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Press Release

GIRLS SCHOOLS XI AIMS TO PUNCH ABOVE THEIR WEIGHT IN KWIBUKA T20s
June 05, 2018: Today is another **monumental flag-off** ceremony as **Uganda Cricket Association (UCA)** sends out another young, energetic and passionate **Uganda Girls Schools Combined Squad for the fifth edition of the Kwibuka Cricket for Peace Tournament in Kigali, Rwanda.**

But unlike other official send-off ceremonies, this one is **special in its own right**. Whereas the other **participating nations; Kenya, Zambia and Rwanda** will field their **senior women national teams**, **Uganda** have named a **student-packed side**. And the trip is not a just reward for hard work but it also serves as **motivation for the individual players** that **outshone their colleagues** at the **Girls Cricket Week Tournament** that was notched by **Jinja Senior Secondary School in May**.

Lively all-rounder Rita Musamali of Jinja Senior Secondary School will **captain UCA Girls Schools Select XI** for the **five-day** event that runs from **June 6th to 10 in Kigali** to mark the **24th anniversary of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi** that claimed over **one million lives in 100 days**.

Musamali will have some **seniority** to bank on when the going gets tough with **fellow school and national teammates Immaculate Nakisuyi and Stephanie Nampiina** also named in **squad of 14**.

Both hard-hitting **Nakisuyi** and leg-spinner **Nampiina** boast of **big reputations** with the former having been named on the **ICC Women's Global Twenty20 Squad** that will play a handful of matches with **England County sides** whereas the latter is the reigning **Most Valuable Player (MVP) from last year's Kwibuka edition** that was scooped by **Kenya**.

The **Kenyans**, who powered their way to the title on their **debut outing in 2015**, will give **coach Habibu Mugalula** the **sternest test** and he will be hoping to catch them napping when the two **friendly foes** lock horns on the **opening day of action (June 7)** at the **beautiful Gahanga International Cricket Stadium**.

Mugalula will hope that the **pool of priceless talent** comprising of players from **Jinja SSS, where he tutors, Masaka Secondary School, Light Secondary School - Soroti, Ndejje Senior Secondary School, St John**

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Secondary School Mukono, St James Secondary School - Jinja and Mt. Rwenzori Girls Secondary School - Kasese will have enough in their tanks to outlast the opposition.

Some of the players will also use this tour as their **last chance saloon** to convince selectors for berths on the **star-studded squad that will represent Uganda at the ICC Global Women's World T20 Qualifier** scheduled for **next month in Netherlands**.

The Kwibuka Cricket for Peace Tournament will be played on a **round-robin format with each country facing each other once** before a **knockout phase on June 10** where the top two finishers play for the title in the **final** whereas the third and fourth finishers in the preliminary round battle for the **bronze** in the third place playoff match.

FIXTURES FOR KWIBUKA CRICKET FOR PEACE WOMEN'S T20 TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Teams Arrival/Practice

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Morning: Rwanda vs. Zambia

Afternoon: Kenya vs. Uganda

Friday, June 8, 2018

Morning: Kenya vs. Zambia

Afternoon: Uganda vs. Rwanda

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Morning: Zambia vs. Uganda

Afternoon: Rwanda vs. Kenya

Sunday, June 10, 2018

Morning: Third place playoff

Afternoon: Final

NB: All Games Will Be Played At Gahanga International Cricket Stadium

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UCA GIRLS SCHOOLS SELECT SQUAD

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OFFICIALS

Coach: Habibu Mugalula (*Jinja SSS*) **Manager:** Harriet Nanziri (*St James SSS*)

ABOUT: Uganda Cricket Association (UCA)

UCA is the national body that is responsible for the development, promotion and running the sport of cricket in Uganda. It's an Associate Member of ICC since 1998.

ABOUT: Rwanda Cricket Association (RCA)

Rwanda Cricket Association is the official governing body of the sport of cricket in Rwanda. RCA is an Affiliate member of ICC since 2003. It is also a member of the African Cricket Association (ACA).

ABOUT: International Cricket Council (ICC)

The ICC is the international governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from England, Australia and South Africa, renamed the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1989.

ABOUT: Kwibuka Cricket For Peace Women's T20 Tournament

Since 2014, the Ministry of Sports and Culture, and the Rwanda National Olympic Committee, have been encouraging national sports federations to organize memorial tournaments in honor of players, coaches, administrators and fans of the respective sports disciplines killed during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. Apart from competing for the trophy, participating teams always visit memorial and historical sites in Kigali.

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