



The first Off The Beaten Track event went well. - PHOTOS: EUGENE BONTHUYS

# Set to dig deep off the track

The KRyS Global was involved in the organisation of the first Off The Beaten Track road race this time last year and the event proved successful enough to become an annual one. The second Off The Beaten Track road race in Grand Cayman is on Sunday, 27 February.

Kenneth KryS, founder and CEO of specialised corporate recovery and insolvency firm KRyS Global, hopes to see more participants this year than last.

Eighteen teams and two individuals competed in the event last time. The winning relay team was Burton's Burners with a time of 4 hours 1 minute and 44 seconds. Richard Barber was the first individual runner to finish, completing the course in four hours and 41 minutes.

The course is finalised and the organisers will be

posting details on [www.offthebeatentrack.ky](http://www.offthebeatentrack.ky) by 21 February. The starting/finishing point is Public Beach, and the run is approximately 50 km (31 miles) for an individual, or segments of roughly five miles each for up to a six person relay team. The race starts at 6:30am.

The ultra-marathon is designed to create the atmosphere of the ultra-distance race run every year in the hot sands of Morocco - the Marathon des Sables. As the name implies, the course is a complex route incorporating beach, dyke roads, back streets and more. For fit and seasoned runners, the race will undoubtedly be a unique and challenging experience.

All monies raised will again be donated to Facing Africa - a charity dedicated to helping children in

the sub-Sahara who suffer from a disease called Noma. Noma is an acute and ravaging gangrenous infection affecting the face.

The victims are mainly children under the age of six, caught in a vicious cycle of extreme poverty and malnutrition. The mortality rate for this disease is estimated at about 90 per cent. Those who do survive suffer from immense distress and social isolation as a result of their facial deformities.

KryS, a long-standing marathon enthusiast and supporter of Facing Africa, participated in the 2009 Marathon des Sables and the Antarctic Ice Marathon in December 2010. He is encouraging more organisations to become involved to support this great cause. Joining some of Cayman's top professional services firms, potential contrib-

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utors can help by entering a team for this one-of-a-kind ultra-marathon.

The event has already gained the support of Tower Marketing, Governor's Square, Stuarts Walker Hersant, PWC, Mourant Ozannes, MCS, dms Management, Maples and Calder, Maples Fund Services, Solomon Harris, the Caymanian Compass, Vision Marketing/Signs of Paradise, and Foster's Food Fair.

Following the race there will be a nominal prize for the winning relay team and best individual male and female winner, with a BBO and

a medal distribution ceremony at public beach.

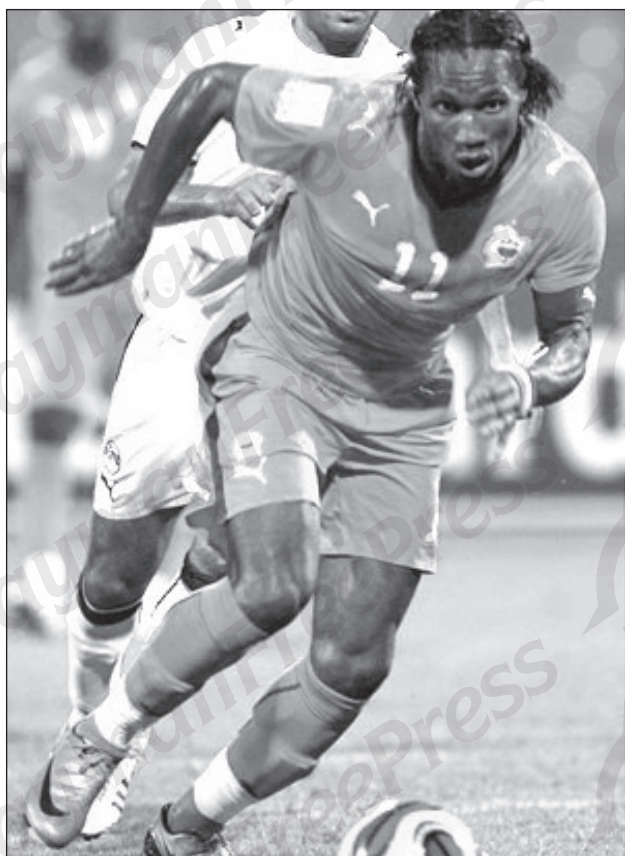
Online registration and payment can be made at Cayman Active [www.caymanactive.com](http://www.caymanactive.com). Registrations on pick-up day at Calico Jack's (Public Beach) on Saturday, 26 February from 10am-4pm. Entry fees are \$270 for a team or \$85 for individuals.

For more information regarding registration and sponsorship, contact Kenneth KryS at [Kenneth.KryS@KRyS-Global.com](mailto:Kenneth.KryS@KRyS-Global.com), call 815-8401 or visit [www.offthebeatentrack.ky](http://www.offthebeatentrack.ky). More information on Facing Africa and NOMA can be found at [www.facingafrica.org](http://www.facingafrica.org)



KryS ran the Marathon des Sables in 2009.

# Drogba is not ready to bow out yet



Drogba wants to be at the Brazil World Cup. - PHOTO: FILE

## DAILY MAIL

Chelsea striker Didier Drogba is determined to continue playing international football for the Ivory Coast up to the World Cup in Brazil in 2014. That's despite the fact that the Blues want to offload Drogba this summer as he loses effectiveness.

He will be 36 by the time that tournament rolls around and he insists there is no way his appearance in a friendly against Mali last week was a farewell to the Elephants.

Drogba said: "I could not leave like that. The day I decide to retire internationally, I will take care to say goodbye to the fans. I would never creep away on tiptoes.

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pate in the next two African Nations Cups in 2012 and 2013. I'll also play my third World Cup in 2014 in Brazil. If I am called upon, I will answer."

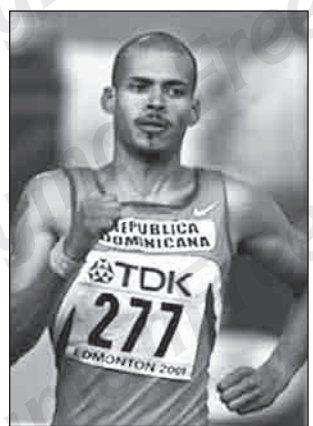
Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti insists Didier Drogba is not on his way out of Stamford Bridge.

Meanwhile, Drogba has been linked with a move away from Chelsea since the mega-money arrival of Fernando Torres on transfer deadline day, and Turkish giants Galatasaray are reportedly lining up a summer bid for the Ivory

Coast international.

The striker had to settle for a substitute appearance in Monday night's goalless draw at Fulham as Ancelotti opted for the combination of Torres and Nicolas Anelka up front, but the Italian insists nothing should be read into his decision.

He said: "I don't know if Didier was happy, but every player knows every game is important. It doesn't matter. We wanted to rotate to maintain his condition and to give everyone great motivation. Maybe in the next game we will use both.



Sanchez runs on Saturday. - PHOTO: FILE

## Felix in

Former Olympic champion Felix Sanchez will compete in the UK's first ever 400m indoor hurdles competition at the Grand Prix in Birmingham on Saturday. The Dominican Republic star, 33, will face Britain's Rick Yates, American Reuben McCoy and France's Heni Kechi. Other Brits in action are triple jumper Phillips Idowu, hurdler Andy Turner and fit-gainer Kelly Sotherton.