



FEDERATION OF UGANDA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS

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Highlights Edition

Our Newsletter dubbed 'FUFA Monthly' is back with the latest edition covering all the key footballing events and activities that transpired in May and June.

With the Country back to a total lockdown in June after the surge in numbers of fatalities due to COVID-19, there has been a halt of events following Presidential Directives to curb the

spread of the virus.

This edition nevertheless covers highlights on the 2021 FUFA Polls, Women's football, performance of the Uganda National Beach Soccer team- Sand Cranes, Uganda Men's A Team- Cranes and the FUFA Big League among others.

## EXPRESS FC DECLARED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The FUFA Emergency Executive Committee took a decision to end the 2020/2021 StarTimes Uganda Premier League based on Article 18 of the FUFA Competitions rules. The article states;

Where the League format due to circumstances of force majeure is not played to completion, the winner shall be determined by the 75% rule. Therefore, the following decisions were taken;

Express FC who were top of the table declared Champions of the 2020/21 Uganda Premier League.

Kyetume FC, MYDA FC and Kitara FC have been relegated to the StarTimes FUFA Big League.

URA FC who were second on the Uganda Premier League table at the time the lockdown was imposed will represent Uganda in the CAF Confederation Cup.

The Stanbic Uganda Cup which is at the Semifinal stage and FUFA Big League Play off stage will be played to conclusion before the start of the 2021/2022 season.

Article 18 applied by FUFA to declare League Champion

**'Where at least one club has played more than 75% of the league games, the following formula shall be used by the TOC (Tournament Organising Committee) to determine the league positions.'**

Total number of points earned from the number of games played multiplied by number of games supposed to be played divided by the number of games played'



Express FC players celebrate a goal at Muteesa II Stadium, Wankulukuku.

# 2020/21 FUFA WOMEN SUPER LEAGUE LADY DOVES ENJOY MAIDEN TITLE GLORY



Olila's Biira Naddunga (L) takes on Isra' Jovia Nakogolo.



UCU Lady Cardinals captain Hasifa Nassuna in action against Uganda Martyrs High School



Fazila Ikwaput(L) was the MVP and top scorer with 7 goals

Lady Doves emerged Champions of a fiercely competitive League, overcoming UCU Lady Cardinals 2-1 in the final played on 5th May 2021 at the FUFA Technical Centre, Njeru.

Striker Fazila Ikwaput guided the Masindi based outfit to their maiden League glory, coming off the bench to score the winning goal, ending the tournament both as the top scorer (with 8 goals) and MVP.

For winning the League, Lady Doves earned the ticket of representing Uganda at the regional qualifiers for the maiden CAF Women's Champions League in Nairobi, Kenya slated for July

On top of clinching the title and earning a cash prize of UGX

12M, FUFA promised to foot bills for the air tickets on Continental trips. The team is currently in camp preparing for the inaugural CAF Women Champions League Zonal Qualifiers in Nairobi starting 17th July 2021.

## Awards

**Champions** – Lady Doves – UGX 12M

**Runners-Up** – UCU Lady Cardinals –UGX 7M

**Third place** – Uganda Martyrs High School WFC – UGX 5M

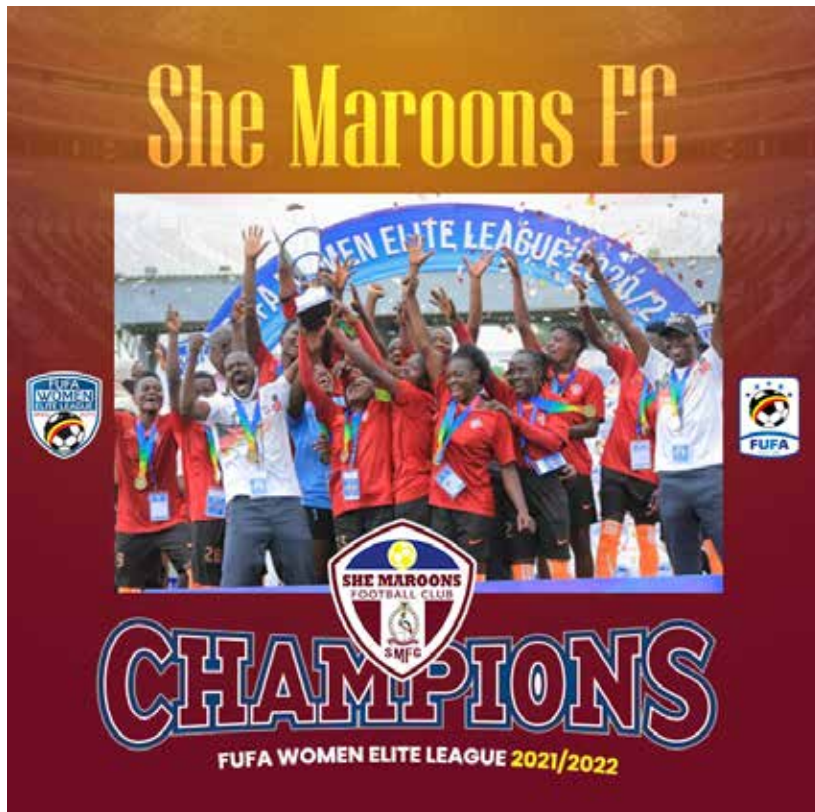
**Most Valuable Player** – Fazila Ikwaput

**Top Scorer** – Fazila Ikwaput (8 goals)

**Best Goalkeeper** – Daisy Nakaziro (Lady Doves)



# 2020/21 FUFA WOMEN ELITE LEAGUE: SHE MAROONS WIN TITLE WITH UNBEATEN RUN



Rines SS WFC finished second and won promotion to the FUFA Women Super League



She Maroons lethal forward Millicent Namwembe emerged the top scorer with 6 goals

A successful completion of the FUFA Women Super League set the ground for the start of the 2nd tier division (FUFA Women Elite League) that got underway at the start of May.

A total of 16 teams took part, divided into four groups of four and She Maroons emerged 1-0 winners after a scintillating run, winning all their six games.

The Sentries overcame Rines SS in the final, thanks to Millicent Namwembe's solitary strike.

Both She Maroons FC and Rines SS WFC earned promotion to the 2021/22 FUFA Women Super League.

## Awards

**Champions** - She Maroons (UGX 8M)

**Runners up** - Rines SS WFC (UGX 5M)

**Third Place** - Bunyaruguru Girls (UGX 3M)

**Fourth Place** - Wakiso Hills FC (UGX 1.5M)

**Top Scorer** - Millicent Namwembe (8 Goals)

**MVP**- Joan Naggayi (She Maroons)

**Best Goalkeeper** - Elsie Najjemba (Rines SS WFC)

**Fair Play Award** - Kataka She FC

## FUTSAL: SUPER LEAGUE NEARS COMPLETION

By the time the second lockdown was imposed, the 2021 Futsal Super League was almost coming to a climax.

Debutants Big Talent Soccer Academy and Park FC had reached the final and were supposed to face off in the Championship final a day before H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni announced a countrywide lockdown for 42 days which ends on 30th July 2021.

To reach the final, Big Talent Soccer Academy eliminated fellow debutants Synergy Futsal Club while Park FC on the other hand edged Mengo Futsal Club.

There is hope that when the green light for sports to resume is signaled, the Champion will be determined sportingly.

# FUFA BIG LEAGUE: ARUA HILL, TOORO UNITED REACH PROMISED LAND



Arua Hill SC and Tooro United FC confirmed their slots in the 2021/22 StarTimes Uganda Premier League after earning direct promotion from the second division.

Tooro United FC who had been relegated the previous season made an instant return to the top tier League under the tutorship of experienced Edward Golola. To finish top in Rwenzori Group, the Fort Portal based side had to edge past Kigezi HomeBoyz on the last day of the regular

season.

On the other hand, Arua Hill topped Elgon group after defeating Paidha Black Angels 4-0. The Leopards earned promotion in style, finishing the 14 games unbeaten.

Gadafi FC, Blacks Power FC, Proline FC and Nyamityobora FC will battle for the final promotion slot as and when FUFA confirms.

## AT THE STANDSTILL AGAIN

The surge in numbers of people getting infected with COVID-19 and those dying made imposing of a lockdown inevitable.

When the President of Uganda announced a nationwide lockdown on 18th June, this also included sports activities, FUFA Big League playoffs and the Stanbic Uganda Cup were automatically affected.

FUFA is however making efforts to reach out to Government to make sure the remaining games are played to conclusion.





# UGANDA CRANES EMBARKING ON TRANSITION



Ibrahim Orit celebrates after scoring against South Africa at Orlando Stadium

The National team is evidently under a rebuilding process following the retirement of some senior Players like Dennis Onyango, Mike Azira and Hassan Wasswa.

The International friendly against South Africa this month was a platform to usher in young players such as Bobosi Byaruhanga, Isma Mugulusi and Steven Dese Mukwala earning their debut.

With the CECFA Senior Challenge Cup slated for July, the regional football authority thought it wise to make this year's edition an Under-23 tournament.

The core of the team that represented Uganda Hippos at the Africa U20 Cup of Nations in Mauritania are part of the provisional team summoned by coach Morley Byekwaso who was also elevated to handle this team.

## TAKING FOOTBALL TO THE AUGUST HOUSE



FUFA President, Eng. Moses Magogo takes oath as the Member of Parliament for Budiope East

FUFA President, Eng. Moses Magogo has always asserted that football needed to get to the corridors of power if moving to the next level must be done. It was upon this background that he took an elective office and was voted Member of Parliament for Budiope East, Buyende district.

On 19th May 2021, the FUFA President took oath at Parliament and further stressed his concern of taking football to where decisions that run the country are made.

Some of the key issues that the FUFA President will focus on in his five-year tenure include;

- Funding
- Legislation
- Infrastructure
- Policies

# SAND CRANES SOAR HIGH ON MAIDEN APPEARANCE



Sand Cranes made their debut at the Africa Beach Soccer Championship this year in Senegal

Playing at the Africa Beach Soccer Cup of Nations was itself an achievement for the Sand Cranes. For a game that made its baby steps in 2010, featuring at the coveted African showpiece 11 years later was a journey worth moving.

At the tournament, the Sand Cranes did not grow feet of clay and instead punched above wait to finish fourth at the tournament on their first appearance.

For lifting the Ugandan flag high, FUFA promised to reward the 24-man Uganda Sand Cranes contingent with a cash prize of UGX 185.9M.

FUFA President, Eng. Moses Magogo promised to spread the game across the country with increased funding.

## FUFA POLLS

2021 is an elective year at FUFA and several football administrators showed interest in taking up responsibility from the time when the FUFA Electoral road map was released in March.

In May, Delegates to the General Assembly from the Districts, Regions and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were elected. Persons/Candidates who showed interest in Office of the FUFA President picked and returned forms in the same month.

The FUFA President for the 2021-2025 term will be voted on 21st August 2021 at the 97th Ordinary General Assembly in Mbale City.



FUFA President, Eng. Moses Magogo addressing the media after picking nomination forms

### Uganda Football Referees Association (UFRA)

- Chairman/Delegate: Ronnie Kalema-Unopposed
- Delegate: Brian Miiro Nsubuga -Unopposed
- Delegate: Rosebell Rwamuyamba (Delegate) – unopposed

### Uganda Football Coaches Association (UFCA)

- Chairman/Delegate: Livingstone Kyambadde -Unopposed
- Frank Anyau (Delegate) -Unopposed

### Uganda Beach Soccer Association (UBSA)

- Chairman/Delegate: Deo Mutabazi -Unopposed
- Delegate: Anthony Tumwesigye Unopposed

### Futsal Association Uganda (FAU)

- Chairman/Delegate: Hamzah Jjunju- Unopposed
- Delegate: Patrick Lugemwa-Unopposed

### Uganda Football Players Association (UFPA)

- Chairman/Delegate: Paul Ssali- Unopposed
- Delegate: Fred Tamale – Unopposed

### Uganda Schools Football Association (USFA)

- Chairman/Delegate: Justus Mugisha
- 2nd Delegate: Miriam Makeba

### Uganda Youth Football Association (UYFA)

- Chairman/Delegate: Robert Kiwanuka
- 2nd Delegate: Mansoor Kabugo

### Uganda Women Football Association (UWFA)

- Chairperson/Delegate: Margaret Kubingi
- 2nd Delegate: Owek. Florence Nkalubo Baguny-wa

- FUFA Women National Leagues (2 Delegates)
- FUFA Women Super League- Scovia Angeyango
- FUFA Women Elite League- Justine Nambafu
- FUFA Big League (5 Delegates)
- Vincent Aniku – Calvary FC (Northern and West Nile Regions)
- Hassan Kakaire Kirunda – Kataka FC (North East

and Eastern Regions)

- Joseph Mwanje- Luweero United FC (Buganda Region)
- Umar Ssenoga –Water FC (Kampala Region)
- Peter Byamukama –Kigezi HomeBoyz FC (Kitara and Western Regions)
- FUFA 3rd Vice President
- Hon. Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi (Unopposed)

### Elections Completed

- District Football Associations
- Regional Football Associations
- Special Interest Groups
- FUFA Women Football Leagues (Super League and Elite League)
- FUFA Big League (5 Delegates)
- 3rd Vice President

### Yet to be completed

FUFA President and Executive Committee



# UGANDAN PLAYERS IN DIASPORA



Former Uganda Cranes captain Denis Onyango on duty at Mamelodi Sundowns

It is a dream for all players to join paid ranks. Some of Uganda's ambassadors on foreign land have had their seasons come to a conclusion with smiles. Here is a recap of their great show.

## SOUTH AFRICA

Former Uganda Cranes skipper Denis Masinde Onyango won his 8th PSL as Mamelodi Sundowns defended the league. He went on to be named goalkeeper of the season.

## ISREAL

Striker Bayo Fahad and defender Timothy Awany guided Ashdod FC to their maiden Europa Conference League.

## TANZANIA

With the season on going, midfielder Taddeo Lwanga has enjoyed a blissful show with Simba. His team reached the CAF Champions league Quarterfinals. They are on the verge of defending the League and go for a double after beating edging out Mathias Kigonya and Nicholas Wadada's Azam FC to reach the Tanzania Cup Final.

## DRC

Joseph Ochaya guided TP Mazembe to their 18th League title in a tough season scoring two goals and registering 8 assists.

## BURUNDI

Midfielder Allan Brian Kizza and defender Steven Mugisha won a double this season that is the league and Nkurunziza cup.

## RWANDA

Former Soltulo Bright Stars forward Yafesi Mubiru is in line to bag the league golden boot as he is currently joint top scorer with 10 goals.

Crested Cranes custodian Vanessa Karungi also completed her maiden foreign move joining Danish women side Copenhagen Women from She Coperates Ugandan players.

- Onyango kept 15 cleansheets, his best in the PSL
- Bayo Fahad netted six goals.