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## Living the Grey Shirt – 2015 Hall of Achievement Inductee, Ato Boldon

INTERVIEWER: RAYMOND SAMMS

**Q** What primary school did you go to?  
**A** Newtown Boys' RC, where the worst two things you could do is run, and talk too much. It's actually going to be the title of my autobiography someday – "SHUT UP AND SLOW DOWN". Without my communication skills and my running ability, I might have starved. There is a lesson in there somewhere for other children, I think.

**Q** Why did you select Fatima?  
**A** My father went to CIC and won an intercol football title there, in 1956, so it was initially to go elsewhere, to a place where I could be my own person. My mother was not keen on my attending a school in the middle of downtown, either. I also made that choice because most of my closest friends were headed there. St. Mary's wasn't even one of my choices.

**Q** Did you spend time in Jamaica as a child (Mother is Jamaican) - Is your Jamaican DNA part of your success? Or imported yams?

**A** I wasn't in Jamaica that much, as a child. I embraced my Jamaican side much more as an adult, in terms of their culture and history. I remind Jamaicans who try to claim that my sprint prowess is OBVIOUSLY because of my Jamaican DNA that Trinidad and Tobago won the Olympic 100m gold in 1976, 32 years before Usain Bolt.

**Q** What year did you leave Fatima? You left TT and Fatima at the age of 14 (Form3?)

**A** December 1988. I had spent 3 months in Form 4 already. I joke that I left before I had to take any serious exams. Lucky me.

**Q** Describe the culture of the school in your time?

**A** First XI team was doing well, so they were the big men on campus. Lara was excelling at cricket. Adrian Bobb was a Carifta medalist. I remember the young men who were "all-rounders" – those who excelled at multiple sports as well as studies, being the people who were to be respected and admired. Back then,



corporal punishment was a serious thing, and a big deterrent - the good old days. Now the inmates run the asylum, at some schools I visit.

**Q** Who was your favourite teacher and which teacher did you give the most trouble?

**A** Favourite teacher was probably Mr. Maurice Brash. He did wonders for my confidence, getting me into acting and singing (very few even know of this). Mr. Ramdass and Mr. Joseph (RIP) were

also right up there in seeing in me things I couldn't see in myself.

**Q How did Fatima influence your athletic career?**

**A** Positively. I was never good enough to be one of the best at anything. Football and track were my loves. Even in running, I was always eighth best, which meant last place come sports day. I got frustrated. I have a distinct memory of not showing up for the 100m finals of a sports day, as my name was repeatedly called on the loudspeaker to report for the final. If you'd told anyone, on that day, that I'd be the country's first world sprint champion just a decade later, they'd have had you committed to an institution. My athletic gifts came late – after I'd moved to the USA.

**Q What house were you in for Sports' Day and how many times did they win?**

**A** We never won. We were awful. Green shirt. Can't remember the name. The House that wore red (Corcoran?) used to kill everybody else on sports day back then. I thought it was a rigged system. By the way, when am I getting a house? I have one at Newtown Boys'.

**Q What is the worst mischief you got up to at Fatima?**

**A** That will go with me to my grave. Young men often do dumb things. I was no exception. I've given Fatima money, so I am sure I've more than re-paid it.

**Q Did you do any other sports at Fatima?**

**A** Cricket was never my thing. Still isn't. Too slow. Football and track were always the only sports I cared about.

**Q What part of Fatima life do you miss the most?**

**A** The liming. Everyone reminisces about their "boy-days", but I also realize that I grew up at a time when to live and grow up in Trinidad was a true blessing.

**Q Are you still in touch with classmates?**

**A** I went to three different high schools - in Trinidad, New York and California, and somehow (maybe because of Facebook) I am in touch with way more of my high school classmates, from all three schools, than people would expect.

**Q When and why did you decide to do athletics professionally?**

**A** By age 18, I'd made the Olympic team and appeared to have a future in the sport if I so chose after winning two world junior sprint titles. Once I'd finished at

UCLA, broken the NCAA 100m record and run the world's fastest 100m time, by June of 1996, the Atlanta Olympic year, it was a formality.

**Q If track was never an option for you, or you weren't successful, what career would you have taken up?**

**A** My music-industry friends say I would have made a good sound engineer, because I have a good ear, but I'd like to think I'd have probably been an attorney, or a sports agent.

**Q You joined the NBC Olympics broadcasting team in 2008 and some people referred to you as NBC's best announcer at the recent Rio Olympics. How have you evolved/grown since you first started working at NBC and how much longer do you see yourself working there?**

**A** That compliment was given by awfulnouncing.com, a site that exists to expose awful broadcasting in the USA. It's one of the high-points of my year, and a good sign for the Emmy nominations next year. Nothing can truly prepare you for being on-air. Certainly not the first time something goes awry during a live broadcast. I listen to my broadcasts from 8 years ago, and the difference is staggering. Having been a broadcaster since 2005, I eventually found my own voice. I know exactly what I want to say, and how to say it. I didn't learn that for some time.

**Q How did you prepare for your task of commentating at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Russia?**

**A** I knew that was really just a reward by NBC for having become the first US track and field broadcaster to get an Emmy nomination, so I thought it would be easy work. It was, mostly. Cold sometimes. In 2018 for the Winter Games in South Korea, I am sure they will challenge me to do much more, which is what I prefer.

**Q Were you more pleased with your performances at the 1996 or 2000 Olympics?**

**A** Sydney 2000, because I had to overcome so much more. In 1999, I had missed the world championships with an injury, and never really felt like I was 100% recovered in 2000. I was also dead last in my last pre-Olympic race. Somehow, I found a way to get medal #3 and #4 from Sydney. I'm still waiting on an upgrade of that fourth medal, since the Olympic 200m winner, Kenteris, of Greece, was soon found out as a drug cheat, and banned.

**Q Is there an Olympic or World Championship result that still pains or disturbs you even today?**

**A** The Atlanta 1996 Olympic 100m final. The second recall gun (that was very late) on what, even today as an analyst, looks like a fair start to me, as well as my lack of composure with all the Linford Christie drama, before the final race was actually run. It's the only race I'd want to re-run from my entire career.

**Q Which Olympic medal felt best?**

**A** Bronze from the Sydney Olympic 200m final. I had considered dropping out of the 200m rounds altogether, because I had no desire to leave the Olympic stadium on a stretcher. It was cold in Sydney, and my hamstring was not holding up well after the 100m final. I decided to do it, and got my fourth career Olympic medal.

**Q You once battled the idea that you suffered from 'final-itis' after failing to strike gold in a couple key races. Did you ever come to a conclusion on that by the end of your career?**

**A** I DID have 'final-itis', but not what I thought it to be in my early career. I thought nerves led to me underperforming. It wasn't nerves, because I was always very calm and confident. What I did do, to my detriment, is constant analysis. I had a very good sense of what everyone in the race was likely to do, that night. That's great, now that I am a broadcaster, but it was not the way to approach races as an athlete.

**Q Would you have ever beaten Usain Bolt in your prime?**

**A** Never. He's lost to four people since 2008. Tyson Gay, Asafa Powell, Justin Gatlin and Yohan Blake, all of whom have run 9.7 or 9.6 for 100m.

**Q Now that Usain Bolt has retired, whom do you see as the runner to now take up the mantle as world's fastest man?**

**A** The next world's fastest man I don't think is necessarily someone who we already know about. People say Canada's DeGrasse, or the USA's Trayvon Brommell, but I'm not so sure. Those are good guesses. In 2004, few knew who Bolt was. Four years later, he'd arrived - and he hasn't lost an Olympic race since. In 2012, no-one knew who Elaine Thompson of Jamaica was. She's now 100 and 200m Olympic champion. The much safer guess is that he will be either from the US or the Caribbean.

**Q What would it take to beat Usain Bolt?**

The four men who have beaten him, since 2008, have caught him when he's having an off-night, had a great start against him, and then had the poise to hold him off when he starts to close late in the race. That's the only way.

**Q Are you still friendly with Maurice Greene?**

**A** Maurice and I last spent time in Boston in June of 2016. He's married now, with a young son. We don't talk like we did as training partners before, but he and I will always be friends.

**Q What was your training schedule like for the Olympics.**

**A** Weightlifting, often debilitating pain, and stress... and I remember very little of it. The medals, the records and the memories are there forever (well, most of the records are gone). I remind my young athletes that the suffering is part of it. They have to embrace that, because that fades from memory. You're a champion forever.

**Q Describe the perfect 100m race.**

**A** I don't think it's been run yet. Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell, the last two world-record holders, have probably come closest. If I had to pick one race, it would be the 9.58 WR by Bolt in 2009 in Berlin. He looked like he could keep going for another 100m, easily.

**Q The sport is increasingly challenged by the use of Performance-Enhancement Drugs (PEDs) by athletes chasing superior performances or attempting to defy the effects of aging. Were you ever faced with this dilemma in your thoughts or even offered PEDs in person?**

**A** I lived and trained in Los Angeles. All the new gimmicks and fads and diets usually start there. People always think the drug thing was some guy in a trench-coat offering you something in a brown bag. It wasn't. It looked more like someone visiting our practice, which was open to the public, with some supplement his company had developed that was going to change the world, that he said you just had to try - because it would change your whole life. As my former agent used to say, you were fast before they found their way to your practice. I knew I couldn't ever think of using anything, because I never wanted to be an outcast in TNT, and being from a small island, I would never have had some of the 'big-country protections' from drug busts that we have seen revealed since the years when I ran.

**Q Comment on the state of Trinidad athletics today as compared to when you were at the height of your career.**

**A** Carifta results are much worse, Olympic results are about the same. Grassroots development is almost non-existent. We are still relying on others (usually foreign coaches) to generate our stars, mostly. We do less, despite having more resources.

**Q You are currently coaching TT female sprinter Khalifa St. Fort. Are there any other TT runners that you have in your radar as future stars?**

**A** In Khalifa's absence, Sarah Wollaston won the under-20 Junior title in 2016, won a Carifta relay bronze and made the World Junior Team. She's now in her 2nd year with me, and I think will have a good career for TnT. I have also signed a 400m runner, Kelsha Fortune, who is from Tortola, but has a Trini mother and will compete for TNT. Kelsha moved from Tortola to South Florida to train under me. Look for her in 2017. In the next three years, I expect to have about ten young TNT nationals, training under me. I'm at three already. Since Rio, there have been lots of Caribbean parents calling me up and asking to send their kids.

**Q Why is Jamaica's athletic programme so successful?**

**A** The combination of great coaches, the best high school system in the world and over 100 years of secondary school athletics tradition is why Jamaica is second to none. The last element is that the Jamaicans figured out around 2005 with the birth of the MVP group that they don't have to send all their talent to get burnt out at US universities. Bolt, Blake, Powell, Thompson, Fraser-Pryce are all Olympic gold medalists, who stayed in Jamaica.

**Q If you could change one thing in hindsight what would it be?**

**A** I'd have enjoyed my time at UCLA more. I was so focused on the 1996 Olympics and my impending pro career that UCLA was like a blur. I have very few non-track memories from my time there, and it's a wonderful place to have attended University.

**Q In February 2006, you were sworn in as a senator representing the Opposition United National Congress. What made you decide to go into politics?**

**A** I am never happy with nothing to do, and at that point after my career, I was miserable. I had no idea what to do with my life. Broadcasting hadn't taken off for

me, yet. It seemed like a good idea at the time. I was going into the opposition benches, so I thought no-one would say I was doing it for the power. I was there long enough to know I had no business being there. I can do so much more as an individual for TNT than I ever could in Senate. No chance I'll return, either.

**Q You acquired your pilot's license in 2005. How often do you fly and where is the furthest you have flown?**

**A** I have flown the length and breadth of California many times, but lately, with my many hats as coach, broadcaster and IAAF ambassador, I don't fly as often as I used to. It's like a driver's licence - when you first get it, you can't wait to use it constantly. Soon after, you're fine having someone else fly you around. I travel for business a lot, but I probably do recreational flying only on my birthday every year.

**Q You are a bit of a techie and even admitted in another interview that when you were a competitive athlete, your hobby was building PCs from the ground up. You were even anointed the world's fastest geek after making several appearances on Call For Help with Leo Laporte on Tech TV. What's your favorite gadget these days? Do you use a lot of tech when training athletes? Apple or Samsung or other?**

**A** Tech is more a part of me than anything. Favorite gadget now is my Oculus Rift. Amazing. I am also on my second Tesla Model S, and what those cars can do, including autopilot, is the closest thing to my favorite childhood show, Knight Rider. Last year, I bought a very expensive and machine called a '1080 sprint' for my training group, that is really a highly sophisticated towing and resisting device that enables sprinters to do what we call over-speed sprinting, which enhances performance.

**Q Who would have been better at the other's sport? Lara in running, or you in cricket?**

**A** I've seen Brian run. Me, in cricket. I will say, though, that Brian was one of my first sports role models. He and Shaka Hislop. Don't tell Shaka that, though.

**Q How do you eat your doubles - what is your 'sauce mix' and where is your favorite doubles spot???**

**A** I'm a serious health and fitness person. Doubles might be the worst thing you can eat. Khalifa St. Fort is the doubles queen. In fact, she consumed EIGHT of them at



the 2016 Fatima fete last Carnival – and then forgot how to sprint, for a month. True story. I probably haven't had any in 30 years. Now, if you want to talk roti, THAT we can discuss. Goat. Slight pepper. That's worth cheating on your diet.

**Q What do you see as the biggest challenge for the young boys of this era and what can Fatima do to help develop them?**

**A** To be men. This is an era where the young men act more immaturity and more insecurely than ever. It's become 'cool' to disrespect women. I don't necessarily think that every young man has to be the epitome of chivalry, but the pendulum has swung way too far in the other direction. I would love to see Fatima have a life-skills class, teaching men how to be men - table manners, how to dress, how to comport oneself. I'd volunteer, when available.

**Q In your motivational talks, what impact and message do you try to convey?**

**A** My usual theme is that your dreams are just that - your own! Too many young people come to me with stories about "how can I possibly keep going or get started when..." 'this parent didn't support them', or 'this sibling or family member discouraged them'. It happens! Steel your nerve, and make it happen anyway. Everyone who made it didn't have full support from everyone they held dear. That's a myth. If you can't handle some opposition or some detractors, you're not cut out to make it big, anyway.

**Q Define Success.**

**A** It's when you'd still do what you do for a living, even if someone handed you 100 million dollars tomorrow. I came

close, recently, to working in entertainment news, in a high-profile job, and I look back now, and realize I dodged a bullet. I'd have been miserable, because, to me, that stuff does not matter in the real world, or in the long run. I get to influence young lives and help make dreams come true on a daily basis, and when I'm not doing that, I'm speaking to tens of millions of fans about something I am very passionate about. No money would make me give up those two things.

**Q Any closing remarks?**

**A** I went to one of the finest Universities on earth, and, as I said, three different high schools, but the impact that Fatima had on me as a young man is something I am forever grateful for, now that I can look back a little, at age 43. It's an integral part of who and what I became. ■



## Class of 1986 30 Year Reunion

THE FATIMA CLASS OF 1986 CELEBRATED THEIR REUNION WITH A LIME ON FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2016. THE WEEKEND OF EVENTS CULMINATED IN A LIME ON FATIMA GROUNDS ON SUNDAY.



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## Honour Roll

**Ato Boldon**, a fourth-time Olympic medalist, and NBC Roddy Gaines were named joint best television analyst of the year by Sports Illustrated. Boldon correctly predicted Japan for a medal in the 4x100m Men's Relay. The Japan team finished 2nd behind Jamaica with a guy called Usain Bolt.

In the National Competition, Voces Jovenes emerged victorious with a key member being **Russell Corbie**, exceptionally gifted mandolinist. In 2nd place, tying with La Familia de Carmona was Voces de Promesa which won the Junior Parang Competition as an amalgam of Fatima boys and St. Augustine girls. The livewire of the band is **Cassell George**, manager, guitarist and musical director.

In local racing, trainer **Glenn Mendez** saddled the most winners for 2016. He wrote his name in racing history by saddling Control Unit to win the Stewards Cup on two occasions.

Queen's Park Cricket Club is dedicating the racing card on Saturday 14th January to prominent club members for their contribution to racing. Some are past pupils of Fatima and include **Joe Hadeed**, **Dr. Roger D'abadie** and **Joey Carew**.

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# A Profile on 2015 Hall of Achievement Inductee, Alvin Corneal

BY GLEN ROACH

ALVIN CORNEAL GREW UP IN SAN JUAN AND HAD A KNACK FOR SPORT FROM AN EARLY AGE. HIS MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN HE WAS 8 YEARS OLD AND HE WAS TAKEN IN AND RAISED BY HIS GREAT AUNT AND UNCLE. HIS GREAT UNCLE PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN SUPPORTING HIS SPORTING DEVELOPMENT AND AT THE TENDER AGE OF 10, HE GOT A STARTING POSITION WITH THE STROLLERS CLUB FROM THE AREA. THIS WAS HIS “BAPTISM OF FIRE” AND HE EXCELLED AT BOTH CRICKET AND FOOTBALL AT THE CLUB.



When it came time for secondary school, he had a choice between St. Mary's and Fatima. It was very important to the Family that the school was Catholic, however coming from a poor family, the cost of transport was a concern. St. Mary's seemed the preferred option as Fatima was so far away from the capital. The matter was quickly resolved when Fatima gave him a bicycle, which eliminated the need to spend money on the trolley bus.

Alan was placed next to Joey Carew, another talented sportsman and from there a lifelong friendship was borne. Alan and Joey remained best friends until Joey's death. They practised together a lot and because Joey lived close to Fatima, his home was like a base.

It was in 1952 that Fatima first took part in the popular Inter Col tournament. The game was against St. Mary's College in front of the

Grand Stand at the Queen's Park Savannah, which was the home of football at that time. Fatima lost the game by two goals to nil but Alvin won the admiration of several big names in football, including Lance Murray who coached Fatima in his second year. Alvin soon became captain of the school's football and cricket teams.

Alvin's reputation grew rapidly and he gained tremendous support from his neighbours at San Juan "Hill". Those were the days of village life when every child was protected and moulded by the adults. Hardly anyone was hungry as there was always an extra plate at every table.

Alvin spent six years at Fatima which were among the most enjoyable times of his life. He received an excellent all round education from very fine and caring teachers. He developed a close relationship with Fr. Ivan Fitzwilliam, Dean of Studies, Spanish teacher and former national footballer.

Another great teacher was Bernard Flynn, an Irish prefect who served Fatima for the last four years of Alvin's school life. He also came under the tutelage of Clive Pantin, outstanding scholar and sportsman who took a special interest in Alvin and Joey.

Clive first played football for Trinidad as a replacement for Alvin when the Trinidad team was chosen to play against Jamaica in 1959. Alvin had the distinction of playing with his former teacher against Martinique at Skinner Park in San Fernando, a game in which both teacher and pupil scored. Clive was indeed a very happy man when both Alvin and Joey were selected to play against the Combined Island team in 1955. Alvin had the good fortune to face the first official ball bowled on the turf wicket at the Queen's Park Oval. Alvin was just eighteen years old.

It was in 1955 that Alvin met the great Everton Weekes, one of the famous "W's" from Barbados. He was on assignment to the Trinidad government and conducted coaching



Alvin with Franz Beckenbauer and Pele

support with the school's first division team once per week for about two months.

Alvin was also selected to travel to Bermuda with a team of National and International cricketers to play a series of matches. The team was put together by sports journalist Brunnel Jones and included Everton Weekes as captain, Gary Sobers, Collie Smith, Alf Valentine and Andy Ganteaume. Alvin's cricketing career took off and he was a regular on the National team of the sixties and early seventies. He was never selected to play for the West Indies to his utter disappointment.

West Indies reigned superior in the sixties with the likes of Sobers, Kanhai, Hall, Griffith, Gibbs, Nurse, Butcher, Joe Solomon and Hunte. With the decline of this great team, many felt that Alvin deserved a chance. Alvin had retired from international football in 1969 with the hope for gaining selection in the W.I. cricket team which was to tour England in June of that year. He was not selected. However, he got a contract to play in England with the International Cavaliers. Alvin represented his country in cricket from 1955 to 1972. He played his greatest innings against Jamaica in 1970, the year when the national team defeated Jamaica to win the Shell Cup. Trinidad and Tobago made 354 with Joey scoring 164. Alvin batting at no. 4 made 36. Jamaica was bowled out for 241, Trinidad went for quick runs in the second innings and between lunch and tea. Joey and Alvin put on a partnership of 202. Joey was run out for 101 and Alvin remained not out with 103. Jamaica was then bowled out for 113 with Joey taking 5/28.

It was in football that Alvin rose through the ranks to become a great player, coach and Fifa official. Alvin played for Strollers, Fatima, Maple, Trinidad Petroleum Development, Trinidad and Tobago and the West Indies.

At the age of 21 he was chosen on the first ever West Indies football team to tour England. Twenty of the best Caribbean



Alvin with Portuguese football legend Eusabio



Alvin with former Italian footballer Fabio Cannavaro



Alvin with former Argentine players, Dr. Carlos Bilardo and Daniel Passarella



Alvin with Cuban former track star, Alberto Juantorena

footballers came together for two weeks of team preparation in Trinidad before beginning a thirteen day journey to England. The team included Willie Rodriguez, the only man to represent West Indies at both football and cricket.

In 1967, Alvin was a member of the Trinidad and Tobago team which won Bronze at the Pan Am Games. He also played National football for St. Vincent, Guyana and Barbados.

Upon his retirement from international football, Alvin set his eyes on a coaching career and quickly attained the necessary qualifications. It was as early as age 20, that Alvin thought of becoming a coach when his playing days were over. He now sought to realize his dream. He got assignments to coach the national teams of Grenada, St. Vincent, Anguilla, St Kitts/Nevis and of course his homeland.

In 1980, Alvin topped the class of CONCACAF coaches and the FIFA Coaching Instructors Course held in Trinidad and was now eligible for an appointment as one of FIFA's coaching instructors. In 1994, he became the first Caribbean person to attain the honour. More accolades came his way when in 2005, he was appointed to the Football Committee of FIFA, one of the most prestigious Committees. His most recent

appointment was as Director of FIFA'S Grassroots Programmes in the CONCACAF region.

Alvin has been blessed with a fulfilling life centered around his Catholic faith, his family and sport. He got married to Avis on September 4, 1960, a union that produced one daughter Alicia and three boys, Allan, Arnold and Anton. His sons obviously attended Fatima College and represented the college in football. Anton has followed a similar path to his illustrious father.

Alvin was called to National Service when he was appointed to the Commission of Enquiry into Cricket led by Justice Evan Rees. This led to sweeping changes into the administration of cricket in the country.

Family has always been central to Alvin's life. However, he did not confine his efforts only to his children. He founded the Alvin Corneal Coaching School (Alcons) and over a period of forty years has organized scholarships for hundreds of young men to study and play football in American Universities and Colleges.

Alvin Corneal was inducted into Fatima's first Hall of Achievement in November 2015.

**What an outstanding son of the soil! ■**

## Fight Time

BY GLEN ROACH

We always encourage Fatima Boys to solve their problems through dialogue. This has generally been the case though some incidents have turned out badly. Some encounters have however left lasting memories. Who can forget the day when two fathers almost came to blows. Student A complained to his father about Student B. Father A decided to take the matter into his own hands and grabbed hold of Student B. At that very moment, who could have appeared at that very moment but father B who rushed to the defense of his son. Only the timely appearance of Mr. Joseph saved a physical confrontation. Many boys and a few teachers were slightly disappointed.

What about the day when a fighting expert came to demonstrate the latest self defense techniques. He was challenged by Bolo Woo Ling. You can imagine the commotion in the hall, when they both began fighting and Bolo emerged victorious and he called upon the fighting expert to surrender.

I always remember the day 'a Form 1 beat a Form 5' or the term when bullying stopped in the lower forms, when Declan floored a Form 4 boy.

We almost witnessed some drama in the staff room when a parent came to discuss a matter with a teacher. He sat patiently at the teacher's desk reading one or two of his Maths books. It was only when Lennox Gabriel went to borrow a duster from the said teacher's desk that we realized the parent's true intentions. His son had complained that the teacher had kicked him. The parent got up to challenge Gabi who quickly defended himself through dialogue. We then raced downstairs to warn the teacher to stay away from the staff room.

Some pugilistic encounters have had a happy denouement. Two sportsmen fought furiously on the field. Let us call them Andrew and Johnny. Principal Clive Pantin witnessed the incident from the staff room and summoned the two gladiators to his office. Andrew realized the trouble they were in and devised a plan to escape punishment. He suggested to Johnny, "let us tell Mr. Pantin it was a play fight between two friends". Mr. Pantin accepted their defense but promised to monitor their friendship. And so, they had to pretend to be good friends. Their feigned friendship had a happy ending as they are now business partners and play for the same football team. One hopes they don't ever come to blows.



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St. James

5:00 p.m. - 11:00 pm  
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**SHERWYN WINCHESTER**  
**& TRAFFIK**  
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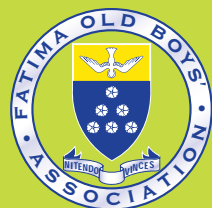
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