

**Montserrat Football
Association Inc
Activity Report 2020**



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The COVID-19 pandemic made the world stand still as we observed helplessly as thousands of persons fought for their lives while some lost the fight. The virus has affected our day-to-day life and is slowing down the global economy; football did not escape the virus' grip. This virus was spreading exponentially region wide, Montserrat's borders was closed and strict quarantine measures were implemented to control the spread and havoc of this highly communicable disease.

The health and welfare of everyone at the Montserrat Football Association Inc. was our first priority as we continued to monitor and follow the guidance provided by the public health authorities of Montserrat. After a second lockdown, Football was allowed to resume provided social distancing, hand washing and wearing of masks were enforced. This was challenging for us, as football is a contact sport, however the technical department did their best to come up with creative ideas for football to be played whilst adhering to the social distancing rule.

Concacaf postponed several football tournaments for the year 2020 to include the Concacaf Nations League. Football faces uncertainty as the COVID -19 virus is showing no indication of leaving us in 2021.

Tandica Hughes
General Secretary

SUMMER CAMP

The Youth Summer Camp program was held from 17th -28th August 2020. In light of the concerns surrounding the COVID- 19 pandemic several measures were put in place to ensure the safety of everyone throughout the camp. These was all in line with the Government of Montserrat COVID-19 regulations.

All Staff and support Staff participated in an infection control training, which was facilitated by a medical team from the Glendon hospital. To ensure every participant's health and safety, a medical team was stationed at the entrance performing temperature checks.

The Camp drew the attention of 160 excited participants - a mixture of both girls and boys.

In addition to ensuring all participants were well hydrated with water and gatorade a hot balanced lunch was also provided daily





MEDICAL TEAM REPORT

The year 2020 proved to be a very challenging one for football in Montserrat due to the existing Covid 19 pandemic, which made necessary the temporary suspension of training and all scheduled football games, in response to the Government of Montserrat lockdown.

In August the restrictions were reduced and permission given for restart of activities. The Medical Team of the Montserrat Football Association Inc. put the following measures in place to maintain the already covid free environment.

Appointment of the following staff members

Medical Officer

Senior nurse manager

Two Nursing assistants

Male orderly

The medical officer was responsible for the overall direction of health care matters of the MFA, to be on call for all training and competition events and expected to be in attendance at major training and competition events.

The following guidelines were established to guide the health safety program of the MFA.

Prior to all activities

- ✚ All staff members were given Covid 19 related information and training followed by written post-test, to ensure full understanding of the subject matter.

- ✚ Stadium seating was arranged enforce social distancing, by certain seats being made inaccessible.

- ✚ Handwashing stations were set up with tubs, running water and liquid soap for periodic handwashing of players when on the field of play.

- ✚ All football buses were deep cleaned before and after the transport of players at all times.

- ✚ Mandatory wearing of face masks and social distancing was stipulated and enforced at all times on buses.

- ✚ All players and personnel were given temperature checks before entering the football compound. History taking was also done and advice given as needed.
- ✚ Players were given pregame talks as reminders of the expected rules to be followed both on and off the field.

During Games / Training

- ✚ All handwashing stations are manned and players, especially the youngest, are assisted to ensure proper handwashing procedures.
- ✚ All water/drink areas are supervised.
Single disposable cups used and disposed of in appropriate covered bins.
- ✚ Washrooms are accessible and children strongly encouraged to wash hands after every use.
- ✚ Dressing rooms not in use.
Players encouraged to attend sessions already dressed for training/games. This to ensure prevention of spread of any infection between players and personnel and to maintain supervision and control of all areas of activities.
- ✚ Members of the medical team to meet at regular intervals to review progress and review new information, guidelines and protocols required to ensure and providing a safe environment for all concerned.

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Two of our young footballers Sydney Mendes and Seigel Rodney were offered a full tuition scholarship to attend Hartpury College Academy in the United Kingdom, to pursue a two – year BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Exercise and Sport Science.

Both Mendes and Rodney departed Montserrat on Sunday, September 6th, 2020, for the United Kingdom to begin their studies. Whilst attending Hartpury, both young men will also be a part of that institution's Football Academy.

The Montserrat Football Association Inc. has seen to it that Sydney and Seigel receive full support on their new endeavour, by providing full payment for both of their accommodation costs.



Seigel Rodney



Sydney Mendes

CONCACAF UNDER 20 MEN'S

Concacaf U20 Men's Championship Qualifiers held in Nicaragua from 15-23 February 2020 with Montserrat kicking off the first match against Guyana.

All match results are below:

CONCACAF U-20 · Feb 15, 20

Full-time

	6	-	0	
Guyana U-20				Montserrat U-20

CONCACAF U-20 · Feb 17, 20

Full-time

	4	-	0	
Nicaragua U-20				Montserrat U-20

CONCACAF U-20 · Feb 19, 20

Full-time

	1	-	1	
U.S. Virgin Islands U-20				Montserrat U-20

CONCACAF U-20 · Feb 21, 20

Full-time

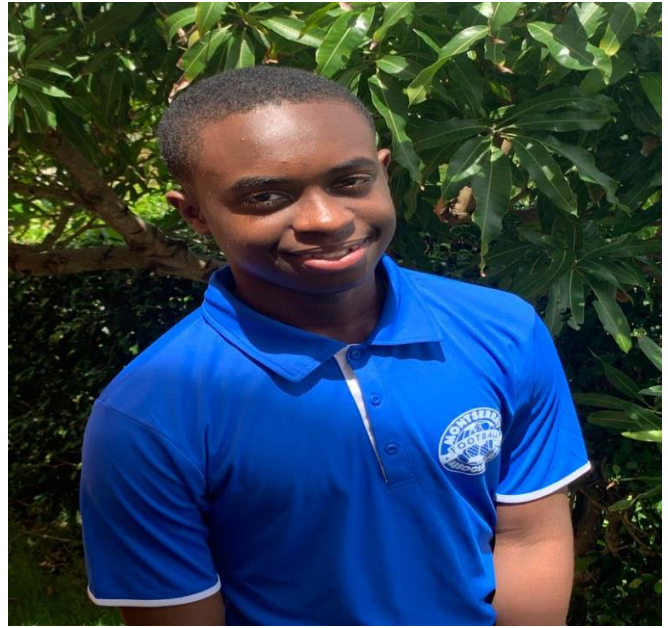
	1	-	5	
Montserrat U-20				Saint Vincent and the Grenadines...







Keturah Daley



Jermahri Meade

Keturah Daley and Jermahri Meade were selected to participate in the football for friendship programme. This year the event was held virtually from 27th November to 9th December 2020 via a special digital platform and united over 10,000 players of various ages. Participants were able to train, join into the international mixed teams and play their favourite game in the Football for Friendship format without leaving the comfort of their homes.

“The International Children’s Social Programme Football for Friendship was implemented by Gazprom since 2013. Over the previous seven seasons, the programme has united over 6,000 participants from 211 countries and regions and over 5,000,000 supporters. Young Players and Young Journalists are the participants of the programme –boys and girls aged 12 including children with disabilities and special needs. Young Players represent different countries and cultures united in mixed teams. They show that nationality, gender, and physical abilities are not a barrier to becoming a team.” – Football for Friendship

All participants will become a Young Ambassador of the programme and continue to share their Football for Friendship experience and promote universal human values friendship, equality, fairness, health, peace, devotion, victory, traditions, and honour.

UEFA and FIFA football federations and the world’s leading football clubs, international charity foundations, famous athletes, politicians, and artists support the Football for Friendship program.

COVID -19 BACK TO SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

COVID- 19 left a lot of persons unemployed creating financial hardship for many on the island. The Montserrat Football Association Inc. (MFA Inc.) provided financial support to all footballers in our program in the form of vouchers for back-to-school supplies. About 360 footballers were positively impacted by the MFA Inc. COVID-19 relief assistance programme.

The \$500.00 back-to-school voucher was redeemable at one of the specified local vendors Johnny Mecca Fashion Store, Montserrat Stationary Centre, and Margret's Tailoring. Parents were also allowed to apply the vouchers toward school fees.

The back-to-school assistance was intended to mitigate the impact of COVID -19 on Children and their families to enable them to meet their financial obligation with school supplies at the start of September.

COVID- 19 FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The COVID -19 food voucher initiative was rolled out in April 2020 to assist with food supplies during the height of the covid-19 outbreak when the island was subjected to Government lockdowns, which lead to many individuals in the privet sector being out of work. The \$500.00 vouchers were redeemable at Victor's and Aravin's Supermarket.



Dormitory Project Progress as at 31st December 2020

On site Human Resources –at December 31st, 2020		
Labour Type	Number	Average
Construction Manager	1	1
Job Captain	1	1
Foremen	-	-
Carpenters	2	2
Masons	3	3
Laborers	3	3
Semi-Skilled	1	1
Steel Benders	1	1
Electricians -(Sub Contractor)	2	2
Plumbers - (Sub Contractor)	3	3
HVAC Technicians - (Sub Contractor)	5	5
TOTAL	22	22

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis caused a delay in the MFA Inc.'s 35 Bedroom Dormitory project. The main contractor, Wall trading Ltd, submitted a request for an extension to contract time along with an updated construction program as per the terms of the contract. The documents were reviewed by the Consultants and MFA Team and accepted. The new project completion date was February 25th, 2021, which will be reviewed in 2021.

The project worked with skeleton staff throughout the period March to August 2020 until construction and related activities were allowed to commence with additional health and safety measures being observed onsite.

As at December 31st, 2020, work activities onsite transitioned into the finishes stages as the rough structure had been completed.

Overview of Work completed:

- ✚ Floor tiling substantially complete. Only trim tile pieces remain to be installed.
- ✚ Installation of the exterior doors is 95% complete. The main entrance door at the lobby still to be installed.
- ✚ Interior partition wall – Installation complete.
- ✚ Painting: Exterior painting is very advanced and near completion. Primer coat has been applied to exterior wall areas while first and second final paint coats are also progressing and nearing completion. The timber fascia boards and soffits have also received the required coats of paints.
- ✚ Interior priming to partition walls has also commenced in all areas. Preparation and build-up for the application of first and second final coat of paint are ongoing. The client has selected all colours required.
- ✚ Preparation and build-up for the installation of the exterior stone tile cladding is ongoing. This task commenced and was completed during this reporting period.
- ✚ Preparation and build-up for the works in the shower areas are ongoing. An Instruction was issued by the consultant to construct a low curb at all showers. Shower floors were screened with falls drain and a Schluter KERDI waterproofing membrane applied to shower walls

surfaces. Work to complete the showers is very advanced and tiling has commenced in this area.

- ✚ South external works have progressed to near completion. The required concrete plinth for mounting the A/C condensing units is partially constructed and tiling of the walkway is to commence thereafter. The construction of the South retaining wall and staircase was completed.
- ✚ West External Works are ongoing. Final grading and construction of the parking retaining wall structure is complete. The driveway area surface finish is still to be completed.
- ✚ North External works are ongoing. The extension of the Dining veranda as per the MFA's request has been completed. The external retaining wall and steps the Port Cochere are also complete. Tiling to these areas is to commence shortly.
- ✚ Electrical installation continues throughout the building. Electrical boxes for switches, outlets and fixtures are largely installed. Wire pulling has commenced throughout the building and outlets and switches are being installed. Main electrical panels, wiring and breakers have also been installed on each floor.
- ✚ Plumbing works continue. Installation of angle valves, check valves, shower diverters is ongoing and pressure testing continues. Externally, sewage lines around the building have been extended to and connected to the septic tank system.
- ✚ Preparation and build-up for the installation of the air conditioning and bathroom exhaust system are ongoing. WTL reported procurement of material is complete. Installation commenced during the month of December. The installation team from overseas is now based in Montserrat for the duration of the installation.



South Elevation Finish painting in Progress



West and North Elevations Painting in Progress



North External Works in Progress



South external works near Completion



A/C First floor interior wall priming and ceiling framing



Installation in Progress



North Elevation Stone Tile Cladding in Progress



Stone Tile Cladding in Progress



Interior Build out and Wall Priming in Progress



Schluter KERDI Waterproofing Membrane Installation in Progress

- Concacaf Online Strategic Planning workshop 4th -5th August 2020

(Mr. Vincent Cassell, Mr. Ottley Laborde, Mr. Kenneth Lee, Mr. Francis James, Mr. Philip Mulcare, Ms. Thandie Williams & Ms. Tandica Hughes)

- 70th FIFA Congress –Virtual 02nd September 2020

(Mr. Vincent Cassell)

- Technical Development Directors workshop 30th November 2020

(Mr. William Donachie)

- FIFA Forward 2.0 workshop 17th November 2020

(Mr. Vincent Cassell, Ms. Thandie Williams & Ms. Tandica Hughes)

