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Charlotte Amalie High Hawks Defeat Complex Barracudas To Take V.I. Football Championship

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ST. CROIX -- St. Croix Educational Complex (SCEC) Barracudas Football Team came out fully charged, and with family, friends, classmates, and faculty and staff members prominently cheering on their side, they were all geared up to demolish the Charlotte Amalie High School (CAHS) Hawks who flew in from 40 miles across the sea for a friendly meet.

But according to a Department of Education release issued today, the Hawks didn't brave the foul weather, the strong winds and intermittent showers in flight for nothing. They had their own goals intact. During the early quarter of the tense and exciting game, the Barracudas quickly scored the first goal, earning six (6) points but losing the two (2)

safety points. Surprised by the aggressive start of the SCEC team, the CAHS Hawks got very serious on the offensive, and by the 2nd quarter they scored 22 points while the Barracudas scored another 6 points, giving them 12 points.

The game progressed but only the Hawks scored, 30, 36, 42 and then 44 points to the Barracudas 12 point at the end of the match. The flying Hawks kept the unstoppable, seafaring Barracudas at bay.

They proved no match for the soaring Hawks who comfortably captured the Virgin Islands Football Championship on Sunday, January 28 at the University of the Virgin Islands field on St. Croix by a score of 44 to 12 points.

Before celebrating and refreshing themselves with fruits, snacks and fluids, all members of the Barracudas and Hawk entourages greeted each other shaking hands and hugging in some instances as they passed by. The two teams then posed for photos together.

“They scored first; they jumped on us. We were not aggressive, but we got our act together,” said CAHS Coach Irving Beazer. “They are a very well coached team,” he admitted.

SCEC Barracudas Coach Sgt. Malik Carlos gathering with his troop after the game pointed out their errors, but outstandingly praised them for their impressive efforts. “Some of you came out the game mentally,” he began. “You beat yourselves.” But then Sgt. Carlos before identifying and praising players for executing good plays added, “We came together as a team. We found players who had never played before. We had to reform equipment. You have learn everything you should be learning. We went from nothing to this – we did win two games straight,” the Barracudas new coach said.

The Virgin Islands Scholastic Football League started in December 2017, according to Virgin Department of Education Athletic Director William Cofeill. “We are very happy to get the season in at least,” he said. Along with the CAHS and SCEC teams, the St. Croix Central High School Caribs and the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School Rays participated in the league.