

ficed himself and given us this field for the use of the 1961 Baseball competition. A word of thanks to the various merchants and individuals who have donated these prizes as to make this presentation possible. I also would like to extend our gratitude to the umpires who have donated their precious time to the baseball games during the 1961 competition - a special word of thanks to Mr. Cooper, and last but not least to all those who have contributed in one way or the other to make this Baseball competition a success.

You may be wondering who is the St. Maarten Baseball Bond and who has sponsored this competition.

The St. Maarten Baseball Bond was organized by: Four baseball loving young men from this island, and the competition was sponsored by the same four energetic baseball loving young men. They are: Mr. Esthenel Brookson of the Marigot Baseball Club, Mr. John (Hank) Peters of the Cole Bay Dodgers who unfortunately is not on the Island at present to witness the closing of the 1961 Baseball Competition in which he has taken part, Mr. Arnold Scott of the Y.M.S.C. Baseball Club and last but not least Mr. Jean Illidge of the Caterpillar's Baseball Club.

The first and the second prize have been donated by the four abovementioned clubs. We have gone through great sacrifices to make this competition a success, for it has been a "past word" here in St. Maarten that says: "There is always a good beginning but the ending is always a failure." We want to show the public in general that if you have the right persons to do the right things at the right time, everything can be made possible here in St. Maarten. I would like to outline to you that baseball is one of the highest paid sports in the world today. And with the interest that the youth have in baseball at present, maybe a few more years to come St. Maarten might have the honor of to have someone in the Major League.

As I can see from the past competition there are a few promising young boys, with just about a year of baseball knowledge if they con-

tinue will prove themselves in top classes.

Baseball is a very expensive sport and before ending my speech I would like to ask the merchants and both Governments to help support this sport. Your cooperation and donations will be highly appreciated.

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F O O T B A L L

On Sunday October 1, an island wide football competition was started.

There are seven teams (four from the Dutch Part and three from the French Part of the island) taking part in the competition.

Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays (one game on Saturdays and two games on Sunday afternoons)

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SPORTING CLUB v/s SPEEDS END IN 1-1
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A record crowd was on hand at the sport field in Marigot on Sunday last to witness the Sporting Club and the Speeds battle to a 1-1 draw in the most exciting football match of the year.

There is a long standing conciet between the fans of these two teams as to which of the two is the stronger, and so when they clashed on the Sport field in Marigot on Sunday last everyone thought that at the end of the game the conciet would have been settled - this was not the case, and at the end of the game which was filled with thrills the conciet was still not settled.

The match started at 4:25 p.m. and from the moment the starting whistle was blown, the players of both teams "took off" like "jets" - for a short time it appeared as though the Speeds would be in for real trouble but the fearlessness of their goalie along with the good playing of Louis Boisy, Petain and others kept the Sporting Club from scoring. - Then after ten minutes of playing the Sporting Club determined to move out in front in the earlies advanced on the goal - Georges got the ball and after making a couple of pretty plays past it to Joseph Daniel