



## **ACES, PSD Lady Oryx secure top spots in PSD-PTA Tournament**

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The ACES emerged triumphant in the PSD-PTA Volleyball Tournament, with the finals game held on April 12 at the EVB Gym, beating the Lady Oryx in a well-fought match, winning 3-1.

Katherine Sotejo of the ACES earned Championship Most Valuable Player (MVP), while Kaitlin Skye Cruz of the Lady Oryx attained Tournament's MVP. On the other hand, Skye Cruz and Dyanna Camia led the PSD Lady Oryx to secure First Runner-up while the Purple Mums won Second Runner-Up.

The tournament's Mythical Six lineup showed talent from all squads, featuring Katherine Sotejo and Des Mendoza (ACES), Dyanna Camia (PSD Lady Oryx), Jen Carolino of (Purple Mums), Rubylyn Neri (Squad Mumz), and Kate Razos (Primary Acers). Special Recognition was also awarded to Vanessa Trinanes.

This accomplishment for the Lady Oryx came after the recently concluded PSD Friendship Games 2024, featuring squads of the Stafford Sri Lankan School (SSLS), Sport Zone Campers, and PSD Alumni.

The PSD Lady Oryx Team A emerged as champions in this friendly event, securing their title as back-to-back champions after beating the SSLS squad. SSLS accepted 1st runner up, with the Lady Oryx Team B attaining 2nd runner up.

PSD Lady Oryx A's journey saw them defeat PSD Alumni in the first round and beat the Sport Zone Campers in the next round. PSD Lady Oryx A also beat PSD Lady Oryx B before advancing to the finals against SSLS.

Mr. Matias Noel D. Casundo, PSD Lady Oryx's head coach, spoke on their victory in the two tournaments, replying:

*"I told them to enjoy the game and give their best and I also encouraged them to think of strategies to make points. I tell them to focus on the game. I thank God for the gift of winning, as well as those who appreciated and supported the team."*

Held from October 20 to April 12, the PSD-PTA Sportsfest is a multi-discipline sports competition, featuring various sports such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, and bowling. It was organized under the stewardship of Chairman Ms. Tess Sagad and Vice-Chairman Mr. Rhonel Regalado, along with the support of the BOD represented by Mr. Ismael Benavidez Jr. and Mr. Raul Acabado.



PSD Aces celebrate their championship victory in the PSD-PTA Volleyball Tournament.

PSD Lady Oryx take a photo with their coach, Mr. Casundo, and the event organizers after their first-runner-up victory.



Purple Mums line up to receive their second-runner up trophy.



PSD Aces and PSD Lady Oryx compete fiercely in the finale match.