

Fire stays in charge of Alt division

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It was a top of the table clash between Fire and the University of the West Indies (UWI) in the Alternative Division of the Courts All Sectors Netball League at the Eastern Regional Indoor Sports Arena in Tacarigua on Tuesday evening and the former emerged with a comfortable 43-25 win in the Courts All Sectors Netball League.

Fire's efficient goal-shooter Cameshia Leslie was put under pressure and she responded well enough to lead her team's offence, connecting 39 goals from 51 attempts with support initially from from Daniella Hall (2/7) and later, Pearl St John (2/5).

The fire officers got the early advantage, leading 9-5 at the end of the first quarter. However, UWI stayed resilient and fought its way back in the second session, to only trail by one goal (16-15) at the half.

In the third quarter, UWI's attack seemed to lose some of its zest and faced a further seven-goal (28-21) deficit, heading into the final period.

Down on the other end, the firewomen started to heat up again and their aggression on both offence and defence paid off as they added 15 goals while holding UWI to only four in that quarter, to win by 18.

In the second match of the evening, the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC) came away with its first point of the season, after holding third-place Police, to a 28-28 draw in match, which had a number of lead changes.

The policewomen led by Cheryse Aguilleria, had a narrow two-goal (8-6) lead in the opening period. USC rallied and managed to go ahead at the halfway mark, 14-13, before slipping behind by one (22-21) by the end of the third.

Both teams battled in the final period, matching each other goal-for-goal but it was last place USC unit, connecting one more goal than its opponent, to tie the scores.

The league takes a break as customary for Carnival festivities after today's round of matches in the Championship Division.