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Sports News Release

Schools secure semi final spots in PFL Playoffs

The fourth day of the 2011/2012 CUC Primary Football League (PFL) Playoffs took place this past Saturday, January 21 at the Annex Field with four teams in each division securing a berth in the semi finals.

In the Under 9 Consolation Cup, George Town Primary secured the number one seed following a 2-2 draw with Prospect Primary; Red Bay Primary defeated Cayman International School 2-0 to secure the number two ranking with the losing team grabbing the number three slot; and Triple C secured the number four seed with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Truth For Youth.

In the semi finals on January 28, George Town Primary will face Triple C and Red Bay Primary will again play Cayman International School.

In the Under 9 Champions Cup, Cayman Prep continued their dominance with a 4-0 defeat of St. Ignatius Prep following an Aaron Jarvis hat-trick and in doing so, secured the number one ranking; Sir John A. Cumber Primary defeated NorthEast Schools 3-0 to earn the number two seed; a steadily improving South Sound Schools secured the number three spot with a 4-1 victory over Savannah Primary; and Grace Academy secured the number four ranking following a 2-2 draw with Bodden Town Primary.

The semi finals will see Cayman Prep face Grace Academy and Sir John A. Cumber Primary play South Sound Schools.

In the Under 11 Consolation Cup, Bodden Town Primary had already secured a semi final spot as the number one seed following play on Saturday, January 14. The Bodden Towners will face fourth-seeded Savannah Primary who lost 0-6 to an inspired NorthEast Schools. NorthEast Schools secured the number three slot with this lop-sided victory and will face Prospect

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Primary in the semi finals following Prospect's narrow 3-2 victory over Cayman International School.

In the Under 11 Champions Cup, both Sir John A. Cumber Primary and George Town Primary had already secured their places in the semi finals with wins on Saturday, January 14, but results from this past Saturday would determine the number one and two ranking.

George Town Primary began proceedings with 4-1 victory over Cayman Prep only to see Sir John A. Cumber Primary defeat Red Bay Primary 2-0 and ultimately grab top spot with George Town Primary settling for the number two ranking.

The number three spot went to Truth For Youth who defeated Grace Academy 3-1 and although losing earlier to George Town Primary, Cayman Prep secured the number four ranking.

In the other division game, Triple C and St. Ignatius Prep battled to a 2-2 draw.

The semi finals will see top seeded Sir John A. Cumber Primary take on Cayman Prep with George Town Primary facing Truth For Youth.

In the feature game, an undefeated Sir John A. Cumber Primary faced a wounded Red Bay Primary outfit desperate for a win and with it, some respect. Although losing their previous two playoff games and drawing their first, Red Bay Primary still had a mathematical chance of grabbing the number four spot and a chance to play in the semi finals. They first had to beat Sir John A. Cumber Primary by a wide margin and hope Grace Academy defeated Truth For Youth.

It was a daunting task and with first-choice goalkeeper Jordan Conolly out through injury, Red Bay faced an uphill challenge. Stand-in goalkeeper Tyrone Douglas would need to be at his best to tame the potent West Bay strike force of Kameron Mendez and Jahim Webster.

As expected, the boys from the West exploded into life from the first whistle but the Red Bay rearguard stood their ground with Shomar McField, Kamani Ebanks, Aidan Bartice and Kailan Miller standing firm. At the other end, young Jamal Whittaker and Lex Dobson were finding it very difficult to penetrate the Sir John A. Cumber defence and get any decent shots at goal.



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Slowly but surely, Sir John A. Cumber began to exert their dominance thanks to Doujahn Murray and company in midfield. With Mendez and Webster finding their range, Red Bay's goal was under severe threat but for some reason they could not break the deadlock. In reply, Red Bay's Kamani Ebanks sent several long range efforts towards the Sir John A. Cumber goal but found the goalkeeper equal to the task with some acrobatic saves.

The first half ended surprisingly deadlocked at 0-0.

The second half began with a flurry and again the Red Bay rearguard found themselves under intense pressure.

Last week, Kameron Mendez was frustrated by the tight-marking Grace Academy but he was determined to get his name on the score sheet and it didn't take long. From a free kick, Mendez sent a screamer past the unfortunate Tyrone Douglas in goal and Sir John A. Cumber was up 1-0. Determined to finish the Playoffs undefeated, Sir John A. Cumber piled on the pressure and young Mendez grabbed his second soon after.

For Red Bay Primary, it was a disappointing way to end the season. They had played well over the past few Saturdays but just could not find the net. They had competed well and thrilled their supporters with some good football but alas it was not enough. Their dream of making the Playoffs had ended and for their senior players who had just played their last game for their school, it was a bitter pill to swallow.

Special thanks to Dwayne Ebanks, Bruce Blake, Chastine Rankine and Gary Whittaker who officiated games throughout the day, and thanks to sponsors Progressive Distributors.

The semi finals of the 2011/2012 CUC PFL Playoffs are set for this Saturday, January 28 with the finals and third-placed games scheduled for Saturday, February 4.

Complete scores and standings from the Playoffs can be found on CUC's website at www.cuc-cayman.com (on the Home Page, click "About Us", then "Community Involvement" and "Primary Football League").

We'll see you on the field.



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