

# First Portuguese NBA player “Neemias Queta” having an impressive start with the Boston Celtics

Users on Twitter have already coined the nickname “Big Portugal” for Neemias Queta after he has put together an impressive start to the preseason with the Boston Celtics. On October 19th he scored 12 points and 7 rebounds in only 13 minutes of play against the Charlotte Hornets.

Celtics announcers were very impressed with what they were seeing from Queta on the court.

*Neemias Queta, preseason MVP. #NBA #BleedGreen #DifferentHerepic.twitter.com/p5tE6Y3ifB*

*– Ricardo Brito Reis (@rbritoreis) October 20, 2023*

If Neemias Queta earns a spot on the roster and sees playing time during the regular season, im sure that will add an extra layer of excitement for fans in the south coast of Massachusetts.

*TV ratings definitely going up in New Bedford and Fall River this year*

*– Ned Brady (@therealnedbrady) October 20, 2023*

Queta was born in Lisbon, Portugal and raised in Vale da Amoreira. In 2018 he signed to play basketball at Utah State who was the only school to give him an offer. He became the first Portuguese player ever drafted after being selected with

the 39th overall pick in the 2021 NBA draft by the Sacramento Kings. On December 17th, 2021 he became the first Portuguese player ever to play in the NBA.

Now, in 2023 he is a new member of the Boston Celtics and has gotten off to a fantastic start!

*"The vibes are great right now"@tvabby caught up with Neemias Queta after the C's win [pic.twitter.com/2IUyn45djn](https://pic.twitter.com/2IUyn45djn)*

*– Celtics on NBC Sports Boston (@NBCSCeltics) October 20, 2023*

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## **Providence College Friars star Bryce Hopkins surprises kids at New Bedford Boy & Girls Club**

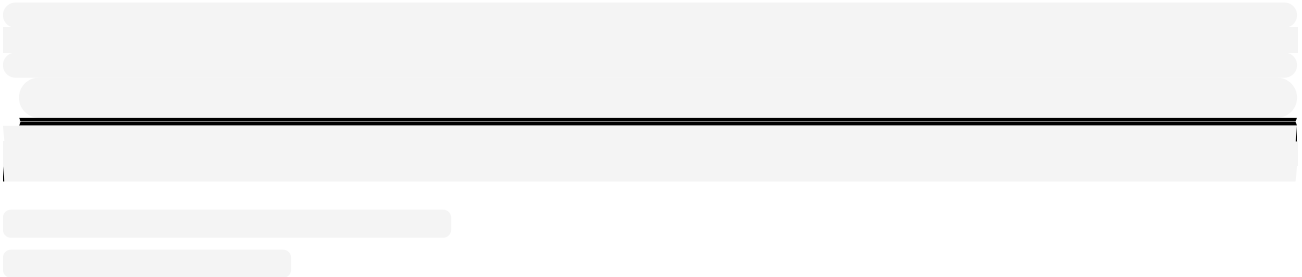
The kids at the Boys & Girls Club of New Bedford couldn't contain their excitement when PC Friars basketball star and projected 2nd round draft pick, Bryce Hopkins walked into the gym on Wednesday afternoon. He was accompanied with PC Friars woman's basketball standout, Grace Efosa.

They spoke to the kids, answered a bunch of wholesome questions, and then played with them in the gym for about an hour. As I mentioned, the excitement and wholesome levels were at an all time high. Below is a video of the kids cheering for Bryce to dunk, he almost blew the roof off the gym when he threw it down!

Once all of the tee shirts were signed and most of the kids have been picked up by their parents, I asked Bryce and Grace for a quick interview. They were happy answer a few questions before they headed out to the Fall River Boys & Girls Club!



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A post shared by New Bedford Guide (@newbedfordguide)

Big shout out to Southcoast Health, The Boys & Girls Club of New Bedford, and the Providence Friars for organizing all of this for the kids! There is no doubt that this made a bunch of kids weeks, and they will most likely be talking about this experience for a long time, especially if Bryce puts together a successful career in the NBA!

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## **Curt Schilling announces that Red Sox legend Tim Wakefield and wife both battling cancer**

In heartbreaking news, beloved Red Sox knuckleball legend Tim Wakefield is battling an aggressive form of brain cancer. It was also found out that his wife, Stacy, is also battling pancreatic cancer.

This was all announced by Red Sox legend Curt Schilling on his podcast without the permission of the Wakefields.

Curt Schilling stated on his podcast, "This is not a message that Tim has asked anyone to share, and I don't even know if he wants it shared, but as a Christian and as a man of faith I've seen prayer work and so I'm going to talk about it. Recently Tim was diagnosed with a very serious, very aggressive form of brain cancer."

Schilling went on sharing Stacy's private battle with cancer,

"Tim's wife Stacy is one of the sweetest women you'll ever meet, is very sick with pancreatic cancer and my wife has talked with her and they're communicating and they're going through an incredibly difficult time with Stacy, and I wanted

them to know that we're obviously all thinking of them and praying for her."

Schilling has received an overwhelming amount of backlash after this seemingly narcissistic decision to leak the Wakefields private health battles. The wife of former Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek called out Schilling on social media, "F-k you Curt Schilling, that wasn't your place!".

The Red Sox have released this statement regarding the situation:



## STATEMENT FROM THE BOSTON RED SOX

**The Red Sox today issued the following statement with permission from Tim and Stacy Wakefield:**

We are aware of the statements and inquiries about the health of Tim and Stacy Wakefield. Unfortunately, this information has been shared publicly without their permission. Their health is a deeply personal matter they intended to keep private as they navigate treatment and work to tackle this disease. Tim and Stacy are appreciative of the support and love that has always been extended to them and respectfully ask for privacy at this time.

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# The Boston Red Sox Have Fired Chaim Bloom

After what can only be viewed as a disappointing season, the Boston Red Sox have terminated Chaim Bloom, former Chief Baseball Officer. With the Sox teetering near last place fans have been clamoring for a change at the top.

In a public statement the team said: "While parting ways is

not taken lightly, today signals a new direction for our club," Red Sox principal owner John Henry said in a statement. "Our organization has significant expectations on the field and while Chaim's efforts in revitalizing our baseball infrastructure have helped set the stage for the future, we will today begin a search for new leadership. Everyone who knows Chaim has a deep appreciation and respect for the kind of person he is. His time with us will always be marked by his professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering respect for our club and its legacy."

The Red Sox also revealed that general manager Brian O'Halloran "has been offered a new senior leadership position within the baseball operations department."

The team has struggled during Bloom's tenure. Bloom was hired by the Red Sox following the 2019 season. He replaced president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski, who had helped build the 2018 World Series-winning team.

A series of unpopular decisions since his tenure began have left a sour taste in the mouth of Red Sox nation. One of the most unpopular moves Bloom made after coming to Boston was trading Mookie Betts to the Dodgers for Alex Verdugo, Connor Wong and Jeter Downs. At the time Betts had one year remaining on his contract. Since the trade Betts has continued to thrive and is in fact a top candidate for National League MVP this year in what could be his finest season. Only two of the three traded for Betts are still with the Sox, with Verdugo having a solid if unspectacular season and Wong doing the same.

There was also great animosity over the handling of Xander Bogaerts free agency, but to be fair San Diego overpaid for him and the money was better spent on Rafael Devers. Whomever takes over the post will be under great scrutiny from the press and a fanbase that may have to deal with finishing in last place in MLB's toughest division.

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# New Bedford's first-responders to compete in first annual "Heroes Cup" softball tournament



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Come cheer on New Bedford's First Responders in the City's first annual "Heroes Cup" softball tournament!

Sunday September 10th  
10:00am

Brooklawn Park softball diamonds



**50/50  
RAFFLE**



**FOOD**

**&  
more!**

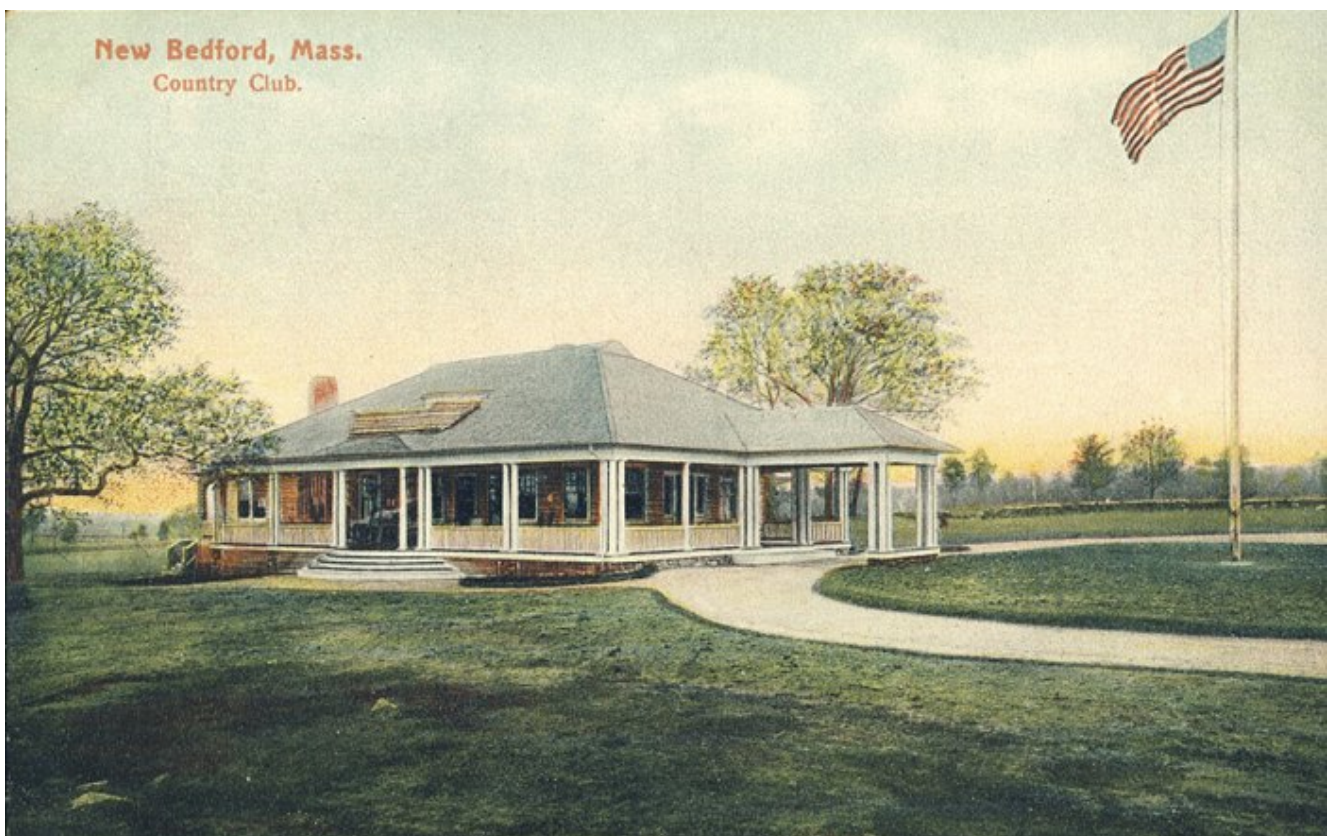


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# Historic New Bedford golf course built by “man who brought golf to the world” turns 100 years old

Although it technically was founded in 1902, September 4th marks 100 years that the 18 hole course we see today of the Country Club of New Bedford has been in operation.

In 1902 the Country Club of New Bedford was incorporated. A short ride from the city by horse, the founders envisioned a true country club experience. A “state of the art” clubhouse was constructed and landscape designers from Boston were hired.





*Postcard of CCNB from 1909.*

By 1915 the new golf course already became overcrowded and members petitioned the Board of Governors to expand the facility to eighteen holes.

In February of 1922, across Slocum Road, an additional 38 acres were secured which allowed the desired expansion project to proceed.

The following month on March 28, 1922, the board proudly announced the official hiring of world renowned golf course architect, Willie Park Jr. This was a huge deal as Willie Park Jr. is the world's first "golf course architect", a two time Open Champion, and the first man ever to write a book on how to play the game of golf.



*Willie Parker Jr. playing in the Open.*

He has been labeled "the man who brought golf to the world".

Construction of the eighteen hole layout that you can play today was completed on September 4th, 1923. The Country Club of New Bedford's layout and greens have remained relatively untouched from their original forms for almost one hundred

years and represent a wonderful example of a Willie Park Jr. design.



*Country Club of New Bedford.*



*Country Club of New Bedford.*

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# Acushnet native 'Eric Demers' signs to play pro basketball for Hestia Menorca in Europe

Acushnet native Eric Demers will be playing internationally as he is taking his talents to Spain! Demers was recently playing for the "Maine Celtics" and has now been signed by "Hestia Menorca" which is a pro basketball team in Spain.

Acushnet Public Schools posted a heartfelt message celebrating the news,

"Our very own superstar and Acushnet Public Schools Alum, Eric Demers, is taking his talents to the international stage!

He's just signed up to play professional basketball in Spain, and we couldn't be prouder! From shooting hoops in our hometown of Acushnet, being the nation's leading scorer in the NCAA, playing for the Maine Celtics, and now making waves across the globe, Eric's journey is an inspiration to us all."

Hestia Menorca is a great basketball club with plenty of accolades, here are a few of recent years:

## **League achievements:**

- Spanish LEB1 Semifinals -2001
- Spanish LEB1 Finalist -2005
- Spanish LEB1 Regular Season Runner-Up -2005
- Spanish LEB Oro Champion -2010
- Spanish LEB Oro Play-Off Champion -2012
- Spanish LEB Plata Play-Off Winner -2023
- Spanish LEB Plata Play-Off Semifinals -2021

- Spanish LEB Plata Group East Regular Season Runner-Up -2023
- Spanish EBA Group C-A Regular Season Runner-Up -2018
- Spanish EBA Final Stage Group 4 Champion -2018
- Spanish Prince's Cup Finalist -2005
- Spanish LEB Oro Cup (Cope Principe de Asturias) Finalist -2010

**You can watch their recent big playoff win here:**

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## **UFC 292 Boston ticket prices will tap you out, but you can watch for free locally**

UFC 292 will be rocking the TD Garden this Saturday night in Boston and tickets are still available, although it won't be a cheap date!

At the time of writing this the cheapest ticket you can buy is \$360 and that will get you a trip way up in the nosebleed seats. The best seats I could find that are still available are floor seats that will run you a whopping \$10,500 per seat!

I'd like to say I'm easy to please and generally perfectly happy with some "mid-tier" seats. I don't want to have to bring binoculars, and I don't need to be brushing shoulders with Trump or Tom Brady. The seats I would be happy sitting in seem to be going for roughly \$700 – \$1,000 which is a little steep for my budget.

Although in defense of the UFC this is a highly anticipated card with a title fight between Suga Sean O'Malley and Aljamain "Funk Master" Sterling. Anyone who watches the UFC



knows the stars come out in droves for title fights so you can expect to see some celebrities at this one.



*TD Garden at night. Facebook photo.*

Im sure the Boston atmosphere will be electric as there are 2 very popular Irish fighters that have been strategically placed on this card. Sean O'Malley is a superstar with Irish roots and will most definitely be the crowd favorite during the main event. Irish fighter Ian Garry is on the main card fighting out of Ireland and is on the brink of stardom his self.

I personally will buy the fight and watch from home, but you can also go to Buffalo Wild Wings in Dartmouth and enjoy it their with some wings!

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# **Bishop Stang taps Fairhaven native Jacob Ashworth as new boys basketball head coach**

“Bishop Stang High School is pleased to announce the appointment of Jacob Ashworth as the new Head Boys Basketball Coach.

Fairhaven native and current Assistant Coach at WPI, Coach Ashworth will bring experience as an outstanding player and coach to his new position. Having a standout career at Bourne High School and UMass Dartmouth, he was named All-Little East four times, achieved all-time leading scorer status at Bourne, and holds the title of all-time leading 3-point shooter at UMass Dartmouth. Ashworth helped lead the Corsairs to the NCAA Division III Men’s Basketball Sectionals in 2022.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jacob into the Spartan family by way of our Boys Basketball program. Jacob is a basketball lifer who has been a fixture in the South Coast athletic community for years. Achieving great team success at Bourne High School, UMass Dartmouth in college, and WPI as an assistant coach, he has been a key ingredient in the success of those programs, leaving behind an important legacy. Jacob is one of the finest leaders I have ever witnessed in an athletic setting, and that leadership will serve him well as he takes over this program.

His level of preparation, tenacity, and complete commitment really came through as we discussed the position. He has a tangible and exciting vision for the future of our program,” commented Nate Greene, Athletic Director for Bishop Stang.

Coach Ashworth shared: “I am extremely excited to take over the head coaching position at Bishop Stang High School. I look forward to continuing the success that Bishop Stang has



endured. I have always wanted to lead a team of my own, and to be able to become a head coach on the south coast is a dream come true.

The south coast is my home, and I look forward to leading the basketball program here at Bishop Stang. I would like to thank President Benson and Mr. Greene for the opportunity for which I am extremely grateful. Go Spartans!"-Bishop Stang High School .



*Bishop Stang High School photo.*

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# **Youth Flag Football is coming to Buttonwood Park in New Bedford**

The New Bedford Parks, Recreation, & Beaches will be hosting youth flag football this fall at Buttonwood Park. It will begin September 9th and will run through November 6th costing \$125 for residents and \$150 for non residents.

The 7-10 year old group will play from 8:30am-10am, while the 11-13 year old group will play from 10-11:30am.

Registration is now open!

If you have any further questions about the program or any other programs hosted by the New Bedford parks, recreation, and beaches, contact them at: [info.prb@newbedford-ma.gov](mailto:info.prb@newbedford-ma.gov) or 508-961-3015.



# FALL FLAG FOOTBALL

Location: Buttonwood Park Football field

Starting:  
September 9th  
November 6th

Times:  
7-10 y/o - 8:30-10am  
11-13 y/o 10-11:30am

Cost:  
Residents- \$125  
Non-Res \$ 150



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!!



*New Bedford Parks, Recreation, & Beaches photo.*

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