

Good Afternoon Senators, and listening audience my name is Alva Swan affectionately known as Coach Tumba. First, I would like to Thank Senator Blyden for this honor. Mr. Blyden has been offering me this honor for years, but I kept saying “its’ not about me” But as time went by people in my camp told me to take what is yours so here we are today.

I would like to thank my two older cousins Verne Lynch and Keith Burner for teaching me the game as a youth. Ever since I just had a passion for the game. Then I remember going to the local man league games. Seeing players like CB Benjamin, Bodo, and Robert “X” Gumbs, Corby Calendar, Molik Petersen, Audi Henneman, and so many more...

Then as time went by, I got into coaching because of my two sons who were playing at the time, so I started coaching and that where this career begun. I want to thank certain coaches who were there with me along the way Selly Frett, and Ray Archibald, who to this day are with me to help coach the youth.

I want to be thankful to certain organizations like Zero Tolerance, Boyd Todman, Jaime Francis, and Terrance Lake for always hosting tournaments for the youths that give me opportunities to bring teams.

Thanks to the Audi Henneman legacy League, the Roy Petersen Foundation for also providing leagues and tournaments for the youth.

Throughout the 30 + years thousands of youths have played for our organization. Many of whom have grown into adults and to this very day have the same love and respect for me as I have shown to them. And I am very Thankful to everyone.

Special Thanks goes to my son, Aswad Swan & Ahijah Swan.
Special mention of Kareem Chippo Pinney who we lost recently
but he will always be a part of our team for life!!

Final Thanks goes out to the many players:

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Akil Lewis

Ricki Martin

Karim

Jevon Philpot

Alayah Boston

J'wan Roberts

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Makai Smith

Mookie Frett

Aniya Carty

Jelani Smalls

Jermiah James

Devon Freeman Jr.

Jahkwani Williams

N'Khoi Archbald

Je'shawn Hodge

Kwame Brown

Jahmoi Corraspe

Khamami Olivacci

And my current 9-12 Team, I love them youths!!