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April Highlights

Capacity Building

CAF Club Licensing workshop, a big success



The CAF Regional Club Licensing Workshop held in Kampala- Uganda climaxed on April 26th, 2019 at the Sheraton Kampala Hotel.

The workshop attracted 44 participants from 23 English speaking African countries. The participants were divided into two groups for the exercise that started on 22nd April.

Hon. Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi - FUFA 3rd Vice President

'I thank CAF for choosing Uganda to host such a wonderful and educative workshop of this magnitude.

'I ask all participants to keep in touch and share information so as to develop the game of football together'



Middleby Robert David (Australia) – FIFA Expert on Professional Football

I ask participants to learn from various Member Associations who have moved steps ahead. Football needs teamwork for success.

Kabelo Bosilong (South Africa)

It is great that you know the value of club licensing on the continent. We need such engagements in Africa to keep working and helping each other to see African football move places.

Emmanuel Dasoberi Newton (Ghana)

The workshop has been a success. Club Licensing departments need to strategise, work closely with club administration and owners to ease their work. Keep close with CAF and we shall monitor the progress of your work.

Salihu Abubakar (Nigeria)

We shall keep passing on football knowledge to everyone on the continent.

Muhammad Sidat (Mozambique)

I ask all participants to make use of the instructors at any time so that they keep refreshing on what we have learnt here.

We are confident that we have provided various football stakeholders information to make sure this exercise goes on smoothly.

Government



President Museveni delivers

Minister of Education and Sports Hon. Janet Museveni handed over a brand new bus that President Yoweri Museveni pledged to ease transport of the National soccer team, The Uganda Cranes.

The President made the offer when he hosted the team at his Rwakitura home in January 2018. While handing over the 48-seater Kinglong bus, the First Lady, reiterated Government's commitment towards sports which effort has seen Ugandan individuals and teams excel internationally.

First Lady

'I hope that the team (Uganda Cranes) will be excited about this bus. I am excited handing over this bus because it surely shows the Government's commitment towards the development of sports in this country. I want to thank the Government and specifically the President for the immense support that has been extended to sports'

Justus Mugisha

'We thank the Government for the consistent support given to sports in Uganda. Thank you also for offering to host us in Rwakitura at the start of last year. The visit has changed sports in unimaginable ways. Your support has enabled us achieve so much'

The function was also attended by officials of the ministry of education and sports, led by Hon. Charles Bakkabulindi the state minister for sports and a team from National Council of Sports (NCS) headed John Bosco Onyik (Chairman).

The FUFA team was led by first Vice President Justus Mugisha, who received the keys from Mrs. Museveni.

The Uganda Cranes was represented by assistant coach Matia Lule and team assistant captain Hassan Wasswa.

Capacity Building

FUFA officials for Stadium Safety Workshop



FUFA Deputy CEO Humphrey Mandu

By ensuring that football matches can be enjoyed in safer environments across the globe, the world football governing body (FIFA) has invited three Ugandans to attend the Stadium Safety Workshop set for 6-10th May 2019 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

FUFA Deputy CEO Humphrey Mandu and FUFA Security committee member Stephen Kacuumu will attend the workshop together with Mandela National Stadium Managing Director Jamil Ssewanyana. The three Ugandans will be joined by others from Angola, Botswana, Swaziland, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique

Women Football

As we approach the final bend of the 2018/19 FUFA Women Elite League regular season, it is getting more exciting than ever with teams fighting for survival and playoff slots.

Although Kawempe Muslim have already sealed their slot in the playoffs from Victoria group, their unbeaten run was brought to a halt by Masindi based outfit Lady Doves who won 1-0 at the Valley grounds.

It was again Winnie Babirye who scored the lone goal of the game coming in stoppage time.

Babirye had also scored in the reverse fixture that ended in a one all draw thus making her the only player who has scored against champions Kawempe this season.

However, the biggest contention in Victoria group is about relegation with Rines WFC and Asubo Gafford Ladies still in the mix to join Dynamic SS who have already gone down.

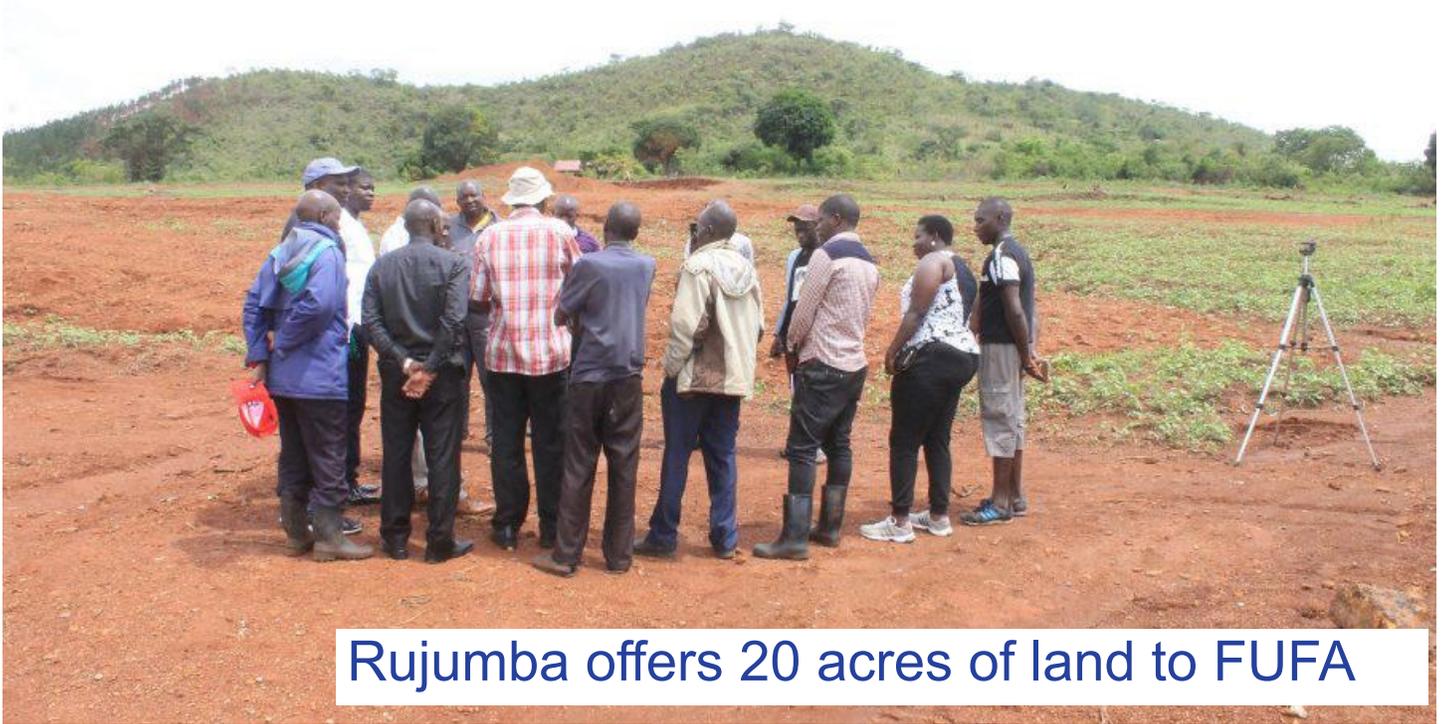
Rines stunned Ajax Queens 1-0 courtesy of Kauthara Naluyima to move out of the drop zone and are a point ahead of Asubo Gafford Ladies who lost 2-0 at home to She Corporate.

Survival time in the Elite League



Crest fallen Kawempe after losing their unbeaten home run to Lady Doves

Infrastructure



Rujumba offers 20 acres of land to FUFA

It was another milestone reached when one of the prominent families in Bunyoro offered 20 acres of land to FUFA for football development.

The Rujumba Family in Hoima offered the land for infrastructure development. The land is found in Kitara Region 3km on Hoima- Masindi road. FUFA has confirmed that they will construct a stadium on the land.

The title of the land was handed over to FUFA's first Vice President Justus Mugisha by the chairman of the Rujumba family Mr. Elifaazi Kiiza.

The land is part of 150 acres registered under the late Dr. James Rujumba who gazetted 20 acres for a public project to be decided on by the family. This is the third offer of land for infrastructural development following two others by Namirembe Diocese (Kadiba Project) and the Kingdom of Buganda (proposed FUFA Stadium in Lugazi).

Our aim is to create a legacy for our great father Dr. James Rujumba", Kiiza said adding that in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with FUFA, the family will propose for the naming rights of the stadium.



FUFA 1st Vice President Justus Mugisha (2nd R) with a member of Rujumba's family that donated land to FUFA in Hoima

Justus Mugisha

FUFA is grateful for this offer to develop the game of football. The Church of Uganda offered us land in Rubaga division in Kampala, while the Kabaka of Buganda did the same with 10 acres in Lugazi and now more from the Rujumba family.

FUFA Corporate Tournament

Maiden Cup glory for KISU



KISU - Winners of the 2019 FUFA Corporate Tournament

It was yet another successful outing at the FUFA Corporate Tournament held at Kampala International School of Uganda (KISU) on April 27th, 2019, where the hosts emerged winners edging pre-event favorites Corporate League XI in the final 3-1 on penalties

The closely contested final ended goalless in regular time as KISU entered their name on the list of winners.

The winners were awarded a trophy, medals and cash prize of three million shillings (3m/=), while the first and second runners up walked away with medals.

FUFA EXCOM member Ronnie Kalema who was the Guest of Honour lauded the teams that took part saying the Federation had achieved its target of bringing the Corporate world closer.



Esther Musoke - Marketing Director

Esther Musoke the Marketing Director at FUFA noted that the event does not only create a platform for corporate companies to network, but at the same time offer employees space to improve on their health through exercising but also creates a fan base for the football game.

Participating teams

Nile Special, Sogea Satom, Airtel Uganda, Kyagalanyi Coffee, Diamond Trust Bank, UPL Secretariat, National Population Council, Civil Aviation Authority, KISU, Corporate League Team, Ecobank, FUFA FM, Red Pepper, Bidco Uganda.

Winner - KISU

1st Runners up - Corporate League XI

2nd runners up - Diamond Trust Bank

Most Valuable Player - Felix Muhabuzi (Corporate League Team)

Top Scorer - Rogers Kateregga (Corporate League Team) 7 goals

'We are grateful as FUFA that the tournament has continued to grow in stature over the years. Many companies have participated today and this fulfils our main objective of the tournament which is bringing together different corporate companies through soccer'

Not all is lost for the Cubs after AFCON U-17 journey

Despite missing out on the semi-final slot at the just concluded AFCON U-17 championship in Tanzania, the Uganda Cubs who made a debut appearance picked crucial lessons.

Uganda drew 1-1 in their final group A game against Nigeria at the Chamazi Sports Complex in Dar es Salaam, finishing third on four points inferior to Nigeria and Angola's six thus missing out a place in the last four that would have taken them to the FIFA U-17 World Cup in Brazil.

Despite the miss on the global showpiece, all is not lost for the Ugandan youngsters, according to team coordinator Bashir Mutyaba, who is also FUFA's Youth Development Manager.

' We cannot say we were not disappointed but many lessons were learnt and the most positive thing is that we gained , experience.



Uganda U-17 National Team - Cubs played in the AFCON Finals for the first time

Most of the players are going to be promoted to the U-20 side and he was hopeful they would get first team places in league sides where they could be monitored.

After the senior team, the Cranes, made it to the 2019 AFCON finals for a successive appearance, FUFA President Moses Magogo announced an ambitious target of the 2026 FIFA World Cup to be co-hosted by USA, Mexico and Canada.

Magogo said the Cubs, who had just won the CECAFA tournament in 2018 would be the backbone of the team to realize the 2026 dream.

Cameroon U17 side emerged winners of the AFCON tournament after beating Guinea 5-4 in post-match penalties after a goalless draw. Angola beat Nigeria 2-1 in the third place play-off.

External Relations

Ugandan media vote FUFA the best run federation



It is a reward for hard work, FUFA's deputy CEO remarked. 'And above all, it shows respect for professionalism in day to day running of business both on and off the field of play'

FUFA's vision of making 'Uganda the best footballing nation in Africa on and off the field of play' is surely taking root.

On the pitch, Moses Magogo's led administration has already delivered back-to-back qualification of the Uganda Cranes to AFCON finals. The federation also had the U17 team win the CECAFA tournament and play at the AFCON U17 finals in Tanzania.

But what more would FUFA demand for now after the local sports journalists voted FUFA the best run sports federation in the year 2018!

The USPA vote is a big feat for FUFA, a body that is winning back confidence from both Government and the general public.

Last year National Council of Sports, the overall supervisor of sports in Uganda, also named FUFA the federation with best governance practices.

The football body has engaged the press, former football administrators and even other sports federations to share their success story.

FIFA boss lauds KCCA FC



FIFA President Gianni Infantino has sent a message of congratulations commending KCCA FC for winning 2018/2019 StarTimes Uganda Premier League title.

of FUFA Eng. Moses Magogo. He praised KCCA FC for winning the fifth title in seven years and congratulated the players, coaches, administrators and the fans.

Infantino sent the message through the President

‘I was delighted to hear that KCCA FC has been crowned the 2018/19 Champions of Uganda. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate them for their fifth championship title in the last seven seasons!’ said Infantino

‘It is, no doubt, the result of effort and hard work, and everybody involved can be proud of this great achievement. I shall be grateful if you could extend my congratulations to the players, the coach, the administration, the entire technical and medical staff as well as the fans. I encourage them to continue working with determination and motivation.

‘On behalf of the international football community, I take this opportunity to thank KCCA FC and your federation for helping spread the positive message of football and foster the practice of this beautiful game that unites us all.’

Capacity Building

Kampala, North East FUFA Referees refresh



Referees during the a practical sessesion in Njeru

The Federation of Uganda Football Associations organised a refereeing Member Associations course at FUFA Technical Centre - Njeru, targeting all national badge holders plus five regional referees who are under the age of 26 years.

Kampala and North East regions teamed up to pilot the course that began on Sunday 14th April 2019.

Chairpersons of the eight football regions together with their General Secretaries and heads of the Regional Referees Committees were all in attendance.

Because FUFA is committed to delivering the refereeing services to all our stakeholders using Integrity, Fitness and Performance (IFP) agenda. The focused on the education of referees in order for them to effectively deliver their services both at regional and national levels.

The course was fully sponsored by FUFA.



The FUFA Drum

Understanding the FUFA Drum

The FUFA Drum is the newest football tournament in Uganda launched in 2017. It is organised by the local soccer governing body through the Competitions department. It is played based on the 16 geographical regions, totally different from the eight football regions of FUFA.

However immediately after the launch of the competition to-date, there are people with lingering questions about the mass puller tournament. Creation of football tournaments is preserve of the FUFA Executive though it must be approved by the Assembly (FUFA's supreme body). One of FUFA's main objectives is to improve the game of football, promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of Uganda.

Football is business and it is FUFA's cardinal role to pass on information to those in association football on how to improve in management and administration of the game.

There are very many key areas that need immediate attention for local football success. Players need more playing time; event management needs improvement while capacity building would take the game to another level. Let's not forget about the infrastructure where football is played is in dire need for attention.

The FUFA Drum has helped the local body identify areas of concern that have been even discussed at national level with powers that be in decision making. Just before the maiden tournament, FUFA organized orientation workshops for province team officials, match officials and media officers to acquaint them with the basic but important information about the tournament. Basic information on marketing, communication, sponsorship, proposal writing, event management, crowd management, security and safety of fans were covered during the orientation sessions.

It is always challenging for people to appreciate what FUFA goes through when organizing an event like the national senior team, the Uganda Cranes engagement. Apart from the huge budgets put aside for international matches, the FUFA Drum matches attract the same attention as match days at Mandela National stadium when Uganda Cranes is playing.

The FUFA Drum has also opened up opportunities for referees at regional level to get used to handling games with huge attendances. This helps them and even senior match officials to fight the nerves at matches where some fans believe that football is a



FUFA Communications Manager - Ahmed Hussein

matter of their teams to win all the time. A sense of belonging and ownership of Provincial teams has been depicted by fans who prior to every match day mobilize funds from cultural leaders, politicians and other influential people.

Apart from Buganda and Kampala, the rest of the Provincial teams have attracted massive attendances which comes with good gate collections where 72% remains at Province, regional and District level to develop the beautiful game at grassroots level.

Acholi Province have a team sponsor –Atiak Sugar while Lango Province always mobilize the business community in their region to support the team. They have never disappointed as huge crowds have been witnessed at matches involving these two teams. With players and teams traversing the country, it is an opportunity to learn the various cultural backgrounds, ancestry and tourist sites in Uganda.

An African player still plying his trade on the continent needs an average of 60 matches a season and therefore The FUFA Drum offers that opportunity for more playing time to our local players.

Officials of clubs playing in the local leagues have also gone on to appreciate the tournament as they use the opportunity to sell the personal and team brands when players go upcountry to represent their Provinces. The younger players also get the chance to play with established players while the fans love to rub shoulders with their stars.

The FUFA Drum - Celebrating Our Ancestry.

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