

# Bukedea make strong opening in Lira

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FEASSSA boys' football champions Bukedea Comprehensive School made an emphatic statement at the start of the 2026 USSSA National U-20 Boys' Championship after producing dominant displays on the opening day in Lira City.

The Bukedea-based side entered two teams, Bukedea North and Bukedea South, and both delivered solid results. One side eased past newcomers PP Newton SS 4-1, while the other battled to a 1-1 draw against St Mary's Boarding Secondary School Kitende.

Bukedea Comprehensive Resident Managing Director Jonas Gumisiriza said the school arrived at the tournament determined to defend its reputation as regional champions. He noted that the team had corrected shortcomings exposed during the zonal competitions where they lost both the boys' and girls' football titles to Amus College School.

Elsewhere, reigning

national champions Kings College Budo also began their campaign strongly with a 2-0 victory over Teso College Aloet in a Group A encounter.

Coach Magulu Ssemakula praised his players for handling the pressure of the opening fixture and expressed confidence ahead of upcoming matches against Masindi SS and Kaserem SS. Ssemakula, who replaced Richard Malinga after his move to Amus College School, said the team's resilience during the Wakiso district and zonal qualifiers had prepared them well for the national stage.

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A Bukedea player in action