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Press Release

LADY CRICKET CRANES EYE RANKING POINTS AT KWIBUKA WOMEN T20s

June 14, 2019: Today we invite you with pleasure for a **monumental flag-off ceremony** as Uganda Cricket Association (UCA) give you a **glimpse into the future** as they send out a new-look, young, talented and energetic senior national women's side – **The Lady Cricket Cranes** for the sixth edition of the Kwibuka Cricket For Peace Women's T20 Tournament in Kigali, Rwanda.

Uganda's side is without doubt an exciting mix; a reward to the **six outstanding players that stood out in the Girls Cricket Week (GCW)** in May and **eight of the seasoned campaigners that are fresh from International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's World Cup Qualifier in Zimbabwe** that are looked at as a unit that will form the core of the Lady Cricket Cranes side for a long time in future.

Like the Victoria Tri-Series held in Uganda, this tournament, to be played at the **beautiful Gahanga International Cricket Stadium**, will have **full Twenty20 International status** as it will feature national sides as per ICC's mandate to have all T20 games featuring nations attain that ranking.

Defending champions and three-time winners **Kenya have bowed out at 11th hour due to financial constraints** whereas **Zambia never confirmed** when first contacted but the tournament will not be mourning their absence with **two debutants – Mali from West Africa & Tanzania from East Africa** – in the fold.

Lively all-rounder **Rita Musamali of Aziz Damani gets a second bite at the cherry as captain** of the side for the **nine-day event that runs from June 16th to 24 in Kigali** to mark **the 25th anniversary of the 1994 Genocide** against Tutsi that claimed over one million lives in 100 days. In the **absence of seniors**; Franklyn Najjumba, Consy Aweko, Janet Mbabazi, Kevin Awino, Naomi Kayondo and Rachael Ntono, who were 'ignored' by the selectors in the favour of using the meet as an **initiation ground for a new breed of players to kick-start their international careers**, captain Musamali will look to club-mates Immaculate Nakisuyi, also the vice-captain and Stephanie Nampiina when the going gets tough.

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Coach Michael Grace Ndiko will **continue his gelling process with the side** and he will be ably **assisted by Ivan Kakande, fresh from coaching stint in Sri Lanka**. Eight of the players on tour are from the **Soroti Cricket Academy (SCA) stable** whose head coach is Kakande. Four are actually from **Olila High School won scooped their maiden GCW title** after edging their friendly-foes Light SS of Soroti by six runs in the epic final played at Lugogo Oval on May 2.

“The selection of several youngsters is to look at the nearby future, two years to be specific, since that is the period when we expect the **next Women World Cup Qualifiers to take place**. We want to be ready by then. The **more experienced players are still in our sights** but the **younger ones need more game time and guidance** hence their domination of this time round,” said coach Ndiko.

The Kwibuka Cricket For Peace Tournament will be played on a **two round-robin format** with each country facing each other twice. The team with **most points** will be crowned 2019 champions.

CAST OF KWIBUKA T20 CHAMPIONS

2018: Kenya **2017:** Kenya **2016:** Uganda **2015:** Kenya **2014:** Uganda

ITINERARY FOR KWIBUKA CRICKET FOR PEACE WOMEN’S T20 TOURNAMENT

June 16: Arrival of Teams

June 17: Visit to Memorial Site, Training, Captains’ & Managers’ Meeting

June 18-23: Match Days

June 24: Team Departures

TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

9.30am: Rwanda vs. Mali

1.30pm: Tanzania vs. Uganda

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

9.30am: Mali vs. Tanzania

1.30pm: Uganda vs. Rwanda

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Thursday, June 20, 2019

9.30am: Uganda vs. Mali
1.30pm: Rwanda vs. Tanzania

Friday, June 21, 2019

9.30am: Rwanda vs. Mali
1.30pm: Tanzania vs. Uganda

Saturday, June 22, 2019

9.30am: Mali vs. Tanzania
1.30pm: Uganda vs. Rwanda

Sunday, June 23, 2019

9.30am: Uganda vs. Mali
1.30pm: Rwanda vs. Tanzania

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

UGANDA LADY CRICKET CRANES SQUAD

The Players

Rita Musamali (Capt) - Aziz Damani, Immaculate Nakisuyi (V. Capt) – Aziz Damani, Damalie Busingye - Olila High, Joyce Mary Apio – Olila High, Stephanie Nampiina – Aziz Damani, Maria Kagoya Nyende – Aziz Damani, Evelyn Ayipo – Soroti Challengers, Sarah Walaza – Jinja SSS, Esther Iluko – Olila HS, Proscovia Alako – Olila HS, Mildred Anyigo – Olila HS, Susan Kakai – Jinja SSS, Gloria Obukor – Olila HS, Christine Anayo – Light SSS, Soroti

The Reserves

Shubaiker Naigaga – Jinja SSS & Janet Nakiranda – Victoria HS

The Officials

Coach: Michael Grace Ndiko **Assistant Coach:** Ivan Kakande **Physiotherapist:** Habiba Kulsum Anguyo **Manager:** Lwiza Nabalwala

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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.

ABOUT: International Cricket Council (ICC)

The ICC is the global governing body for cricket. Representing 104 members, the ICC governs and administrates the game and is responsible for the staging of major international tournaments including the ICC World Cup and Women's World Cup, ICC Champions Trophy and the ICC Men's and Women's T20 World Cup as well as all associated qualifying events.

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 organise memorial tournaments in honour 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. For the first time, the tournament will be used as a ranking tournament after it got the green light from ICC.

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