

United Petrotrin Players Serve on National Team

Three members of the United Petrotrin Football Team have been selected to serve on the Trinidad and Tobago National Team. The players are midfielders Romauld Aguilera and Keon Daniels and forward Abiola Clarence.

For United Petrotrin Manager Larry Joseph, this selection is a significant achievement for the team, which was launched just two years ago (in 2005) and which finished eighth in Pro League Competitions in 2006.

“I think it is absolutely wonderful,” said Joseph. “The fact that our team was able to supply three players to the national league speaks volumes for us. It certainly says that our programmes for these players are working.”

The United Petrotrin Football Team further boosted its image as a rising team, when it participated in a practice game against the national team recently.

The game, held at the Ato Boldon Stadium in early March, ended in a draw with both teams scoring one goal and the United Petrotrin team enjoying the better of the exchanges.

“There was an overall excellent performance by our team,” said Joseph. “The efforts of one of our new players, 17-year old Shervon Frederick was particularly outstanding. After that game, national coach Wim Rijsbergen indicated that he was impressed by our team’s performance.”

Joseph said these achievements have spurred on the team in its preparations for the 2007 Pro League where it aims are to improve its standings, defend its Toyota Classic Title and continue groom its players for further opportunities in football.

In its preparations for the 2007 Pro League, the United Petrotrin Team recently went on a tour for one week in Guyana.

“While we were in Guyana we played against the teams Alpha United, Pele FC and Conqueror FC,” said Joseph. “We won all three games.”

Joseph said he had high expectations for the team this season.

“We took on a few new players this year and our team members continue to enjoy a wonderful relationship,” he said. “We look forward to carrying that throughout the season. If we maintain this team spirit on the field, then we are bound to improve on our standings this year.”

The 2007 Pro League Competitions begin on April 14. The United Petrotrin Team will be opening its first game against Joe Public at the Centre of Excellence, Macoya.