Basketball Combine, is an assistant coach for Italian Serie A team Bennet Cantu. The team is set to begin their season in Italy on October 17 against Bologna. The team is set for a big season being led by two former NCAA players, Marty Leunen and Michael Green. Leunen was an all-Pac 10 performer while at Oregon. Michael Green was the Horizon League Player of the Year in 2008 while playing for Butler University. Flavio Fioretti is a key assistant coach for the team that finished tied for third in the regular season standings last season, and made the semifinals of the Serie A Playoffs.

### Clubs, Scouts, and Coaches

The Following players are free agents that are seeking playing opportunities:

Soccer Players: Silvio Spann, Jamal Gay, Victor Thomas, and Brent Antoine

Basketball Players: Phillippe Harris, Tizzo Johnson, Stoney Polite Jr., Michael Smith

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