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St. Croix Turns Out in Big Numbers to Watch DC United and Bermuda Football Team Play in St. Croix Soccer Stadium

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DC United and the Bermuda Football Team play at Friendly match on St. Croix. By. Cruselda Roberts for VI Consortium

ST. CROIX -- The soccer stadium recently built in Estate Bethlehem on St. Croix is being put to great use. On Friday night, for the first time ever, DC United, — the well-known US soccer team — and Bermuda Football Team played at the stadium. Their presence filled the seats on both sides of the field as residents and visitors came out to enjoy the friendly game. The teams did not disappoint as the match included a total of 6 goals: DC United with 4 and Bermuda with 2.

The soccer game brought into focus the potential of sports tourism on the big island. Governor Albert Bryan, Sports Parks and Recreation Commissioner Calvert White, and Teri Helenese, the territory's director of state-federal relations and Washington representative reporting to the USVI's governor, spoke at halftime. Mr. White gave credit to Ms. Helenese for taking the steps needed to bring DC United to the territory. Mr. Bryan called out to the crowds asking if they would like to see DC United back in the USVI next year.

The gathering of people said yes.



Both teams gave it their all during the game. DC United scored the first two goals, then Bermuda evened the match with two goals of their own -- all of this happening in the first half.

In the second half, however, DC United held the Bermuda team at bay even as DC United scored two other goals.

Below, videos of the match, which was carried live on VI Consortium's website and Facebook platform.

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