



Building Steadily. Peyton Suubi is consistently rising through the ranks. PHOTO / DENISE NAMALE

Swimmers Suubi, Kuc happy with AYG performance

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KAMPALA. Peyton Suubi broke three national records during the swimming competition at the ongoing 4th Africa Youth Games in Luanda, Angola.

She competed in five events. First, she took part in the girls' 1500m free-style final, where she finished 5th overall with a new national record (NR) of 18:46:08 as the competition started on December 12.

A day later in the 200m free, the 15 year old posted a personal best (PB) of 2:22:62 and a time of 31.79 in the 50m butterfly in the preliminaries of both events.

On December 14, she took part in the 200m breaststroke clocking 2:50.23 in the prelims. That took down a 2:51.44 national record set by Jamila Lunkuse in 2012 in Maputo. But the new record did not stay for long as she lowered it further in the night to 2:49.46 in the finals, where she marginally finished fourth.

Noticeable progress

Suubi, who swims for Jaguar Swim Club, completed her run with a 10:00.51 NR in the 800m free finals, where she finished 7th. That took down the 1:01.75 that she managed at the Africa Aquatics Junior Championships in Egypt in May.

"I am happy with the 800m free NR. Yes, the cut was small by just a second but I am still happy. Overall, I am happy with how the gala has gone; three national records including the 200m breaststroke one which I made twice," Suubi said.

Meanwhile, her teammate Isaiah Kuc competed in three events and got as many personal bests. He posted 56:71 in the 100m free. His 2:06.93 in the 200m free prelims took him to the finals where he posted 2:09.47. He also posted 27.37 in the 50m fly.

"I believe I did really well in my events because I got PBs and finished top 10 in all of my events," Kuc, who swims at Silverfin Academy, said. The duo was coached by Olivia Nalwadda.

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Peyton Suubi's results

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-800m free: 10:00:51 (NR)

-200m free: 2:22:62 (PB)

-50m fly: 31:79

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