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The inaugural Island Relays track and field event is coming to Grand Bahama Island in March

FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA - The Island Relays will welcome over 600 collegiate athletes and coaches from throughout the United States, and a number of Bahamian athletes from the University of the Bahamas, for an unforgettable track and field invitational. The sporting event, which is scheduled to take place from March 16-19 on Grand Bahama Island, will not only feature some of the top athletes in North America but also a stunning island paradise as its backdrop.

Island Relays' Co-Founder, Marvin Henfield, noted that the event has been several years in the making, and he is not only excited to see the young athletes compete, but he also hopes that they can enjoy an immersive cultural experience while on the island.

Marvin and his partner Joyce Johnson are no stranger to coordinating sporting events. Planning for the Island Relays initially started just after the pair wrapped the Bahamas Hoopfest. They were both tasked with creating a unique track and field event, and they chose Grand Bahama as the host island, due in part to its stunning natural beauty and culture.

Once planning for the Island Relays got underway, the pair got a great level of support from their colleagues in the athletics community, but Marvin says that one coach in particular went above and beyond. "We could not have done this event without the University of South Carolina. There is an amazing coach there by the name of Curtis Frye." Marvin noted that Coach Frye is a respected name in collegiate athletics, and he was instrumental in helping to develop the final roster of competing schools.

In addition to the University of South Carolina, several other schools will take part in the Island Relays, including the University of Arizona, Texas A&M University, Vanderbilt University, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University, University of Oklahoma, and the University of The Bahamas.

The Island Relays will take place at the Grand Bahama Sports Complex. For more information, visit www.islandrelaysbahamas.com.