

# Rugby teams win in St. Maarten

The BVI men and women rugby teams travelled to St Maarten last weekend to take on the Archiball Rugby Club of St Maarten and the Leatherbacks from St Kitts respectively.

After two hard matches the women came out on top with a score of 10-0 and the men also claimed victory with a score of 12-10.

This was the first fixture of the newly formed women's rugby team. Coach Max Malkin said team had prepared with extra training sessions.

The sessions and hard work paid off. Brodie Farragher with support by Jennifer Moorehead left a clear run to the try line but was disallowed for a "touch pass." It wasn't long before Claire Robey touched down in the corner to take the score to 10-0, the result of some fast support and good lines of running.

Their defense was outstanding and never allowed the St Kitts ladies anywhere near the BVI line, according to Mr. Malkin. Michelle Bailey, the women's captain, praised her players for their hardwork.

The men's game followed and quickly descended into a rough battle, a lack of disciplined allowed the younger and faster St Maarten players to get outside the



Members of the men's and women's BVI Rugby teams recently competed in St. Maarten and were victorious. (Photo: Provided)

defense and score. The kicker was unable to convert and the score remained at 5-0.

The BVI was quick to bounce back with a kick from Dave Bailey that scrambled the St Maarten defense. Clinton Hemple stretched out at the line to even the score at 5-5.

Another kick by Nicholas Recondo had the BVI team back in the St. Maarten half allowing some quick passing that ended with Mr. Recondo once again to score under the posts. This allowed fly half JP Gomes to make the conversion and take the score to 12-5.

In the final seconds of the game St Maarten crashed through the BVI's defense to score again taking the score to 12-10. The conversion was missed leaving the Virgin Islanders winners.

The Rugby Club intends to host a multi-sports tournament against the crew of the visiting

navy ship Wave Ruler on Friday at Cappaons Bay Softball field. The games include soccer, cricket, and rugby. The event is tentatively planned for 7 p.m.

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