

GOVERNMENT CREDITED FOR FEASSA DOMINANCE

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USSSA Boys' Football in Lira

Saturday

Round 16

Sunday

Quarterfinals

Monday

Semifinals

The Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA) has credited continued government support for the steady rise of school sports competitions and Uganda's dominance at the (Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Association) FEASSA Games in recent years. In a message authored by USSSA president Justus Mugisha, the association highlighted the role played by Education minister Janet Museveni in the development of school sports through administrative support, talent development programmes and increased exposure for young athletes.

According to Mugisha, regular engagements between USSSA leaders and the government since 2019 have contributed to the country's success at regional level, where Uganda has won five consecutive FEASSA overall titles in 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, including the latest



Mugisha (C) presents the trophy to the President and First Lady

edition held in Kakamega, Kenya.

The report pointed to growth in organisational structures, capacity building for sports administrators, infrastructural expansion and improved funding for school competitions as some of the major gains registered over the years.

USSSA also used the opportunity to renew its call for improved sports infrastructure across the country, requesting the implementation of earlier proposals that include buses for all the 19 USSSA zones and the construction of 38 multi-sport facilities to support schools and surrounding communities. The association further noted that expanding facilities and easing transport

challenges would strengthen competitions at zonal and national level while increasing participation among learners.

The developments come as the National Ball Games II continue in Lira District, where schools are competing for qualification to this year's FEASSA Games scheduled for Morogoro, Tanzania.

Only the top-performing schools will earn the right to represent Uganda at the regional championships, where the country heads in as the overall defending champion.

Bukedea Comprehensive School are among the schools seeking to maintain their strong presence on the regional stage after previous success at FEASSA competitions.