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USSSA BALL GAMES

Girls' football - Semi Results

Rines 0-0 Kawempe

(Rines won 4-2 on penalties)

St Noa 3-0 Latifah

Boni Consilii 1-1 Jipra *(Boni*

Consilii won 5-4 on penalties)

Amus 1-0 Bukedea

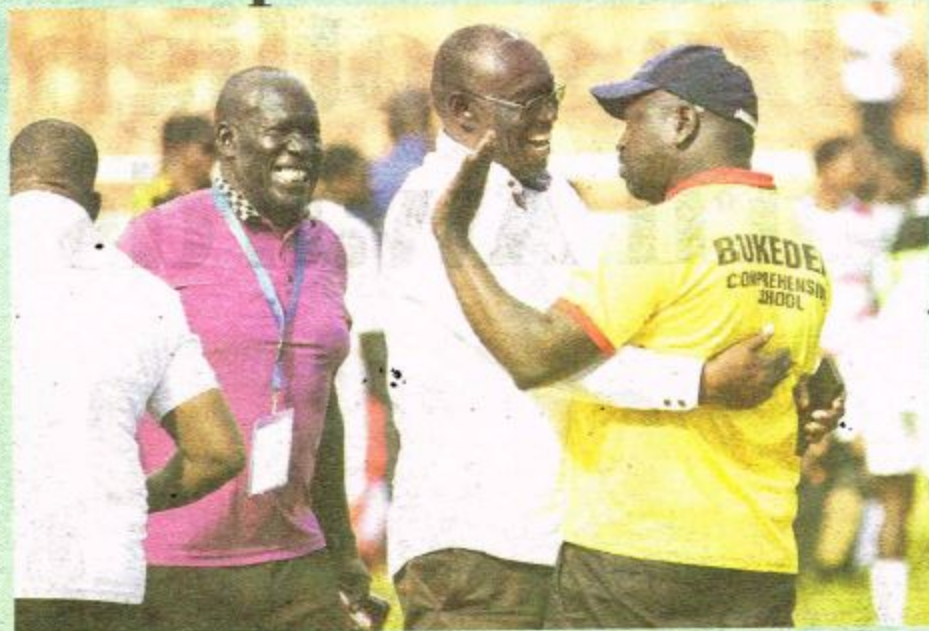
Qualified for FEASSSA: Rines, St Noa, Boni Consilii & Amus.

MUKONO. Three-time Feassa Championship winners Kawempe Muslim will miss this year's edition in Tanzania after a dramatic penalty shootout defeat to Rines at the ongoing USSSA Ball Games in Mukono.

In a tense, counter-attacking semifinal played at UCU Stadium, Rines held their nerve to win 4-2 on penalties following a goalless draw in normal time.

Patricia Nakato, Justine Ayeraga, Edith Nakisega and Shamirah Nakubir-

Kawempe miss as Amus eliminate Bukedea



No Love Lost. An animated Amus proprietor Patrick Isiagi (C) embraces a visibly disappointed Fred "Malibu" Katende (R) of Bukedea at full time, as Amus coach Frank Anyau (with tag) lurks. PHOTO/GEORGE KATONGOLE

ye converted from the spot for Rines, while Halima Mupyanga missed. Ka-

wempe's Doreen Kisaakye and Vanessa Namazzi scored their penalties, but

Tracy Nabatanzi and Shadia Nabiryce failed to convert, sealing their shock exit. The result ends Kawempe's hopes of returning to the regional stage, where they have been one of the most successful sides in recent years.

Four teams confirmed

Uganda's representatives at this year's FEASSSA games will now be Rines, St Noa Girls, Boni Consilii and Amus. St Noa set the tone earlier in the day with a commanding 3-0 victory over Latifah. After a tightly contested first half, Dorah Nangobi, Grace Kawiino and Teddy Namata struck in the second period to secure the win for the defending FEASSSA champions.

Boni Consilii needed penalties to overcome Jinja Progressive Academy (Jipra) after a 1-1 draw in regulation time. Jipra had stunned their opponents with a first-minute opener, but Rinah Ariho restored parity in the 28th minute from the penalty spot before Boni Consilii edged the shootout 5-4.

The final qualification slot went to Amus, who continued their dominance over Bukedea Comprehensive with a narrow victory in an all-eastern derby.

Having already beaten Bukedea in both district and zonal finals, Amus made it three wins out of three this season courtesy of Faith Akol's strike, her fifth goal of the campaign.

Bukedea pushed hard for an equaliser, but Amus' defence held firm to book their ticket to Tanzania.

Head coach Frank 'Video' Anyau, praised his team's resolve.

"I know many fans didn't enjoy the game because the players are fatigued, but our focus was on qualifying for FEASSSA. That was the main goal and we achieved it," he said.

There was lighter moment on the touchline before full time, with Bukedea team manager Fred Katende and Amus director Patrick Isiagi engaging in friendly exchanges that amused fans. Action continues today with the semifinals as teams shift focus to the national title, with regional slots already secured.