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Codrington was one of five players nominated for the MVP, having produced the highest tally of goals in the championship, including the only hat-trick.

The results were posted on the championship's official website, [www.digicelfootball.com](http://www.digicelfootball.com), on Monday, stating that the accolade was awarded following ten days of online voting, with Haiti's captain Richard Bruny topping the 25 000 votes cast and Codrington a "close" second.

Several media houses had whipped up national support Codrington, encouraging local fans to vote for Codrington, not because he was a Guyanese but for his achievements. Not only did he net the most goals, but he engineered many of the others.

However, many local fans said they did not vote because when they logged on to the website, they saw a disclaimer stating that the voting would not decide the outcome of the award, that the voting was for "fun" to whip up support for players and teams.

"Now they are saying that Bruny won because of the votes. The organisers need to explain that disclaimer that was on the internet. I feel bad because many of my friends did not vote because of it," one fan told Chronicle Sport.

Another fan pointed out that on the night of last week Tuesday, February 6, Codrington was actually leading the race in the votes.

"Then came the disclaimer the following morning and no more results were shown on the votes," the fan said.

Bruny led Haiti to the coveted regional title, although the team was last to qualify for finals, having placed third in their group in the preliminaries.

The Greatest Goal award went to Guadeloupe's Jean-Luc Lambourde for a stunning 35-metre kick against St Martin in the round one of the preliminaries.