

## **United Petrotrin Drives Away with Toyota Classic Trophy**

In a move resembling its performance at the end of the last season, the United Petrotrin Football Team has edged out top contenders to win the Toyota Classic Knockout Competition.

The Petrotrin team drove away with the Toyota Classic Trophy and \$30,000 first prize after defeating finalists Superstar Rangers by a landslide score of 4-0.

During the finals, held at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium on November 3, the United Petrotrin team dominated the opposition, turning back all challenges from the superstar players and scoring the first critical goal after only thirteen minutes. After United Petrotrin Forward Beville Joseph scored the first goal, the team played with increased confidence and by the end of the first half, Sylvester Teesdale had added two more goals to bring the United Petrotrin score to 3-0 over their beleaguered opponents.

The second half saw Superstar Rangers come out with renewed vigour and purpose, but while the team pressed desperately for goals, none of their efforts were converted due to some outstanding saves by the United Petrotrin goalkeeper Tristan Charles. During one of its few raids forward in the half United Petrotrin once again took full advantage of some loose marking in the Rangers defence, which allowed Teesdale to convert another header into his hat-trick in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute, bringing the final score to 4-0.

At the end of the game, Charles was named "Man of the Match" and Teesdale was awarded the "Golden Boot".

Team manager Larry Joseph commended his team's performance.

Noted that the team had won a similar competition- the Lucozade Big Six- at the end of the 2005 Pro League season, Joseph said: "The team has also grown a lot in the past few months. We are now playing some of our best football and our confidence is very high."

United Petrotrin faced Caledonia AIA for the semifinals of the Toyota Classic at the Mannie Ramjohn Stadium on October 27 and won with the score 2-1. Previous games for the Toyota Classic were played against Starworld Strikers and North East Stars. United Petrotrin won both games with the score 2-1.

Commenting on his team's performance at the finals, Joseph said, "We are very happy that we have managed to win one of the Cups for the 2006 Pro League especially as we will not be able to defend the Lucozade Big 6 trophy this year. Our goals for this season were to finish in the first five and to reach one of the Cups. To date, we have exceeded one of our goals as we have won one of the Cups. We are very proud of our achievements for this season. Thanks very much for the support of the Manager, Corporate Communications Arnold Corneal and the Technical Staff- Head Coach Brian Williams, Technical Director Edgar Vidale and Assistant Coaches Philbert Jones and Floyd Lawrence."