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Another successful TROPIC BOWL (IV) concluded this past Saturday, May 10th at Estadio Cuty Monge in Desamparados, SJ. The day long event began with a youth clinic practicing drills and techniques.

MVP for the youth clinic, *Jose Pablo Vargas* was presented with a pair of black and yellow cleats by All\*Star player, *Jemel Robinson*. The cleats were donated by All\*Star player, *Leon Finklea*, owner of Stay Fresh International.



Following the clinic, a U-19 game played out between the Cartago Dragons Juniors vs the Titans Juniors with the Dragons Juniors taking the win 12-6.



MVP for the Dragons Juniors was *Jose Coto Roman* (SS). (right)





The feature game lineup was between the 1<sup>st</sup> Division FEACR National Team of Costa Rica and the USA North East All\*Stars semi-pro team. The All\*Stars won over the National Team **42-6**.



Andrew Lee Follins received the MVP with 5 TDs for the All\*Stars. Follins was awarded a helmet sponsored by Xenith. (left)

Ignacio Watson received the MVP for the National Team. (right)



Ignacio Watson with Director, Garrett Osumah, of Athletes Without Borders.





Both fans and players alike were treated to an entertaining half time show featuring the younger youth from the American Football Academy Costa Rica lead by Paolo Vincenzi. These younger youth were running plays and scoring touchdowns, and even managed to take down a few of the Tropic Bowl All\*Star players.



US North East All\*Star player, Dustin Goodale from Massachusetts has over two decades of experience and is in his eleventh year of playing at the semi-pro level. His trip to Costa Rica for the Tropic Bowl IV is the first time in his life traveling outside of North America.

Goodale's perception of the Costa Rican players;

"The U-19 players extremely impressed me with their level of play and their level of commitment. They worked very hard to impress each other and played hard. I thought they did a very good job. The effort they put in to learn the game is apparent."

"With the National Team of Costa Rica players I saw a lot of skill, a lot of different positions and everybody that was on the field gave it everything they had, every single play."

"Being a lineman what I noticed most was the front seven. These guys played smash-mouthed football every play and they brought it every time they hit the field. They worked hard and no matter what the score was they never gave up."

"I was extremely impressed with #54 *Gilberth Jesus Chaves Ulate* (DT)."

"All and all the level of play that they demonstrated and the brotherhood and camaraderie they showed us on and off the field made this one of the greatest playing experiences of my life! I can't wait to play again with these guys at the next Tropic Bowl."



The Tropic Bowl IV event was organized by the American Football Federation of Costa Rica (FEFACR) and the US based NGO, Athletes Without Borders (AWB).



Tropic Bowl IV Ring Design

