



## LOCAL

### **Association and Coach recognized at Awards**



Once again, the SVG Squash Association was recognized for its hard work, when it was selected as a finalist for Association of the Year at the 2004 National Sports Awards Ceremony. In addition, Sportsman of the Year nominee James Bentick was also a finalist for Coach of the Year 2004. The other nominees were Diarra Venner (Junior Sportsman of the Year), Sherina Slater (Junior Sportswoman of the Year) and Greta Primus (Sportswoman of the Year).

### **PLAYER OF THE MONTH: James Bentick**



February's pick for Player of the Month is James Bentick, who excels at combining coaching duties with his own personal training. A rare find in any sport, the versatile Bentick had an outstanding year as both a coach and player in 2004. As a player, he had remarkable success throughout the region, highlighted by his dethronement of perennial OECS squash king Charlie Sonson and attaining a ranking of no. 3 in the Southern Caribbean. As a coach, his junior protégées are now a major force in the Caribbean and his senior players have also had excellent results throughout the years. He has also traveled throughout the OECS to develop squash in the region and is now pursuing his England Squash Level 2 Coaching certification. For his achievements as a coach, Bentick was voted as one of the top 3 outstanding coaches in St. Vincent and the Grenadines at the 2004 National Sports Awards.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Slater rises to no. 195 World Under 17 Rankings**

Junior squash player Shane Slater recently received a huge rankings boost in the European Squash Federation's February rankings list. Following the British Junior Open results, Slater rises 61 spots to no. 195 in the Boys Under 17 rankings and hopes to compete in more ESF ranking events to rise even higher. In addition, the 16-year old received more good news when he was notified of his acceptance to Franklin and Marshall College where he will play squash for the Diplomats beginning in the Fall season of 2005.