The 2017 season of the annual Razack Jan Memorial Football League in Mayaro received a timely boost when the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) commissioned the newly-installed lights on the Ortoire Recreation Ground. The ground was the venue for a gala launch of the league and commissioning ceremony on Saturday July 22nd 2017, hosted by T&TEC and the All Mayaro Sports Foundation.

The community event kicked off with a parade of teams, followed by brief remarks by the Minister of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries, Senator the Honourable Clarence Rambharat and the Member of Parliament for Mayaro, Mr. Rushton Paray; both of whom thanked T&TEC for their efforts in the community and gave updates on some of the developmental projects within the constituency.

T&TEC’s Deputy Chairman, Mr. Glenford Cyrille, also spoke, taking the opportunity to inform the Mayaro residents of T&TEC’s upgrade works in the area, such as the upgrade of the 12kV feeder out of the Galeota Substation and the overhead line conductors, to allow for more capacity and an increased level of reliability, and the lighting of the Cushe Recreation Ground in Rio Claro.

“These improvements are designed to better serve your electricity demands as we seek to facilitate the development of the south-eastern region of Trinidad,” he said.

To make immediate use of the lighting upgrade, the event, now in its 18th year, also included two football matches. In game 1, Maguya Chivas beat the national under-15 team 2 to 1 and in game 2, the first one under lights, the national under-17 team got the better of Guaya United, 3 goals to 2.

The illumination of the Ortoire Recreation Ground was completed by T&TEC’s Public Lighting Department and is part of T&TEC’s vision to improve citizens’ quality of life, by providing a sense of security as well as opportunities for recreational activities for extended hours.