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March Highlights



The FUFA Drum



Buganda's Viane Sekajugo in action against Lango at Bishop's SS in Mukono

Match Day 1 Results

Group A

Kampala	0-1	Rwenzori
Busoga	1-1	Tooro

Group B:

Buganda	1-0	Lango
Ankole	3-2	Sebei

Group C:

West Nile	1-2	Bunyoro
Acholi	2-0	Karamoja

Group D:

Bukedi	3-1	Teso
Bugisu	1-0	Kigezi

Strong Start for Cup Holders Buganda

Defending champions Buganda Province has sent a strong warning as the second edition of The FUFA Drum kicked off on Saturday (March 30th) with a 1-0 victory over visiting Lango at Bishop SS in Mukono. Last season's MVP Vianne Sekajugo

started where he let off in the inaugural edition with the lone goal that delivered all the three points for the hosts. It was sweet revenge for Buganda who lost 3-1 to their rivals at the same venue last season.

But fans should expect an exciting fight in Group B after Ankole Province saw off visiting Sebei 3-2 in another thriller at Kyamate Ground to go top of

the group.

Of course Lango, with a host of stars in their ranks will have to regroup so the battle for the top two positions is likely to be tight. However, anxiety will not only be in Group B as elsewhere there results showed mixed fortunes as some results shocked prematch favourites.

Group A favourites Kampala and Busoga provinces were shocked when they failed to capitalise on home advantage to reap maximum points.

At Luzira ground, hosts Kampala Province fell 1-0 to visiting Rwenzori thanks to Mhinzi Muhindo's 4th minute strike.

Rwenzori lead the group after Busoga could only settle for a 1-1 with Tooro at the Kyabazinga Stadium, Bugambe. In Group C, West Nile playing at the Bar Okoro

stadium stronghold in Paidha, experienced a shock of their life when Bunyoro walked away with all three points following a 2-1 victory.

Acholi then assumed the leadership of the group with a 2-0 home victory over fatigued Karamoja at Pece Stadium.

At Butaleja, last year's quarterfinalists Bukedi Province underlined their intent once again with a convincing 3-1 home victory over Teso in Group D as Bugisu edged Kigezi 1-0 at Mbale Municipal Stadium.

Match Day 1 was once again characterized by excitement from enthusiastic fans who turned up in big numbers to support their provinces. The tournament played under the theme 'Celebrating Our Ancestry', has awakened so many soccer loving fans countrywide as they have witnessed high level competitive football that also involves national players, in their backyard.



Lango fan at Bishop's SS



Guests after teams' inspection at Bishop's SS



Lango's Timothy Awanyi during their clash with Buganda at Bishop's SS

Capacity Building



Members of Referees Assessors in a group photo with Celestine Ntagungira

*'I thank CAF and the leadership of FUFA for organising such a course which is important because assessors play a big role in refereeing by always giving feedback to the committee about their work
Celestine Ntagungira*

FUFA in collaboration with Africa football governing body (CAF)organised a refresher course for Match Assessors at the FUFA Technical Centre in Njeru. The three-day course (March 18th-20th) was attended by 59 participants, three of whom were from beach soccer.

Rwandan CAF instructor also a retired FIFA assistant referee and a member of the CAF Referees Committee and IFAB Celestine Ntagungira presided over the course

FUFA requested CAF to organise the course with an international instructor. We are grateful that CAF responded to our request.

Ali Mwebe, who heads the development department at FUFA, said the federation was hopeful of reaping positively from the course with the improvement in the refereeing standards.

The participants were taken through a number of topics including FUFA and its development programmes, amendments to the laws of the game, assessment process and the match assessment principles, field activity, understanding the new concept of refereeing, report writing, match debriefing to the referees, preparation of integrated trainings, among others, with practical sessions.

'Assessors are also instructors who must be in line with the trend of football when they get refresher courses to widen their knowledge which they later pass on to the referees. We need to have uniformity in the assessment world over; that is why CAF and FIFA encourage such refresher courses'

The role of an assessor is to guide the referees into proper performance on the field of play. They also help the federation scout young referees from the eight regions - Ronnie Kalema

Capacity Building

FIFA experts train clubs on transfers

The process of transferring players is expected to be a lot easier during subsequent transfer windows following a two-day training Domestic Transfer Matching Systems (DTMS) that took place last month.

The workshop (March 21-22) at Royal Suites, Bugoloobi in Kampala, was conducted by two FIFA Transfer Matching Systems (TMS) experts Anabel Belzunce and Prisca Mutesi. It was meant for all the StarTimes Uganda Premier League clubs and the Big League sides.

Belzunce is the Senior Training and support coordinator of the FIFA TMS Global Transfers and compliance while Mutesi is the TMS Legal Officer.

Presiding over the opening ceremony, FUFA Second Vice President Darius Mugoye, who represented the FUFA President Eng. Moses Magogo, urged club representatives to make use of the gained skills as we aspire to attain FUFA's vision of being the best footballing country on the continent.

“As FUFA we have a vision of being the Number One footballing nation in Africa on and off the field of play. Let us apply whatever we learn from this workshop towards improving the state of football among the clubs,” Mugoye urged. FUFA Legal Officer who is also the FUFA Transfer Matching System (TMS) manager Denis Lukambi, lauded the two instructors for the knowledge passed on, as well as the willingness of the clubs to train their DTMS managers.

“This is a great trend in Uganda’s football. I thank the two instructors for this knowledge. In the same vein, I thank the clubs for accepting their respective officials to get trained,” Denis Lukambi noted.

The workshop was also attended by FUFA staff led by the Football Development Director Ali Mwebe, Aisha Nalule (FUFA Competitions Director) as well as other members of the competitions department.



Anabel Belzunce (in white) with some of the participants during the practical session

FIFA embarked on an exercise to assess stadiums that host International football matches in Uganda. Two FIFA Inspectors Mark Smith James and Richard Riding Paul together, Mandela National Stadium MD Jamil Sewanyana, Steohen Kacuumu (FUFA Security) conducted the inspection exercise of Namboole



Mark Smith James and Richard Riding Paul together with Mandela National Stadium MD Jamil Sewanyana during the inspection

Justus Mugisha Chairs first Technical Committee meeting for world football schools cup - Belgrade Serbia 2019

FUFA 1st Vice President Justus Mugisha is in Belgrade, Serbia to chairing Technical Committee meetings ahead of World football schools cup 2019.

Mugisha is the President of the Technical Commission in charge of football at the International Schools Sports Federation for the period 2018-2022.



Justus Mugisha (L) while in Belgrade, Serbia





Decolas Kiiza - FUFA Finance Director

GOVERNMENT PRIOTISED INVESTMENT IN SPORTS IS FEASIBLE

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- The skewed support to football has its own justifications. First, football is the most popular sport in the world and it demonstrates best all the advantages of sport; national cohesion and patriotism, healthy nation, reduced health cost bill, productivity, and feel good syndrome, etal.
- Secondly, in Uganda its football that will give Government return on investment to generate resources for other disciplines and probably other government programmes.
- Thirdly, International football competitions have wider coverage and Television viewership. The Africa Cup of Nation (AFCON) finals Gabon 2017 was watched by not less

- than 6 billion people providing opportunity for all to view the Uganda Cranes and advertise Uganda. Previously the Government has paid for 30 seconds adverts on international media at US\$ 5million.
- Fourthly, football is relatively more expensive; players have to be flown from wherever they ply their trade, the game is a team sport (more than 30 personnel), remuneration is above the ordinary, competition regulations have their own financial implications, etal
- Fifth, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Currency Inflows are the highest for football than any other sports discipline in Uganda from the now close to 100 footballers that ply their trade outside the country. This is on top of direct remittances by FIFA and CAF through the ever COMPLIANT affiliation by FUFA. FIFA is committed to funding up to USD 6 million in conditioned projects and administrative support over 4 years (2019-2022) for each of its member association (FUFA).
- The relevant law in Uganda today is the National Council of Sports (NCS) Act 1964 which is way out of the reality in the modern professional sports environment.
- A new law needs to be enacted to, among others, facilitate the promotion and sustainable development of sports through better management, the creation of an appropriate environment for encouraging participation and achieving excellence in sports, as well as for healthy development of our citizens.
- Secondly, Government is better placed to develop, construct, own and operate sports infrastructure. Government can easily find suitable land, has the capacity to undertake any construction project, and can easily provide the budget support needed for facilities maintenance once in use.
- The high altitude training centre at Teriet in Kapchorwa for athletes is a step in the right direction; the FUFA Drum competition across the country demonstrated the inadequacy of football infrastructure and facilities all over Uganda.
- Thirdly, government should introduce policies that give incentives for investment in sports the way it has done with the Oil and Gas sector.
- The earlier we redirected our strategic focus towards developing the seemingly 'virgin' sports sub sector to match modern trends the better.



Group photo of various participants from Kapchorwa, Kween and Bukwo DFAs in Sebei sub-region in Eastern Region FA at Noah's Ark hotel in Kapchorwa.

Member Associations

Sebei province gets FAMACO course

FUFA through its Member Associations Office has concluded a three-day Football Administration and Management Course (FAMACO) Level I for Sebei sub-region to empower the local administrators with football management skills.

The course that ran from March 26-28 was necessitated after FUFA realised there was little football management knowledge among the leaders in the area.

This was particularly evidenced by squabbles during the first edition of The FUFA Drum competition last season. Consequently, Sebei Province put up one of the worst performances during the competition.

FUFA first vice president Mr. Justus Mugisha, himself a FIFA football management and administration instructor led the team of course facilitators who also had retired referee and acting

FUFA electoral committee chairman Mr. Awuye Yusuf.

Mr. Mugisha said that the course is one way FUFA empowers and builds capacity among its members to better manage the game.

A total of 27 participants composed of DFA, NGOs, both male and female school teachers and local leaders in Sebei sub-region earned themselves certificates after the course.

They were Led by chairman of The FUFA Drum competition in the province Mr. Twalla Yusuf, and all District Football Association (DFA) chairmen from Kapchorwa, Kween Bukwo.

Mr. Twalla and the DFA chairmen confessed that their internal wrangles, as a result of lack of knowledge, has for long affected them but the FAMACO course had opened their



Action at StarTimes Stadium - Lugogo as Proline FC edged Vipers SC 3:2 to book a place in the final four of the 2019 Stanbic Uganda Cup

Stanbic Uganda Cup

Quarter finals results

Saturday 9th March 2019

Nebbi Central FC 0:1 Bright Stars FC-Luo Stadium, Nebbi

Sunday 10th March 2019

Kyetume FC 0(4):0(1)Wakiso Giants FC-Nakisunga Saaza Grounds

Monday 11th March 2019

Express FC 1:0 BUL FC-Mutessa II Stadium

Tuesday 12th March 2019

Proline FC 3:2Vipers SC-StarTimes Stadium, Lugogo

Proline caused the biggest upset when they beat StarTimes Uganda Premier League champions Vipers SC 3-2 at Lugogo while Kyetume FC saw off fellow second tier league side Wakiso Giants 4-1 following kicks from the penalty spot.

The other two semifinalists are Express FC who edged BUL FC 1-0 and Bright Stars FC who laboured to a 1-0 win over another Big League side Nebbi Central FC.

The semifinal draw is due later this month.

Proline, Kyetume eyeing Cup history

StarTimes Big League sides Proline FC and Kyetume FC have defied odds to reach the semi-finals of the 2018/19 Stanbic Uganda Cup last month.

They will be aiming higher to reach the final or either of the two lifting the trophy making it the first non-top flight soccer league side to take the accolade in 20 years. The last lower division side to reach the feat was Mbale Heroes in 1999.

Youth Football

Uganda 17 in top gear preparations for AFCON Finals



Yiga Najib (14) Thomas Kakaire (bib) and Ibrahim Juma in action as Ivan Asaba looks on

Uganda's U-17 soccer team coach, Ghanaian Samuel Fabin Kwesi started his journey of taking the Ugandan youngsters to the World Cup by leading a 23-man squad for a 10-day camp in Kenya.

The team that flew south on March 30, is expected in Tanzania by April 10 for the U-17 Africa Nations Cup finals from where the top four teams (semi-finalists) will make it to the 2019 World Cup due in October this year in Brazil.

The two-week tournament in Tanzania kicks off on April 14th and the final will be played on April 28th. Uganda is in Group A together with hosts and neighbours Tanzania, Angola and Nigeria.

Kwesi, who hired joined by a fitness coach in the names of Osei-Owusu Derrick, was impressed with the level of the team as he took the boys through drills at Njeru's FUFA Technical Centre before they flew to Kenya

Paa Samuel Kwesi Fabin

'I am very impressed by what I have seen, I think they have been working very hard and the boys are in shape. We just need to add one or two little things and they will be ready for AFCON'

While unveiling the Ghanaian at the start of March, FUFA president Moses Magogo reiterated the federation's mission to make Uganda 'the number one football nation in Africa on and off the field'.

'And this is only possible if we pay particular attention to the underage teams,' Magogo noted.

To reach the AFCON finals, the Ugandan U-17 team won the CECAFA tournament that was staged in Tanzania early in the year where they beat Ethiopia 3-1 in the final.

Kwesi, who will also be in charge of the local U-20 soccer side, has vast experience with young soccer players having guided his native Ghana U-17 side to the FIFA World Cup.

The team has 10 officials who travelled



L-R: Ibrahim Juma, Kawooya Andrew, Mugisha Rogers, Idi Abdulwahid, Opira Justine, and Asaba Ivan celebrate their goal against Gor Mahia U(20) at Camp Toyoyo



Emmanuel Arnold Okwi (with ball) in action in Dar es Salaam

Cranes just await AFCON draw

Despite finishing the qualifiers on a low note with a 3-0 drubbing at the hands of Tanzania's Taifa Stars on March 23rd, the national soccer team the Uganda Cranes are now eagerly awaiting the draw to know their group opponents at the AFCON finals in Egypt in June. Even though the Cranes has a slip at the final hurdle where they also conceded a goal for the first time in the campaign, the team still finished at top of Group L with Taifa Stars also making the finals courtesy of their second place finish.

With an expanded finals tournament where starting with the 2019 edition there will be 24 teams, Uganda has a chance of making the second round (round of 16).

After 1978 where the team lost 2-0 by Ghana's Black Stars at the final, the Cranes only returned to the finals in 2017, a whole 39 years making futile attempts.

With the ambition of going to the 2026 World Cup, as announced by FUFA boss Moses Magogo, the team has a task of doing well in Egypt to make fans believe the dream is achievable.

2020 Olympic qualifiers

April 3

First leg - Ethiopia 3:2 Uganda

April 6

Uganda 0-1 Ethiopia

Women Football

Uganda Crested Cranes Bow Out Of Tokyo 2020 Olympics Qualifiers

Uganda Crested Cranes has fall 1-0 to Ethiopia during the return leg of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics qualifiers at the Star Times Stadium, Lugogo on Saturday.

The Crested Cranes had a promising start where forward Fazila Ikwaput and Hassifa Nasuna troubled the visiting team.

Uganda also hit the cross bar through Ikwaput after a mistake by the Ethiopia goalkeeper.

Loza Abera scored the lone goal on the evening in the 68th minute of the well-attended game

Ethiopia qualified 4-2 on aggregate after their 3-2

Crested Cranes captain Tracy Jones Akiror (right) in action at Lugogo

There were starts to striker Hasifa Nasuna, wingers Resty Nanziri, Fausiah Najjemba and Captain Tracy Jones Akiror.

US based striker Sandra Nabweteme, Lillian Mutuuzo, Phiona Nabbumba and Shamilah Nalujja all who commanded starting slots in the first leg started on the bench in the return leg.

Ethiopia advances to meet Cameroon to determine who goes through to the games next year.

Uganda Crested Cranes XI



Crested Cranes team that started against Ethiopia in Kampala

Ruth Aturo (G.K), Viola Namuddu, Grace Aluka, Aisha Namukisa, Shadia Nankya, Yudaya Nakayenze (65' Riticia Nabwosa), Resty Nanziri (46' Lillian Mutuuzo), Tracy Jones Akiror, Fazila Ikwaput, Hassifah Nassuna, Fauzia Najjemba (70' Sandra Nabweteme)

victory in the first leg away in Addis Ababa last Wednesday.

Head coach Faridah Bulega had made four changes from the side which played in the first leg.

Subs Not Used:

Daisy Nakaziro (G.K), Juliet Nalukenge, Phiona Nabbumba, Shamirah Nalugya, Marion Amangat

External Relations

Magogo counsels Mengo on Masaza Cup

The cordial relationship between the Buganda Kingdom and the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) is only slated to soar. Last month, the Katikkiro of Buganda Owek. Charles Peter Mayiga, invited the FUFA President Moses Magogo for a session with the kingdom's cabinet on how to make the Masaza Cup tournament better.

The Masaza Cup is a popular football tournament not only in the Buganda Kingdom but also in the country at large. It is competed for by all the 18 counties in the Buganda kingdom.

During his lecture, Magogo advised that the kingdom sets up structures in all the counties right from the grassroots and that they employ professionals who understand football to run the tournament.

The local soccer boss who is also an executive member at CAF and a FIFA instructor also told the Buganda cabinet that the competition has the potential to attract more sponsors so they should put in place an aggressive marketing team to pursue that. On infrastructure

Magogo observed that Buganda has a lot of land in all its counties and therefore development of infrastructure like stadiums should not be a problem for the kingdom and this would go a long way in uplifting the tournament.

FUFA and the Buganda Kingdom have had a very good working relationship that culminated in the kingdom donating 10 acres of land to the soccer federation on which the latter is planning to set up a state-of-the-art soccer stadium.



FUFA President during a presentation at Butikkiro

Feature

Nankya, Crested Cranes defender, who only played for leisure

Shadia Nankya is Uganda Martyrs High School and Crested Cranes central defender, who only started playing soccer five years ago.

As a young girl in S.2 at Uganda Martyrs Lubaga in 2014, Nankya did not know exactly what she was doing, but only started getting excited to join boys to play the ball, but not on a serious note.

What started as a joke and a leisure activity for Nankya, has now paved way to stardom in women football, something she had never dreamt about. Born 18 years ago to Kasimu Kizito and Rehema Nampijja of Kasangati in Wakiso district, Nankya is the last born in the family of five (one boy and four girls).

She is currently on the Crested Cranes team trying to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games starting with a two-legged qualifier against Ethiopia.

'Team work and the hard work led me to the accolades. I won't take them as an individual achievement but for the whole team because we worked hard together'

You highest moment? We have consecutively won the Lammenies' football tournament, but again, having been summoned to play for the national team and of all, my double Man-of-The-Match accolade during the COSAFA event in S. Africa remains the greatest memory.

How did you feel when you were called up for the national team? To be honest, my first time I felt scared but I only shared the scare with myself, I did not want to tell anyone. Because I was imagining how I would carry the whole nation on my shoulders, everyone was to see me, but I kept strong and we had a good game against Kenya in Machakos though we lost (1-0) and later held them to a 0-0 here in Kampala.

You one time played as a striker and scored many goals in a single game: Yes, after realizing my potential as a footballer, I have tried out several positions because I have kept having a growing ambition and determination. I can play anywhere but I love the central defence.

What are your future plans? Playing for the national team for a long time is my major target because I want to keep representing my country. But I want also to focus on becoming a professional player.

Any attributes? Yes, I want to thank FUFA for having enabled girls to play football, opening up our career doors in the sport. They have involved us in every international event now. The

When did you start playing football? *It's not far, I started playing the ball in 2014 when I was in S.2.*

How did you get interested: *No, me I had no interest in playing, because I didn't even know there were girls that played football. Only, I would join boys both at home and at school, to play for leisure.*

What was your parents' reaction towards this? *My mother did not like it at all; she used to discourage me. She never wanted me to play football, but I persisted outside her knowledge.*

Did she react after finding out you kept playing secretly? *The good thing my school (Uganda Martyrs took me on on a study bursary because I had the basics of the game. So when she learnt I had secured a bursary, she started feeling fine with my career. She is among the happiest people now.*

Who has inspired you to keep on? *My siblings especially my brother Shafiq Mubiru has been behind me and supports so much. My coaches too have encouraged me both at club and national team.*

What has been your lowest moment in football? *Not really, but my first experience in the Elite Women's League was a teaser. We were playing against relegation.*

Shadia on Crested Cranes duty



AWCON qualifiers, the CECAFA and COSAFA outings last year, then the Olympic qualifiers that

we are involved in. This international involvement is going to improve our game, expose us to the world and keep us in love with the game and also encourage women football development in the country.

I also thank our parents for having enabled and allowed us to play soccer. The coaches, the fans, the teammates and everyone.

Who do you admire as a player? Locally I admire myself but for a male player I admire Hassan Waswa (Cranes central defender) because of what he does and how he makes everything appear easy. He was not originally a central defender but brought into the position which he has perfected well.

Internationally, I admire the S. African senior defender Janine Van Wyk because of her determination and hard work.

Any message to the young girl-footballers? Let them work hard and be focused. They should keep good discipline and respect their coaches and parents as well as committing their lives to prayer. They will realize their goals.

Beach soccer:

St Lawrence win Muwanguzi Cup

Beach soccer: St Lawrence win Muwanguzi Cup

St. Lawrence University defied all odds to win the second edition of the Samson Muwanguzi Beach Soccer Tournament with a 6-4 victory over fancied Isabet BSC.

The two-day tournament (March 23-24) hosted at Entebbe's Lido Beach saw the university students put up a splendid show, making them deserved winners.

Eventual MVP Kiggundu Swalleh (with a hat trick), Ochero Sulaiman, Kikonyogo Jonathan and Kibirige Meddie (own goal) scored for the university team, while Lika Byaruhanga, Hamim Ssemakula, Kibirige and Roch Somoka replied for Isabet.

The tournament is in memory of Samson Muwanguzi, the former proprietor of Lido Beach who offered the Uganda Beach Soccer Association the venue to host their games/competitions there.

Chief Guest at the final David Muwanguzi, son to the late Samson was happy that UBSA still remembers his late father and he pledged continued commitment to hosting UBSA activities. The tournament attracted some non-league sides Kiringeete BSC, Muteesa I Royal University and Entebbe Old Stars.

To reach the final, St. Lawrence saw off Buganda Royal Institute 5-1 in the semifinals while Muteesa I Royal University fell 4-2 to Isabet BSC.



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