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PRESS RELEASE

GFF ELITE LEAGUE III

– GDF FC and Western Tigers FC Off To Winning Start

17th February, 2018, Georgetown: Fresh off the transfer window, the Guyana Defence Force FC (GDF) and Western Tigers FC have both began their campaign on a winning note in the restart of the GFF Elite League III by defeating Den Amstel FC and Fruta Conquerors FC respectively.

The match, held at the GFC Ground, Bourda at 19:00hrs and 21:00hrs in overcast and sometimes rainy conditions, saw the GDF winning by a 2 – 1 margin against Den Amstel FC and Western Tigers with the same margin of victory over Fruta Conquerors FC.

Below are the match details:

	TEAMS		
GAME 1		GDF FC	DEN AMSTEL FC
FINAL SCORE:		2	1
SCORER/S:	1	Amumchi Benjamin (23) 61'	Delon Lanferman (11) 69'
	2	Amumchi Benjamin (23) 88'	

	TEAMS		
GAME 2		WESTERN TIGERS FC	FRUTA CONQUERORS FC
FINAL SCORE:		2	1
SCORER/S:	1	Colin Nelson (21) 42'	Gregory Richardson (17) 47'
	2	Andrew Murray (10) 53'	

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NOTES:

- **YELLOW CARD (GAME 1):**

1. Mervin Henry (5) 53' (**Den Amstel FC**)

- **YELLOW CARD (GAME 2):**

1. Shane Morris (5) 77' (**Western Tigers FC**)
2. Anthony Benfield (14) 12', King Solomon Austin (7) 50' & Joshua Browne (20) 87' (**Fruta Conquerors FC**)

- **RED CARD (GAME 1):**

1. Wyclyfe Simon (8) 90 (+5)'

POST-MATCH COMMENTS:

“It’s the same GDF FC that everyone knows, the same top brand of football but last evening’s game wasn’t easy because any team which comes against the number 1 team will always come with their A game. What we did was simple: take the game to them in the first half, see what they have and realized they could not have coped with our strategy. We decided to come out in the second half of the game and capitalize on their mistakes, it was well paid off for us. Congrats to my team.” **Seon Prince – Head Coach, GDF FC**

“I think the game was a very competitive one and both teams had opportunities. Luckily for the army, they made use of their opportunities on two counts, which gave them the victory. We see our mistakes and we are going back to the drawing board. Hopefully our next game we correct our mistakes so we can come out on top.” **Oniel Heywood – Head Coach, Den Amstel FC**

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“We were playing one of the strongest teams in Guyana, at least on paper. We know their quality through the team so we knew it was going to be a tough game. However, we were more adaptable and more acute tactically, which made a big difference. We had the input of the newly-acquired players which help strengthen the team in every department – midfield, forward line and the defensive line. It was an all-round good performance, the guys stuck to the plan and they executed well. We knew they were times when we had to be patient, we had to defend stoutly so we were prepared for that. We were prepared to hit them on our own quick breaks and counter attacks and I think it paid off. Both goals came from balls that we won in our half and one time we penetrated and earned ourselves a free kick which would have probably eventually ended up to a goal if the player weren't brought down and the second time it was a nice build up from the back through to the front so all credit is due to the players. They really executed the plan well so I'm quite satisfied as coach of the team with what the guys gave to me knowing it was our first game back after a longer delay. We'll only get stronger going forward, God bless.” **Calvin Allen**
– **Head Coach, GDF FC**

NEXT SCHEDULED GAMES:

DATE: Sunday, 18th February, 2018

TIME: 14:00hrs & 16:00hrs respectively

VENUE: Buxton Community Centre Ground

ADMISSION: \$500

MATCH 1: Cougars FC vs Ann's Grove FC

MATCH 2: Victoria Kings FC vs Buxton United FC

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The third double-header – NA United FC vs Ann’s Grove FC and GDF FC vs Milerock FC – will be played on February 21 at the Mackenzie Sports Club (MSC) from 19:00hrs and 21:00hrs respectively.

The GFF Elite League is the senior league of the Guyana Football Federation, which informs the senior national squad. The Guyana Defence Force FC is the defending champions. Admission to all matches is \$500.

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