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Kensington to host Banks Hockey Festival matches

THE ULTRA-MODERN KENSINGTON OVAL will be one of the match venues for this year's 22nd Annual Banks International Hockey Festival. The 'mecca' will also be the location of the Festival's Opening Ceremony and 'Blast Off' Party this Sunday, August 19th at 3pm. The festival ends on Saturday, August 25th.

Festival Organisor **Mark Owen** said, "We are very pleased to have secured the Kensington Oval ground for this year's festival. The last time a Banks Festival game would have been played at the Oval was in 2001, so we're really looking forward to playing on the new ground and enjoying the new facilities. Matches will be played at the Oval from Monday, August 20th to Thursday, August 23rd from 9am to 6pm."

The Banks grounds in Wildey will also host several games during the same period, while 9am to 11pm daily will be game time at the Wildey Astroturf.

Mr. Owen added, "This year's festival attracted 39 teams, including international entries from as far off as Germany and Holland, as well as the United Kingdom, United States and Trinidad." The coordinator also extended thanks to Banks, the Barbados Tourism Authority and the National Sports Council for 'making this year's festival a reality.'

In its 22nd year, a new and exciting prize has also been added to the 'hardware' up for grabs during the much-anticipated festival. In addition to the top prizes in the four divisions; men's, women's, veterans' and mixed, the 39 participating teams will also be competing for a 'Fete Team' prize.

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B&B Distribution Ltd.'s Brewed Products Brand Manager **David Sealy** explains, "It has long been argued that the many 'bonus activities' associated with the Banks International Hockey Festival are what attract the large numbers of visitors to our beautiful island year after year, with excellent hockey a close second. This year, we have decided to acknowledge the 'partying efforts' of the teams with this special 'Fete Team' Prize. The 'Fete Team' prize will be presented to the local and visiting team who are adjudged the 'life of the party.' The winners will be selected based upon points accumulated during the social events throughout the week."

Activities include a Fish Fry, Friday Fete, Talent Night, Karaoke- Bingo Night and limes at popular locations on the South Coast of the island.



PIX CAPTION:

The UK's Old Gold Rooster's Captain Duane Burke (second left) and Vice Captain Tim Bagget (left) celebrate the team's capture of the Veterans' title for 2006. Looking on are: Miss Banks 2005 Nadia Marshall and Ian Warner.