

NIC AND KCCA START STRONG

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East Africa Club Championship

NIC	68	Red Perils	19
KCCA	70	KVZ	34
KU	76	Joost	34
Prisons	45	IAA	32

Fixtures

Today, 8am

KCCA v Police

At 10:40am

NIC v Red Perils

At 5pm

Prisons v Police

Ugandan sides have targets on their backs as the East Africa Club Netball Championships head into day three in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

The prestigious club competition got underway on Sunday, with women's defending champions NIC opening proceedings with a victory. They were able to show off their title-defence credentials with efficient and patient netball.

They secured an emphatic 68-19 victory over the Red Perils to start the competition on a high, but it required a big effort on their part.

"Our intention is to defend our title, but I must say the girls played well despite the fact that they had a long journey to Kenya and were still heavy on their feet," stated



KCCA netball team warm up during the league at Nakivubo

coach Ali Mugisha.

KCCA began their campaign on Monday morning with a devastating display against KVZ, despite missing star attackers such as Shadiah Nasanga and Mercy Batumuliza, who are currently playing in Malaysia. Nevertheless, they were able to post a comfortable 70-34 victory.

"The first performance from the team was okay because the majority of the players I have are new. All my shooters

are students and, unfortunately, one went back home yesterday because she lost her mother," stated KCCA coach Fred Mugerwa.

He admitted that most of the teams they have faced are on the weaker side, but said that today's clash against Uganda Police will give them a clearer indication of where they stand in terms of competitiveness. KCCA lead Group B alongside Kenya Prisons, Jeshi Stars, KNH, Uganda Police and KVZ.