



**Finest.** Bukedea Comprehensive celebrate their boys' football trophy at the Elite Games in Bombo. PHOTO / MAKHTUM MUZIRANSA

## Elite Schools Games: Bukedea Comprehensive dominates in Bombo

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**KAMPALA.** Bukedea Comprehensive School (BCS) were the standout performers at last weekend's Elite Games, organized by Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA) at Janan SS, Bombo.

It was the kind of championship that allows schools to put in some competitive miles ahead of this school term's zonal and district qualifiers to the USSSA Ball Games that are due in May.

BCS bagged three gold medals in the volleyball girls' and boys' categories where they were led by most valuable players (MVPs) Hope Aponyo and Joel Otim edge St. Elizabeth Girls and Standard High School Zana respectively, plus boys' football.

### Group stages

MVP Gabriel Oyiru opened the scoring for Mentor SS. They seemed destined if their wins over Uganda Martyrs High School (UMHS) Lubaga in the semifinals, Kyaddondo SS in the quarter finals, and Bukedea in the group stages, were anything to go by. But BCS, who also won the Feasssa (Federation of East Africa Secondary School Sports Association) Games last August did well to stay in the game and were repaid by a late equalizer by Deus Niwaha to end the game 1-1 in regulation time.

In the ensuing shootouts, Bukedea's goalkeeper Andrew Okori stood out with two vital stops to ensure they won 4-2.

### Similar fate

Kawempe Muslim suffered a similar fate in girls' football as they fell 5-4 on penalties against rivals St. Noa Girls School Zana. Brenda Nabawanuka missed her take against goalkeeper of the tournament Lillian Nakirya while her teammates Agnes Nabukenya, Vanessa Namazzi, Tracy Nabalanzi, and Dorcus Kisakye converted. Tournament MVP Patricia Nayiga, Angel Dominic, Martha Babirye, Rebecca Nyakake, and Evelyn Katusiime – all converted for national and regional champions St. Noa to defend their title.

But for girls' football, the main discussions were about player health and welfare as players from both schools and more had to deal with six Elite matches and Fufa Women Super League fixtures in just three days.

### GOLD MEDALS & MVPS

#### Rugby 7s (G):

| Nkoma SS  
Sunday Anirwoth  
(Nkoma) |

#### Rugby 7s (B):

| London Col. |  
Gerald Malekha  
(London) |

#### Handball (G):

| Gombe SS |  
Flavia Nakawala  
(Gombe) |

#### Handball (B):

| Gombe SS  
Trevor Hingabire  
(Gombe) |

#### Basketball

**3x3 (G):** Mvara SS |  
Gatrude Nyamutoro  
(Mvara) |

#### Basketball 3x3

**(B):** | Seroma CHS  
| Franklin Fondo  
(Seroma) |

#### Basketball

**(G):** | Smask |  
Shifrah Kiranda  
(Smask) |

#### Basketball (B):

Buddo SS |  
Steven Ange  
(Buddo SS) |

#### Volleyball (G):

Bukedea CS |  
Hope Aponyo  
(Bukedea CS) |

#### Volleyball

**(B):** Bukedea CS |  
Joel Otim  
(Bukedea CS) |

#### Netball: Buddo

SS | Rahuma  
Namuyomba  
(Smask) |

#### Football (G):

St. Noa Girls |  
Patricia Nayiga (St.  
Noa) |

#### Football (B):

Bukedea CS |  
Gabriel Oyiru  
(Mentor) |