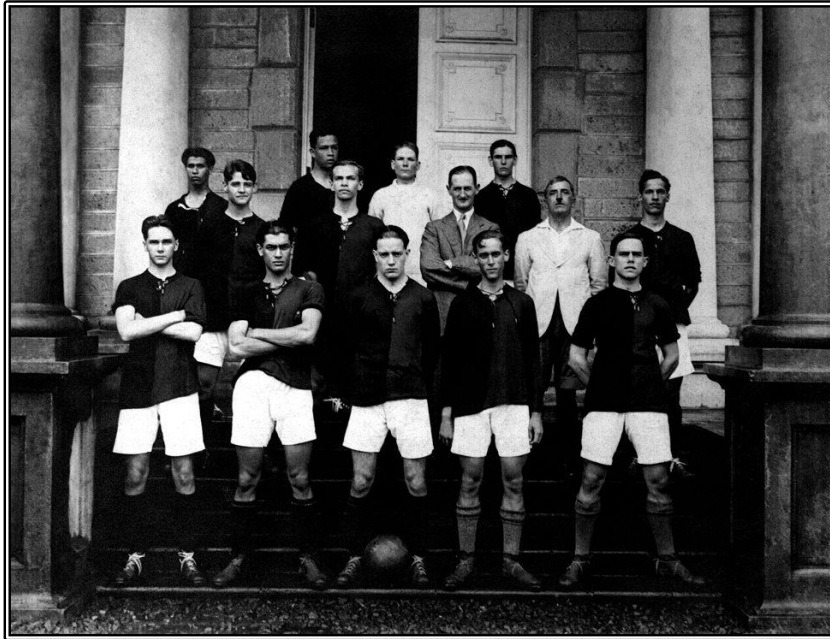


**Project Brief**

**100 Years of professional  
Football in Mauritius**

**1922 -2022**



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## (1) Introduction

Professional football in Mauritius has still failed to take off again, but British and European Leagues, remain one of the main form of entertainment of the Mauritian public, so much so, that it is considered as a unifying factor in a society usually categorised into cultural / religious / ethnic communities. However, notwithstanding the current state of professional football, in contrast, it is still practised to a large extent as social or corporate events, friendly matches, as daily activity in educational establishments or even at regional levels.

Despite its popularity in Mauritius, the origins of football in Mauritius is not much known. In his book, "Histoire de la ville de Curepipe" published in 1957, Charles Giblot Ducray writes : « *Par les belles journées de dimanche, nombreux sont les Curepiens qui vont en auto vers les plages où ils passent l'après-midi et même la soirée; d'autres vont au cinéma. Au spectacle de quatre heures, les deux principales salles, le Ritz et le Pathé Palace sont combles. Pendant ce temps, une foule considérable, et composée en grande partie de gens du peuple, se rend au stade Georges V, où a lieu presque régulièrement un match de football. Ce sport inauguré au Collège Royal, il y a 35 ans environ, est devenu très populaire, grâce à l'impulsion que lui donna M. Charles Lamb qui était alors professeur de gymnastique à notre Alma Mater. Les équipes les plus réputées à Curepipe sont celles de nos trois principaux Clubs: les Dodos, les Faucons et les Hounds. »*

The role of British administration remains preeminent in the development of athletics and football in Mauritius and one name often crops up in the archives; that of Charles Lamb, who was since 1917 appointed physical education instructor at the Royal College Curepipe. Some regard him as the one responsible for launching football and athletics in Mauritius. Be that as it may, his contribution in these two areas seems indisputable.

Later on, the Royal College Curepipe, together with Dodo Club, the Faucon Club, the Curepipe Sporting Club, the Hounds and the Saint Joseph College founded the Curepipe Sports Committee in 1945. On March 21, 1946 this Sports Committee was appointed to deal with the management of playgrounds and the organization of football tournaments, etc in Curepipe such as tournaments between Madagascar, Reunion and Mauritius, local tournaments and many other events of the same kind, which made Curepipe the Sports Center of the Colony of Mauritius. Every year the main teams of the Island competed in four major tournaments: Haig's Cup, King George V Jubilee Cup, Charles Lamb Cup, Curepipe Shield. The Curepipe Sports Committee evolved into the Mauritius Sports Association (MSA) in 1952 and the Mauritius Football Association (MFA) in 1984, with the advent of the Sports Act.

From the above, it can be gathered that football was introduced in Mauritius in or around 1922 and therefore 2022 marks 100 years from this event. It also happens that football is closely related to the Royal College Curepipe (RCC), particularly via Mr. Charles Lamb and the football ground. Therefore, it follows that this is an important event for the State of Mauritius and it will be to the credit of the Royal College Curepipe to duly celebrate football in Mauritius with the hope that professional football will regain its former glory in a year where the Qatar World

Cup 2022 will also be held and the Royal College will mark 100 years since the inauguration stone of the current building was laid.

The following projects / activities are being proposed, around which several initiatives will be held and details of which are being described in this project brief:

- (a) Naming the football ground after Charles Lamb by setting up an entrance signage and a memorial plaque
- (b) A seven-a-side Football tournament by the name of the “Charles Lamb Cup”
- (c) Issue of a Special Commemorative Cover to mark this event
- (d) Photo exhibition related to the history of football
- (e) Sale of the book “L'âge d'or du football mauricien” to students

## (2) Projects / Activities

### (a) Naming the football ground after Charles Lamb by setting up -

#### (i) an entrance signage; and

An entrance signage of permanent nature is being proposed as illustrated below:



For the purpose of the signage board –

- (A) the dimensions of the existing frames for the fencing has to be measured;
- (B) the design content has to be worked out and finalised. The colour of the basalt walls of RCC shall be used and as illustration either the photo of the first RCC football team or a vintage photo of the football playground from le Musée de la Photographie (or both);
- (C) the final art work and the dimensions shall be submitted to a service provider for a quotation by 30 August 2022;
- (D) installation of the signage to be carried out as from 8 December 2022 or such earlier date as the service provider deems proper.

#### (ii) a memorial plaque

Together with the above signage a memorial bronze plaque for Charles Lamb is proposed to be integrated in the signage board.

For the purpose of the memorial plaque–

- (A) the dimensions and design content have to be worked out and finalised (a portrait of Charles Lamb is being worked out);
- (B) the final art work and the dimensions shall be submitted to a service provider for a quotation by 30 August 2022;

- (C) installation of the signage to be carried out as from 8 December 2022 or such earlier date as the service provider deems proper

**Other requirements:**

The following authorisation / permission from the following institution needs to be obtained:

- (a) the authorisation of the National Heritage Fund on the basis of a Heritage Impact Assessment; and
- (b) the authorisation of the Ministry of Education.

**(b) A seven-a-side Football tournament by the name of the “Charles Lamb Cup”**

A seven-a-side football tournament among the RCC community by the name of “Charles Lamb Cup” is being proposed, as per the following terms and conditions:

**(i) Overview**

- (A) (I) The tournament will start with 4 groups of 3 teams (Total: 12 teams) of male students each comprising 7 players (including the goalkeeper), 3 substitutes and 1 manager.
  - (II) The first 2 teams of each group will qualify to the quarter finals (Total: 8 teams), which will proceed to the semi-finals (4 teams) and the final (2 teams).
  - (III) The matches will normally be of 2 halves of 30 minutes each with a break of 10 minutes [Total: 1h10] (extra time 2 halves of 10 minutes with a break of 5 minutes [Total: 25 minutes])
  - (IV) There will be no return match.
- (B) A gala match between former students and staff of the school is being proposed together with a match between 2 teams of female students.

**(ii) Calendar**

The tournament shall be held between the 21 November 2022 to 10 December 2022 over 11 days, with 2 matches per day, the first from 09h00 to 11h00 and the second from 12h00 to 14h00 (exception where there will be extra-time). This will coincide with the calendar of the Qatar World Cup 2022, during a unique enthusiasm for football is observed around the country.

The school will be on holidays during this period and therefore classes will not be disrupted and it is being proposed that the final be held on a Saturday lest to cause any disturbance to the neighboring Court of Curepipe.

In case of any exceptional circumstances, such as heavy rainfall, where matches will have to be postponed, needful will be done to reschedule same.

The fixtures shall be as follows:

| <b>Group A</b> | <b>Group B</b> | <b>Group C</b> | <b>Group D</b> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Team A1        | Team B1        | Team C1        | Team D1        |
| Team A2        | Team B2        | Team C2        | Team D2        |
| Team A3        | Team B3        | Team C3        | Team D4        |

| <b>Qualifiers</b>  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Day 1 &gt; Monday 21 November</b>                     |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>A1 vs A2                                | 12h00 – 14h00<br>B1 vs B2                       |
| <b>Day 2 &gt; Tuesday 23 November</b>                    |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>C1 vs C2                                | 12h00 – 14h00<br>D1 vs D2                       |
| <b>Day 3 &gt; Thursday 24 November</b>                   |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>B2 vs B3                                | 12h00 – 14h00<br>A2 vs A3                       |
| <b>Day 4 &gt; Friday 25 November</b>                     |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>D2 vs D3                                | 12h00 – 14h00<br>C2 vs C3                       |
| <b>Day 5 &gt; Monday 28 November</b>                     |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>A1 vs A3                                | 12h00 – 14h00<br>B1 vs B3                       |
| <b>Day 6 &gt; Tuesday 29 November</b>                    |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>C1 vs C3                                | 12h00 – 14h00<br>D1 vs D3                       |
| <b>Quarter Finals</b>                                    |   |
| <b>Day 7 &gt; Thursday 1 December</b>                    |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>Group A (W) vs Group B (RU)             | 12h00 – 14h00<br>Group C (W) vs Group D (RU)    |
| <b>Day 8 &gt; Friday 2 December</b>                      |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>Group C (RU) vs Group D (W)             | 12h00 – 14h00<br>Group A (RU) vs Group B (W)    |
| <b>Semi-Finals</b>                                       |   |
| <b>Day 9 &gt; Monday 5 December</b>                      |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>(SF) 1 vs (SF) 2                        | 12h00 – 14h00<br>(SF) 3 vs (SF) 4               |
| <b>Third Place &amp; Gala Match</b>                      |   |
| <b>Day 10 &gt; Wednesday 7 December</b>                  |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>Third Place<br>(RU)(SF) 1 vs (RU)(SF) 2 | 12h00 – 14h00<br>Gala Match<br>Veteran vs Staff |
| <b>Finals</b>  |   |
| <b>Day 11 &gt; Saturday 10 December</b>                  |   |
| 09h00 - 11h00<br>Girls A vs Girls B                      | 12h00 – 14h00<br>(F) 1 vs (F) 2                 |


(F) = Finalist  
(SF) = Semi-Finalist

(RU) = Runner-Up  
(W) = Winner

(iv) Proposed Programme for “Final” day

| Time  | Action / Activity   |
|---|---|
| 09h00   | Girls Match   |
| 10h45   | Guests / spectators to be seated  |
| 11h00   | Speech by Rector & other concerned persons  |
| 11h20   | Unveiling of the “Charles Lamb Football Playground” + Memorial Plaque + Cake cutting + Distribution of chocolate + Launching of Special Commemorative Cover |
| 11h50   | Guests to resume their seat   |
| 11h51   | National Anthem   |
| 11h53   | Exchange of Pennant   |
| 12h00   | Start of Final match  |
| 13h20 (14h00 in case of extra time + Penalty) | End of Match<br>Prize Giving Ceremony   |

(v) Supplies, accessories, services

| SN                 | Requirements                      | Details   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>General</b>     |                                   |   |
| (i)                | Equipment                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 Football Nets</li><li>• 10 Footballs + 4 Al Rihla footballs for the finals (2 size 5 &amp; 2 size 4)</li><li>• 4 Whistles</li><li>• 4 Red Cards</li><li>• 4 Yellow Cards</li><li>• 4 stop watch</li><li>• First Aid Equipment</li></ul> |
| (ii)               | Amenities                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Line Marking on playground</li><li>• Dustbins &amp; Refuse Bags</li><li>• Toilets</li><li>• Bathroom</li></ul>  |
| (iii)              | Logo                              | A logo for the event will be designed   |
| <b>“Final” Day</b> |                                   |   |
| (iv)               | Marquee                           | Marquee on handball pitch for students  |
| (v)                | Chairs                            | Seating arrangements for guests   |
| (vi)               | Mobile Flag post + Mauritian Flag |   |
| (vii)              | Cake                              | 1 Vegetarian Cake in the form of football field + knife + serving plates + tissue paper + juice + paper cups  |
| (viii)             | Chocolate (Football Wrapping)     | 700 units    |
| (ix)               | Food Refreshment                  | / Either for all students / guests present or for all participants only / guests  |



|        |                         |   |
|--------|-------------------------|---|
| (x)    | Pennant                 | 2 pennants for each finalist team   |
| (xi)   | Water Bottles           | 5 x 6 x 1.5 L   |
| (xii)  | Prize Giving Podium     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Podium</li> <li>• Photoshoot Banner</li> </ul>   |
| (xiii) | Prizes                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Cup (Winner of Tournament)</li> <li>• 1 Cup (Winner of Girl's match)</li> <li>• 1 Shield (Winner of Gala match)</li> <li>• 33 Gold Medals</li> <li>• 33 Silver Medals</li> <li>• 11 Bronze Medals</li> <li>• 1 Trophy (Man of the Match)</li> <li>• 1 Trophy (Women of the Women's Match)</li> <li>• 1 Trophy (Golden Glove)</li> <li>• 1 Trophy (Golden Boot)</li> <li>• 1 Trophy (Player of the Tournament)</li> <li>• 1 Trophy (Manager of the Tournament)</li> <li>• 15 Certificates (for above awards + fair play award + token of appreciation to Lamb &amp; Letellier family &amp; sponsors)</li> </ul> |
| (xiv)  | Non-alcoholic champagne | 2 bottles   |
| (xv)   | Party Popper            | 6/8 units   |
| (xvi)  | Services                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosts (Welcoming guests + Master of Ceremony +Unveiling Ceremony + Prize + Party poppers)</li> <li>• Conveyance</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• Para-medics</li> <li>• Cleaning personnel</li> </ul>  |

**(vi) Pre-Tournament Tasks**

| <b>SN</b> | <b>Tasks</b>  | <b>Date</b>           | <b>Responsible</b>                           |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|--|
| (i)       | Constitution of organizing committee ( <i>See Annex I</i> )   | 3 October             | Rector to approve                            |
| (ii)      | Approval of programme and finalisation of Rules of Tournament   | 7 October             | Organising Committee                         |
| (iii)     | Call for submission of candidatures +<br><br>Call for volunteers (referee, first-aiders, hosts, photographer, videographer etc) | 10 October            | Organising Committee                         |
| (iv)      | Registration of Teams / Players + Distribution of Rules of Tournament   | 11-21 October         | Organising Committee                         |
| (v)       | Nomination of referees (Total: 9)   | October               | Organising Committee                         |
| (vi)      | Notify / Retain services of police / paramedics for final ( <i>if required</i> )  | 17 October            | Rector                                       |
| (vii)     | Inform parents + Consent forms  | 1 November            | School Administration                        |
| (viii)    | Meeting with all volunteers (referee, first-aiders, hosts, photographer, videographer etc)                                      | 10 November           | Organising Committee                         |
| (ix)      | List of guests to be finalised, taking into account the sanitary protocol ( <i>See Annex II</i> )                               | 21 November           | Organising Committee & School Administration |
| (x)       | Invitation card to be designed and sent to the guests   | 24 November at latest | Organising Committee & School Administration |
| (xi)      | List of students to be present on "final day" indicating whether they consume veg / non-veg food                                | 24 November           | Organising Committee & School Administration |
| (xii)     | Purchase / provision of all items   | 1 November at latest  | Organising Committee & School Administration |
| (xiii)    | Confirmation of all services for "final" day  | 30 November at latest | Organising Committee & School Administration |
| (xiv)     | Setting up of "marquee"   | 8 December            | Organising Committee & School Administration |

**(vi) General Tasks**

| <b>SN</b> | <b>Tasks</b>  | <b>Frequency</b> | <b>Responsible</b>                         |
|-----------|---|------------------|--|
| (i)       | Photographs & Videos +Posting on Facebook page / Instagram  | Daily            | Photographer & videographer                |
| (ii)      | Preparing of football playground: Ensure marking lines, nets, footballs and other equipment have been catered for | Daily            | Organising Committee                       |
| (iii)     | Ensure all students return home   | Daily            | School Administration                      |
| (iv)      | Cleaning  | Daily            | Cleaning Personnel & School Administration |

**(vi) Tasks on “Final” Day**

| <b>SN</b> | <b>Tasks</b>  | <b>Time</b>        | <b>Responsible</b>           |
|-----------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
| (i)       | All supplies to kept in DT workshop / hall  | 09h00              | Organising Committee         |
| (ii)      | Security to be given list of guests and provide for parking spaces                  | 09h00              | School Administration        |
| (iii)     | Unveiling cloth to be placed on memorial plaque                                     | 10h00              | Organising Committee         |
| (iv)      | Setting up speech podium, microphone arrangements & cake table                      | 10h00              | Organising Committee         |
| (v)       | Welcome and direct all guests to their seating arrangement & distribution programme | 10h30              | Hosts                        |
| (vi)      | Tribute ceremony  | 11h00              | Master of Ceremony           |
| (vii)     | Distribution of cakes & chocolates + food / refreshment                             | 12h00              | Hosts                        |
| (viii)    | Setting up of podium, Photoshoot Banner, prizes etc                                 | 13h00              | Organising Committee & Hosts |
| (ix)      | Prize giving ceremony   | After “Final” ends | Master of Ceremony           |
| (x)       | Handing over of prizes & champagne  |                    | Hosts                        |
| (xi)      | Blasting party popper   |                    | Hosts                        |

**(c) Issue of a Special Commemorative Cover to mark this event**

Each historical event in Mauritius is usually accompanied by the issuance of a Special Commemorative Cover. For this purpose, a formal request has to be made to the Mauritius Post Ltd and consultations need to be carried out for the design of the a logo for the event, a front cachet and the contents of the inner cachet depicting the history of the football in Mauritius as a timeline. Normally, the cost of production of such a cover is around Rs150/- per unit.

Following a preliminary query, the Mauritius Post Limited has confirmed that the following 2 stamps related to a sports events are available as at now:



Another option is the following stamps issued in the past, subject to availability and approval of the Mauritius Post Limited:



**(d) Photo exhibition related to the history of football**

An exhibition of vintage photos related to history of football may be organised at a place to be determined. Le Musée de la Photographie and Dodo Club may be contacted for this purpose.

**(e) Sale of the book “L'âge d'or du football mauricien”**

The book “L'âge d'or du football mauricien”, published at the beginning of the year will be put on sale at a discounted price to students, with a book signing session by the author Bernard Marechal.