

MONTHLY



FUFA President Eng. Moses Magogo (in a blue suit and tie) with CAF B Coaching course participants and instructors in Njeru.

Fruitful month for FUFA

The Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) ended the month of January on a fruitful note. With so many activities lined up last month, FUFA hit most of its set targets in the mentioned period. It was a busy month with several federation activities for the betterment of football in Uganda.

The football fraternity must have already noticed the good things happening at FUFA House in Mengo.

When Eng. Moses Magogo was elected as FUFA President in 2013, he promised to improve on many areas and one of them was football education for coaches, referees, sports medicine, administration and management.



1- FUFA 1st VP Justus Mugisha, 2- FUFA 3rd VP Dennis Mbidde handover certificates to former FIFA referee Ali Tomusange and Oryem Boniface respectively, below is a group photo of the FAMACO I participants and instructors in Kisubi.

Achievements We organised a successful FUFA Symposium attended by H.E the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi, Acquisition of 102.1 FUFA FM, Two coaching courses CAF A and B, Release of names for coaches who passed the CAF C course, Referees retreat at FUFA Technical centre to review the performance of the first round in the Uganda Premier League and Big League, FUFA Administration and Management course (FAMACO I), Executive Committee meeting held in which new regulations were passed, training sessions of U-23 team starts as Uganda prepares for the 2015 All Africa Games qualifiers against Mozambique, Successful completion of the secondary transfer window and the National Beach soccer team started training for Africa Beach Soccer Championship.

Message from FUFA President



I am inspired by the following extracts of Team-Magogo Manifesto that I used while canvassing for support to be elected

'The image of FUFA is the source of its revenue. Once offered opportunity

of leadership, we shall improve the communications strategy to reach out to all parties'

And; **'I will spearhead to strengthen the communications department at the FUFA Secretariat with fulltime personnel to ensure that information flow is conduct-ed with a check and monitoring system to ensure that the desired and expected message is sent out'**

My administration before coming to office had analysed the bottlenecks of Ugandan Football through research, experience and expertise. The manifesto was drawn with such precision that it is not by accident that FUFA is rapidly churning out a multitude of innovations and programmes.

Whereas FUFA has been buzzing on the Digital Media (Blogs, Websites and Social Media), FUFA is aware of target audiences that may not necessarily access the cyberspace. We have therefore designed other communications platforms to reach all.

The FUFA monthly-newsletter is one of the latest innovations at the federation. We want to tell the story in our text and pictures. We want to have a printed record that can always be referenced. We want to share with all stakeholders including international partners in an organised story that is well told and packaged.

The agenda is that at an opportune moment in the future, this e-letter will be converted to a printable version.

At this moment I will commend the FUFA Secretariat under the Chief Executive Officer Mr. Edgar Watson but particularly the Communications and Marketing Department for yet another milestone. Enjoy the FUFA Monthly Newsletter.

CATHERINE ADIPO: Meet East Africa's First



History Maker: Adipo

Female FIFA Referee

Goals are set targets with several individuals in the different spheres of life eagerly eye to accomplish.

Retired Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) female

referee Catherine Adipo set a catalogue of priorities.

Among these was officiating at the global stage with the famous FIFA Badge.

"When I embarked on the refereeing profession, my target was to acquire the FIFA Badge and maintain the legacy for years through fairness, dedicated and committed service " she revealed her master plan to FUFA monthly newsletter.

Indeed, Adipo was focused and her endless toil reaped fruitful dividends – becoming the first woman to be appointed FIFA

referee not only on the pearl of Africa Ugandan land and the entire East and Central Africa in 1995.

Adipo joined the Uganda referees Association in 1989 and six years later (1995) became a FIFA referee.

In 2005, she officiated at many local and international matches including the Africa Women's championship in South Africa before retiring the following year.

Adipo urges more women to take on the refereeing profession; "It is a profession that one enjoys, earns, as well as builds a strong chain of net working for future references. I therefore call upon more women referees to take up refereeing", she calls.

At the moment, she lectures Physical Science at Kyambogo University.

The first female referee in Uganda was Joyce Lutwama.

Overall, Uganda has had 19 and 62 female and men FIFA referees respectively. The departed Dan Nkata received Uganda's first FIFA badge in 1960.

Uganda's Female FIFA Referees Since 1995

Center Referees: Christine Adipo, Margaret Kubingi, Florence Fauchani, Aisha Semambo, Irene Namubiru

Assistant Referees: Rose Rwamuyamba, Harriet Semugabi Nattabi, Diana Mukasa, Solome Nakawuka, Florence Semambo, Asha Sonko, Rahaman Kizito Nansubuga, Amina Kayinza, Marex Nakito Nkumbi, Catherine Nagadya, Akoyi Anna, Jane Mutonyi, Lydia Nantabo, Joyce Lutwama

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Revita in action during the Pepsi Beach Soccer League at Lido

JOHN 'PIRLO' REVITA: Pioneer Philippine in Uganda Beach Soccer

Without any doubt, when you approach John 'Pirlo' Revita on your first encounter, the writing will be well spelt out on the wall that he could be one those tourists that have visited the Pearl of Africa-Uganda. One will surely be mistaken.

Revita, born to a Philippine father-Revita Dionisio and a Ugandan mother, Revita Kabananye (both passed on), is not in Uganda for touring expeditions.

He is a Ugandan, a proud beach soccer player featuring in the Pepsi National beach soccer league and the national beach soccer team – The Uganda Sand Cranes.

Playing for the Real Galacticos, one of the sides in the Monsoon group, Revita, is a descent footballer, who just started playing the game on the sand in March, 2014.

'A friend of mine (Abdul Karim Alvero) encouraged me to try out the game and I have no regrets even since I started playing it' the lanky footballer, with a pony tail hair style

says.

Early Life:

Revita was born 20 years ago in Rubaga. He studied at Step by Step Primary before he completed his O and A level studies at Uganda Martyrs' Rubaga. He later went to Rwanda for a short course in engineering he duly completed.

Joining Beach Soccer

It takes courage to follow a friend's word. When Abdul Karim approached Revita to try out beach soccer, the latter did not even give it a second thought but followed his best friend's calling and today he is one of the happiest players of beach football.

'I love playing beach soccer. The sand is great and scoring is my other responsibility' Revita, who was voted MVP in the 2013/14 season, says.

He is also featuring in the Rubaga first division league with Lugunjja football club, where he features as a defender.

'It takes courage, fitness, speed, reaction and endurance to play beach soccer' Revita adds of the sport that has steadily picked momentum in Uganda.

Revita was part of the Uganda Sand Cranes team that traveled to Mombasa for a friendly match with Ken-

Laugh with Us...

Summing up my football career: I got into a few games after they were hopelessly won or hopelessly lost, you know, when they put the substitutes in, and finally the water boy, and then me. That is the way it worked. - **Richard Nixon**

If football players were armed with guns, there wouldn't be stadiums large enough to hold the crowds.—**Irwin Shaw**

Most football players are temperamental. That's 90 percent temper and 10 percent mental.—**Doug Plank**

Let's Learn: 1. Whenever an Assistant referee signals the ball out of play, he must retain the signal until acknowledged by the referee.

2. The FUFA Executive Committee consists of 13 members; President, 1st Vice President, 2nd President, 3rd Vice President-FUFA Super League, 8 members representing each of the 8 Regional Associations and One member being a woman.

Did you know?



Former Uganda Olympic Committee Secretary General **Gabriel Jerisa Wangara Oloka** was a FUFA referee between 1982 and 1990. Oloka who is the current General Secretary of the Shooting Federation in Uganda, was also a star player for Police FC in the 70s.

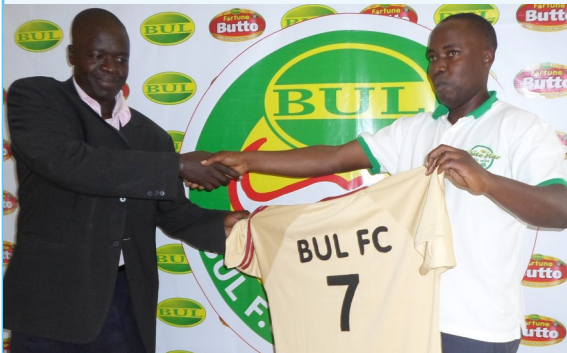
The Beautiful Game of FOOTBALL



Priscilla Kababiito 5, (left) and Belinda Nabwire 8 playing football at Nsambya Gogonya play ground on 25 Jan 2015

Eastern Region football Legacy Continues to Blossom

Since time immemorial, the eastern Uganda region has been inevitably filled with the passion of football rivalry that existed amongst fans ranging from Tobbacco F.C, Lint F.C Nile FC, UEB FC (Umeme), SCOUT, Nytil FC, Mbale Heroes, Idudi, Telestars, Iganga, Old Timers, Busia Fisheries, to lately Sadoline Paints C and Bul F.C. This has been greatly contributed to the existence of



Bul FC Chairman Silver Alias unveiling a new player Milton Kalisa (R)

the Walukuba Tobacco grounds, Kakindu and the Bugembe stadium among others.

Bul FC Case Study

Back then in 2007, BIDCO Managing Director Kodey Rao developed an idea of coming up with some departmental sports competitions. The current club

chairman, Silver Alias was approached for his opinion about starting a club and to date, the rest is now history.

'We realized that Iganga was inconsistent in producing players while Jinja was continuously letting some of its greatest stars depart unceremoniously without recognition, so we mooted an idea to start a new football club in the area' said Alias.

Walukuba Products

Walukuba has produced some of the country's finest players who have gone on to don the famous Uganda Cranes jersey. Cranes. Bright Dhaira- now goal keeping coach at BUL FC, his son Abel Dhaira, Moses Oloya, Andy Mwesigwa- Uganda Cranes skipper, Geoffrey Massa and Simeon Masaba are some of the products from the 'Walukuba football Academy'.

Rekindling the Eastern Glory

The club's patrons Kodey Rao and Director Suvrajit Ghosh, chairperson Alias, General Secretary Gerald Kayuuyo, Administrative Secretary Salmin Saleh and head coach Kefa Kisala have come up with strategies in a bid to attract the finest talents in the region. The most signifying of the news strategies is- each player at the club being included in the health Insurance scheme.

Current Crop of Stars

Fans have already begun idolizing some of the club's eye catching talents like Crespo Asiku, Milton Karisa, Hashim Sempala, Herbert Odipio and Joshua Masene who have expressed themselves with a lot of skill and enthusiasm while in action.

Modern Stadium plans

Team leader, customer response team General Manager Suvrajit Ghosh said that on the 55 hectares of land BIDCO Uganda Limited lies at Masese, the company is planning to construct a modern stadium and a housing estate to accommodate the players and officials.

"With all that in plan, we shall be able to compete with the best teams in the league as we seek to take the local soccer titles in the nearby future. Our target is to become the best club in the country'said Ghosh.

FUFA Executive Committee member hailing for the region, Sam Lwere admits that BUL FC and Sadoline Paints FC have contributed to rivalry' hence soccer fans returning to the stadiums.

'We appreciate the role played by both clubs of bringing back the fans to the stadiums. It is good for the future in terms of revenue collections, developing the game and building confidence among players' said Lwere.

When BUL and Sadoline met in the first round of the Uganda Premier League, the game ended 1-1 at Kakindu stadium. Will BUL and Sadoline revive the Eastern region football rivalry?

FUFA FM 102.1 will educate, entertain and position our brand to the masses beyond what happens on the football pitch

In a bid to strengthen the communications department, Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) has started a new station called FUFA FM on the frequency 102.1.

Addressing the journalists from the different media houses during the weekly press conference in Mengo, FUFA president Eng. Moses Magogo said the radio is to help boost the FUFA Communications department.

102.1 FUFA FM will basically educate, inform, entertain and help in the promotion of FUFA Commercial properties and the game. The radio operations take immediate effect' said Magogo.

The FUFA President further said 'the acquisition of this media platform will help us position our brand to the masses beyond what happens on the football pitch'

Eng. Magogo also explained that the radio, whose radius coverage is 80KM was a project passed by the FUFA General Assembly in Lira.

The project comes after the world's football body-FIFA offered each of the 209 national federations a financial offer as part of the revenue fetched from the 2014 FIFA World Cup finals in Brazil.

THROUGH THE LENS: FUFA Activities in January



Airtel Marketing Manager Prasoon Lal conducting the Uganda cup draw at FUFA House.



CAF Instructor Sunday Kayuni with participants during the CAF Coaching course at FUFA Technical Centre, Njeru



FUFA Executive meeting held on 25th January 2015 at FUFA House, Mengo



FUFA President (M) breaking the news to the media-acquisition of FUFA FM 102.1



FUFA president Eng Moses Magoso at the 2015 FIFA Ballon D'Or Awards in Zurich



FUFA President Eng Moses Magoso with his counterpart of Zambia Kalusha Bwalya at the 2015 FIFA Ballon D'Or Awards in Zurich



HE Vice President of the Republic of Uganda Hon Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi with FUFA President Eng. Moses Magoso at the high table during the FUFA Symposium at Imperial Royale.



Participants during the CAF A coaching course. L-R Sam Simbwa, George Semwogerere, Jackson Mayanja, Moses Basena and FUFA Technical Committee Chairman Hamid Juma



Participants of the 2015 FUFA Symposium



UBSA's Junju Hamza announcing the Uganda Beach soccer Squad to start preparations for the African Qualifiers.



FIFA Instructor Just Mugisha on duty during the FAMACO I in Kisubi



Instructors of the FAMACO I



A prayer moment for U-23 players before starting training at Phillip Omondi stadium, Lugogo

2015 All Africa Games Qualifiers: U-23 Team starts Training

Uganda Cranes coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic has released the initial list of 50 players to start training for the upcoming All Africa Games qualifiers against Mozambique on the weekend of 20th-22nd February, 2015. The remainder (50 players) will come from the FUFA Big League and more players from the two clubs-KCC FC and URA FC who will be playing in continental football. The first training and selection exercises were held at Villa Park and Philip Omondi stadium.

GOALKEEPERS (6): Watenga Isma (Vipers), Kigonya Mathias (Bright Stars), Mugabi Alex (Simba), Bugembe Ashadu (Kira Young), Majwega Michael (Lweza), Didi Mohamed (Sadolin)

DEFENDERS (18): Nsubuga Joseph (Bright Stars), Kagwa Andrew (Sc Villa), Musisi Farouk (Lweza), Nsubuga Moses (Bright Stars), Lumu Isa (Kira Young), Kiyemba Ibrahim (Lweza), Kyambadde

Sadat (Police), Bakaki Shafiq (Express), Mukobe Umaru (BUL), Ssemogerere Joseph (Sadolin), Kawessa Frank (Simba), Ochwo Brian (Victoria), Bukenya Rashid (Rwenshama), Magadah Ibrahim (Entebbe), Mukisa Joseph Junior (Sadolin), Kisige Paul (Sadolin), Muwanguzi John (Soana), Katende Misi (Soana)

MIDFIELDERS (13): Miya Farouk (Vipers), Teko Derrick (Kira Young), Kizito Keziron (Vipers), Lwanga Tadeo (Express), Nkuubi Brian (Kira Young), Kiwanuka Gadaffi (Rwenshama), Mutyaba Julius (Lweza), Sempala Hashim (BUL), Otto Daniel (Victoria), Pengere Ibrahim (Entebbe), Achema Robert (BUL), Senfuka Rahumatah (Police), Kamanzi Denis (Sc Villa)

ATTACKERS (13): Kalisa Milton (BUL), Kivumbi Martin (Bright Stars), Elkanah Nkugwa (URA), Kikoyo Hassan (Bright Stars), Kasumba Umaru (Police), Kasule Abdul Kareem (Sc Villa), Batali Moses (Vipers), Malingumu Julius (Vipers), Kasi-bante James (URA), Kawadwa Joshua (Bright Stars), Kigongo Ronald (URA), Lwesibawa Godfrey (Express) and Lwassa



U-23 keepers (L-R) Watenga Isma (Vipers), Bugembe Ashadu (Kira Young), Kigonya Mathias (Bright Stars) and Didi Mohamed (Sadolin) in a photo moment with goal keeping legends Paul Ssali (extreme left) and Sadiq Wassia (yellow top)



Coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic with his U-23 troops at the Phillip Omondi stadium, Lugogo

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Activities February:

1st - Kenya vs Uganda Beach soccer International friendly match

7th - CAF A Coaching closes at FUFA Technical centre, Njeru

8th - Draft regulations for U-17 league

10th - Meeting with Youth Football stakeholders

11th - Uganda Cup Round of 64

13th - URA FC vs ASSM Elgeco Plus,

14th - KCC vs Cosmos De Bafia (Match organization).

17th - AZAM Uganda Premier League kick off

19th - FUFA Big league Kick off

20th-22nd - All Africa games qualifier - Mozambique vs Uganda

21st - FUFA Women Elite League Kick off