

## **United Petrotrin Moving Up**

With five games to go before the end of the second round in the 2006 Trinidad and Tobago Pro League, the United Petrotrin Football Team has begun to close ranks on the top performing teams in the League.

Though still seventh in the standings, United Petrotrin has accumulated 16 points after a decisive win against Tobago United recently, and is now just one point behind the sixth placed team Superstar Rangers and two points behind Neal & Massy Caledonia AIA.

In the game against Tobago United held at the Dwight Yorke Stadium in Tobago on July 18, the United Petrotrin players demonstrated increased confidence on the field and maintained a better possession of the ball.

Team members continuously broke the Tobago defence and created a number of goal scoring opportunities. Striker Marlon Lewis took advantage of one of these opportunities in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute of the game to score the first goal for United Petrotrin. Beville Joseph scored the second goal in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute.

Commenting on his team's performance in the League thus far, United Petrotrin coach Brian Williams said, "Of the 13 games we have played, we have won four, drew four and lost five. We have ten goals for us and eleven against us. This score places us just one point behind Superstar Rangers who is still sixth. I am confident that we would improve on this score as the League continues."

Williams said the team is continuing to pursue its goal to place among the top five teams and compete in one of the Cup Finals by the end of the season.

"The team is improving generally as the results would show," he said. "And during training we continue to focus on specific areas of our game where we have identified weaknesses. While I think there is still a lot of work to be done, I believe the team is going pretty well and I expect to see a stronger Petrotrin team by the end of the season."

United Petrotrin meets the Defence Force team next. This game is to be held at the Palo Seco Recreational Ground on July 22. Other games to be held before the end of the month are against Caledonia AIA on July 25 and North East Stars on July 29. These games will also be held at the Palo Seco Recreational Ground.