

Sports International

Youth rugby competition successful

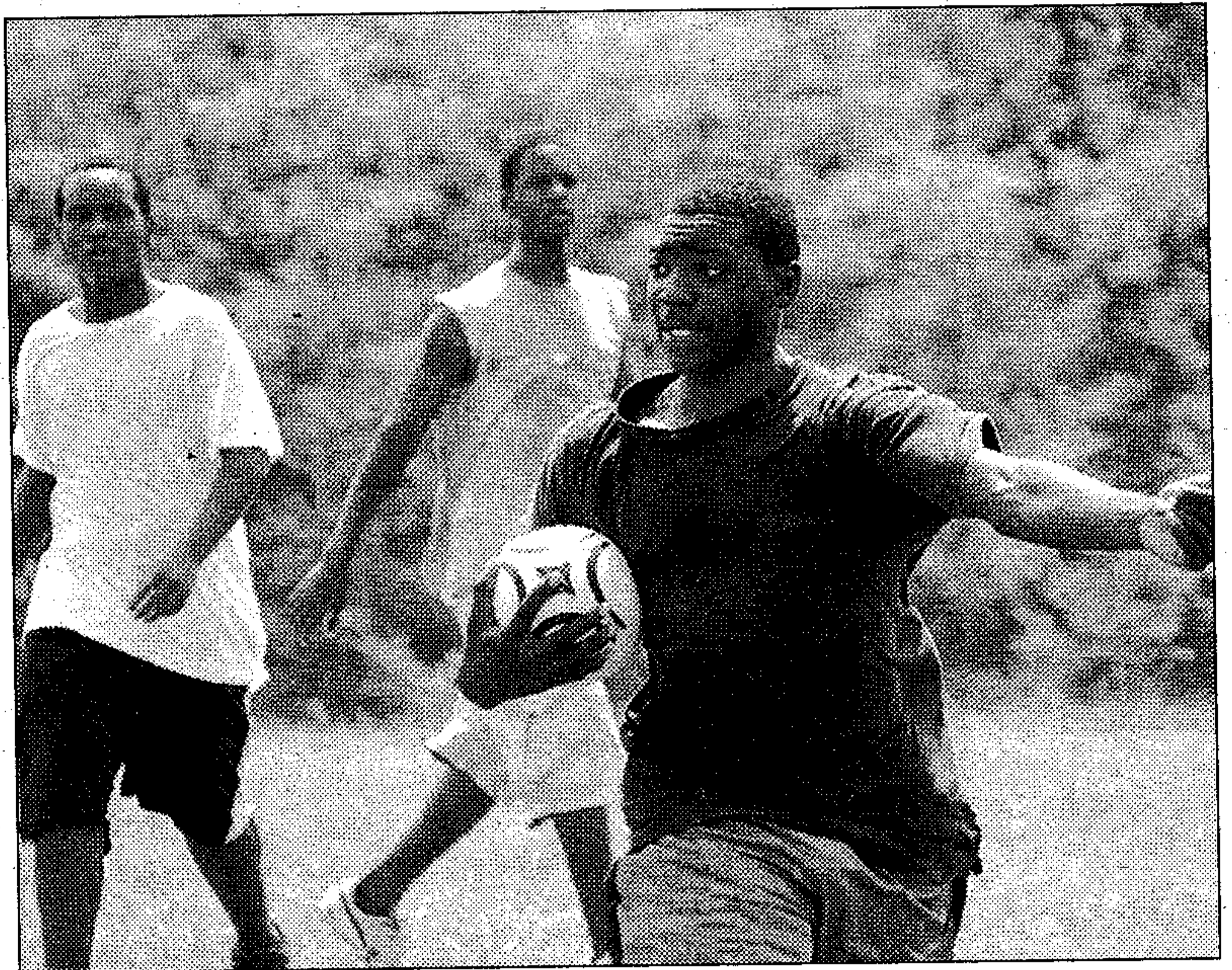
THE official introduction of rugby to North Caicos was dubbed a success by the Turks and Caicos Islands Rugby Football Union (TCIRFU) and its president Keith Burant said he was "very pleased not only with the enthusiasm and interest shown by the North Caicos/Middle Caicos youths, but by the good sportsmanship shown by all the players during the event".

Sixteen youth rugby players and five seniors travelled to the island where they participated in training and a competition with 12 youngsters from both North and Middle Caicos. The Caicos Islands' players were organised by National Sports Commission board member Donovan Garvey.

The TCIRFU Public Relations Officer Gareth Butler added that the North and Middle Caicos athletes showed "a great amount of athletic talent".

After an hour of joint instructions on the rules and skills required for rugby the players were divided into four teams and assigned a senior rugby player as coach.

Each team then played three matches in a round robin format. The victorious team of Andrew, Lincoln and Cortez received medals. The competition's MVP was Ernacios,



North Caicos representatives organising their next move in the junior rugby competition.

while Provo's top try scorer was Lincoln and the NC/MC top try scorer was Spike.

The Provo sportsman of the day award went to Franco Williams while the NC/MC sportsman of the day award went to Nancio.

According to Butler, Garvey has promised to keep his squad in training.

Butler added that the TCIRFU is committed to having rugby established on the other Islands in the TCI and although North Caicos was chosen as the first venue outside of Providenciales for the youngsters, the Sports Commission officers in Grand Turk have also been provided with training equipment and the TCIRFU hopes to have a youth match there early this Fall.

The TCIRFU is seeking persons with or without rugby experience to assist with the youth programmes on any of the Islands in the TCI. Interested parties can contact Mr. Burant at 941-3082.