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Beach Soccer: Pepsi unveils 100M and equipment sponsorship to clubs



Crown Beverages Limited under the flagship brand Pepsi unveiled their sponsorship package of UGX 100M and jerseys for all the 16 clubs in the National league.

The sponsorship came at such an opportune time when the second round of the National Beach Soccer League was due to start on 31st January 2016 at Lido beach.

The sponsorship catered for players' refreshments, publicity, team transport, prize money, among other logistics.

Pepsi Brand Manager Berna Kizza remarked;

We value our partnership with the Uganda Beach Soccer Association and we believe beach soccer will continue to provide the Brand Pepsi a unique opportunity to engage with our target consumers. Beach soccer has become one of the most competitive sports in Uganda to-date and as Pepsi we will continue to support the development of the sport because we see it has a great potential of turning into the one most loved sports in this country

Deo Mutabazi the President of UBSA welcomed the sponsorship citing the timeliness of Pepsi's involvement and the association's appreciation of the brand's continued commitment to the sport.

FUFA Airtel Awards: Fans' favorite player Award for Andre Ayew delivered



Ghana and Swansea star player Andre Ayew was voted by Ugandan football fans as their favorite player featuring in the European Leagues in the year 2015.

The stylish player was later named during the Airtel FUFA Awards as the 'Fans' Favorite Player in the European Leagues.

During the Awards held in December 2014 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, former Uganda Cranes Captain and now Chief Executive Officer of Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) Edgar Watson received the award on behalf of Ayew.

At Kivu Lake Serena Hotel, the award was handed over to Ghanaian CAF Official Kofi Addae who delivered it to Ayew. Watson was accompanied Faruku Miya formerly with Vipers SC but now at Standard Liege in Belgium and Hamid Juma who was Leader of Delegation for Cranes team to the CHAN finals.

'I am glad to receive this award on behalf of Ayew. I will give it to the Ghana FA for delivery to the final recipient. We thank Ugandan fans for recognising Ayew as their most favorite player playing in the European Leagues' said Kofi.

Referees undergo fitness tests at Namboole



A total of 125 referees were taken through medical and fitness tests for the New Year 2016 at FUFA House and Mandela National Stadium, Namboole in January.

The Beach soccer referees had their physical tests at Lido beach, Entebbe. 107 Male referees took part in the exercise for the National referees including the 19 FIFA badge holders.

The medical checkup covered the heart-beat, eye sight, blood pressure and general health of the referees. Other physical tests were done under the inspection of National Physical Fitness Instructor Ali Kalyango and his Assistant Rahma Kizito.

The tests were conducted to prepare both FIFA and FUFA referees for the kick off of the second round of the different football leagues in the country.

Administration: Club Management course



The Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) organised yet another Club Management course that lasted four days at FUFA House during the month of February.

The targeted groups were participants of the FUFA Big League teams and other officials from different clubs across all football levels.

The course was organised in line with the agenda of professionalizing club football in the country. It was the 3rd course to be conducted by FUFA having started with Azam Uganda Premier League club officials in 2015.

FUFA President Eng. Moses Magogo said that;

'The decision to conduct this course was reached on by the FUFA Executive. All clubs in the AUPL and Big League must have Chief Executive officers. It is one of the requirements for club licensing'

Development: Philip Omondi Stadium ready



A FIFA consultant on installation of pitches with Natural and Artificial grass-Stephen Baker inspected the works at the Phillip Omondi Stadium in Lugogo.

Baker was assigned by FIFA to assess the progress of the project before the installation of the artificial turf.

The work covered five stages.

'He is here to assess the progress of the project from which he will make a report where Edel Grass will base to start installing the artificial turf' said Ahmed Hussein the project spokesperson.

The pitch was cleared for use and will be ready for ready for next season.

The new FIFA President



Gianni Infantino was voted the new FIFA President as the Swiss will serve for the rest of the current term that ends in 2019.

He won the four man race in the second round of polling after the first session had failed to produce an outright winner in Zurich, Switzerland.

The race included Prince Ali of Jordan, Asian Football Confederation boss Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim al Khalifa of Bahrain and Frenchman Jerome Champagne, a former FIFA deputy secretary General.

Tokyo Sexwale of South Africa withdrew from the race moments to the election time.

FUFA was represented in Zurich by Eng. Moses Magogo (President), Justus Mugisha (Vice President) and Edgar Watson (Chief Executive Officer).



AFCON 2017 Qualifiers: Cranes frustrated by Burkina Faso



Uganda Cranes and Burkina Faso played to a goalless draw at the Nelson Mandela National Stadium, Namboole.

This was the second leg of the double header fixture in group D of the AFCON 2017 qualification campaign following the first match played in Ouagadougou on Saturday, 26th March 2016. Burkina Faso won 1-0 at home.

Before the match, there was a special moment reserved for the departed former Uganda Cranes' player, Abel Dhaira who died of abdominal cancer in Iceland where he was playing with IBV.

The Cranes created a series of chances in either halves with Tonny Mawejje hitting the cross bar in the first 16 minutes of the game.

Massa, Miya and second half substitute, Moses Oloya also came close to scoring in the latter half.

Both Uganda and Burkina Faso remained tied on 7 points each in group D.

Uganda Cranes XI: Denis Onyango (G.K), Denis Iguma, Joseph Ochaya, Hassan Wasswa Mawanda, Isaac Isinde, Khalid Aucho, Kizito Luwagga, Tonny Mawejje, Farouk Miya, Geoffrey Massa, Emma Okwi

Meanwhile National prayers for the Uganda Cranes were conducted around the country seeking divine intervention before the two fixtures were played against Burkina Faso.

Prayers were held at the National Mosque in Old Kampala, Rubaga Cathedral, Namirembe Cathedral and Victory Church in Ndeeba.

Cranes suffer first loss of regional tour to West Nile regional team



Uganda Cranes Regional Tours 2016

West Nile 1-0 Uganda Cranes

The Uganda Cranes four match unbeaten run came to a halt when a determined West Nile regional side won 1-0 in Arua. The home side had promised to give the national team a run for their money and they indeed served their fans with great memories to cherish forever.

Second half substitute Sizza Olega who had replaced former U-17 National team striker Muhammed Shaban scored the only goal of the game in the 70th minute.

UMEA Games; Girls' football breaks the ice, hosts Masaka wins double



UMEA Games 2016 (Football):

Final (Boys): Masaka S.S 1-0 Welden School, Mbarara

Final (Girls): Masaka S.S 1-0 Kakungulu Memorial School

MVPs: Joseph Malish (Welden) & Jacky Nassali (Kakungulu Memorial)

Top Scorers: Joseph Jjanjali — 10 goals (Masaka S.S) & Juliet Nalukenge — 4 goals (Kawempe Muslim)

Hosts, Masaka secondary school won two football titles as the 2016 Uganda Muslim Solidarity Association (UMEA) Games ended on Easter Sunday at Masaka recreational stadium.

Masaka S.S retained the boys' title and won the inaugural edition of girls' football. In the boy's final, Masaka defeated Welden School from Mbarara with winger Abdulnoor Lukwata scoring five minutes to the end of the game.

For the first time, girls' the UMEA games.

Masaka S.S edged school 1-0. Midfielder, Nakiridde scored a wonder from over 45 yards.

'It is good that we have The UMEA games are an talent from the grassroots'

the local organizing committee, Hajji Twahir Kitezaala.

FUFA donated 10 footballs, NIC provided the medical insurance cover and Pepsi quenched the thirst of all the participants as well as providing tents and plastic chairs used.



UMEA football boys' action

football was played at

Kakungulu Memorial Catherine goal with the left foot

started girls' football.

avenue of spotting noted the Chairman of

CAF club licensing seminar reaps instant fruits



The CAF club licensing seminar organised by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) in conjunction with Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) was intended to sow seeds of good club management. The good news though, by the close of business of the two day seminar organized at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala, there were ready fruits in the month of April taken home by the club managers, CEO's, stadium managers, security personnel and other participants. 'We learnt the A to Z of club management especially the well defined roles of CEOs, planning for the clubs and players as well. The seminar was fruitful and I expect to meet the other officials of the club for general sensitisation' noted URA's CEO, Edward Kulubya. At the same forum, clubs were taken through the norms of the set CAF Licensing system and how best they could comply to the set club licensing standards. The message was emphasised by the three CAF Club licensing instructors in attendance.

'To go professional, Ugandan clubs need to comply to these Club licensing systems. Uganda is lucky they have never appeared before the CAF Disciplinary Committee' Raymond Hack, a South African stated. Hack was joined by Sandy Kayuni, a Tanzanian and CECAFA Secretary General, Nicholas Musonye. The workshop was attended by Club Chief Executive Officers (CEO's), FSL Board Members, Ministry of Education and Sports officials (National Council of Sports), Security operatives, Sports, Science and Technology, State House, Uganda Olympic Committee (UOC), KCCA, Stadium owners/managers and the FUFA Licensing Committee members. 'Uganda is on the right track since at the beginning of the 2015/16 season all Elite clubs met the minimum club licensing requirements' Kayuni said. UPL Chief Executive Officer, Bernard Bainamani thanked the participants for participation with a call for improvement on the grey areas. FUFA's CEO, Edgar Watson, a former Uganda Cranes captain moderated the seminar. Watson highlighted on the current situation where Uganda is at the moment; 'At first, the club licensing system received stiff resistance. But now, the fruits are here although, there is still a lot to improve' Watson, also a CAF Technical Study Group member noted.

Seminar Objectives:

Safeguard the credibility and integrity of club competitions, Improve the level of professionalism within the football family, Promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play, as well as safe and secure match environments, Promote good governance in clubs, Promote transparency in the control of clubs, Prevent ownership or influence over of more than one club. Key areas of what was discussed included stadium management and maintenance under Infrastructure criteria which was covered by Nicolas Musonye.



Pictorial moments from the CAF Club licensing seminar at Imperial Royale, Kampala in April





2016 Mama Becca Women’s Day Cup:

Finals

Open Category: She Corporate 1-0 Gadhafi Integrated School (Scorer: Tina Nambirigge)

Primary Category: Mwanda Foundation, Iganga 2-0 Jolly Primary School

The 2016 Mama Becca Women football tournament successfully concluded at Old Kampala S.S play ground. Mwanda Foundation school from Iganga defeated Jolly Primary School 2-0 in the final to take the Juniors’ category. Olivia Nabirye scored a brace in the final.

FIFA Connect Workshop rolls off in Botswana



Uganda's representatives Chief Executive Officer Edgar Watson and Competitions Director Ali Mwebi were part of participants at the FIFA Connect workshop in Avani Gaborone Hotel and Casino, Botswana. Participating FIFA Member Associations sent in representatives

from; Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The workshop was officially opened by the Botswana FA President Tebogo Sebego.

The seminar was organized to impart knowledge to the participants that will see FIFA Member Associations move from the current License Plus to the FIFA Connect Programme under the 'Know Your Person Project'.

The workshop further improved in the areas of record keeping and database collection for proper management by FIFA MAs.



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Beach Soccer: Nkumba Lifts Pepsi National League Title



Nkumba Select emerged champions of the Pepsi Beach Soccer League over the weekend following their impressive 8-3 win over St Lawrence University at Lido Beach Beach, Entebbe.

Most Valuable Player Roch Somoka together with Faisal Muwawu, Douglas Muganga and Allan Zirintusa netted for the newly crowned champions- Nkumba Select.

The 2015/16 Azam Uganda Premier league came to a successful conclusion on Friday, 27th May 2016



Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) FC dethroned Vipers to win their 11th league crown.

The final league game for KCCA FC against Sadolin Paints which ended 1-1 at Nakivubo stadium on Friday was merely ceremonial as they had already clinched the

championship on match day 29.

Fred Ssegujja nearly spoiled the day for the champions who only waited being crowned the best of the season. But, Joseph Ochaya made amends with a well taken volley in the second half as the game ended one goal apiece. Simba, Maroons and Sports Club Victoria University were relegated.

FUFA Big League: Proline Promoted. Kirinya-Jinja S.S Are Champions



Kirinya-Jinja S.S overcame Onduparaka 2-0 courtesy of strikes from Musa Mugumba and Joel Madondo in either halves to win the FUFA Big league title.

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Proline beat Sporting United 4-1 to take the other slot into the top flight next season.

2016 FUFA Corporate Tourney: National Water & Sewerage Corporation Retains Trophy



Defending champions, National Water and Sewerage Corporation successfully retained the title as they edged debutants SSL Logistics 1-0 to win the day long tourney.

Ahmed Swalley scored the winning goal that guided his side to the much desired victory in an exciting finale. 14

Corporate teams took part.

Final: SSL Logistics **0-1** National Water & Sewerage Corporation

3rd Place Play -off: Civil Aviation Authority **3-0** Uganda Premier League

Semi-final 1: Uganda Premier League **0 (0) — 0 (3)** SSL Logistics

Semi-final 2: Civil Aviation Authority **0-1** National Water & Sewerage Corporation

FUFA Juniors Elite League U-17: Vipers Edge KCCA To Win Title



Final: Vipers Juniors Team **0 (4) — 0 (1)** KCCA Soccer Academy

Third Place: Bright Stars **1 (4) — 1 (3)** BUL Junior team

Semi-final 1: Bright Stars Junior Team **0 (3) — 0 (4)** KCCA Soccer Academy

Semi-final 2: Bul Junior Team **0-3** Vipers Junior

Vipers Juniors team are the champions of the 2015/16 FUFA Juniors Elite league.

Vipers won 4-1 in the penalties following a goal-less draw of normal time in the final played at Kawempe Muslim S.S play ground.

Vipers Junior goalie, Derrick Ochan was the hero saving two penalties to give his team the advantage as his teammates successfully converted.

FUFA supports Masaza cup with 100 balls



The Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) has supported the 2016 Masaza football tournament that kicked off on 7th May.

The sponsorship is in form 100 footballs which were handed over by the FUFA President Eng. Moses Magongo to Buganda Sports, Youth and Recreation Minister Owek. Henry Ssekabembe at FUFA House, Mmengo.

While handing over the balls, Engineer Magongo highlighted the historical relation of football in Uganda with Buganda Kingdom.

‘Ugandan football has a long history with the Buganda Kingdom not forgetting that the first FUFA President in 1924 was Ssekabaka Daudi Chwa II’ noted Eng. Moses Magongo. Engineer Magongo added that the historical participation of Buganda Kingdom in football needs to be mentioned in terms of playing, coaching and administration.

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FIFA Live Your Goals Programme Breaks Ice in Eastern Uganda



The thrilling, lively, educative and ever interesting Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) Live Your Goals football programme has been officially launched in the Eastern region at the Mbale Municipal Stadium. The launch follows the earlier launch in

Kampala region that took place in the year, 2015.

FUFA national grass-roots football Coordinator, Willis Muwanguzi emphasized the significance of the FIFA Live your goals programme intended to introduce the game of football to young girls so that they live to cherish this beautiful game as they grow up.

Onyango wins best keeper award in South Africa



Uganda Cranes goalkeeper Denis Onyango was on Monday night rewarded for his diligence in the goal posts as the goal keeper of the season in the South African Premier League.

Onyango, who features for Mamelodi Sundowns beat Moeneeb Josephs (Bidvest Wits) and Shu-aib Walters (MP Black Aces) to the accolade that also comes forth with 50,000R as awards money.

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