



# Message from TFF President Wallace Karia

I'm pleased to once again use our newsletter platform, to enlighten football lovers and stakeholders on development the Federation is making in football.

We all know that this weekend, our national senior team, Taifa Stars will be facing a crunch battle against Uganda Cranes in race to qualify for this year's Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals, to be staged in Egypt.

This match is very important for Taifa Stars, because a win will likely guarantee the team a place in the finals for the first time after 39 years. It is obvious that this will not be an easy match for Taifa Stars, because Uganda Cranes have always proved a difficult team to face.

This, however, does not mean that Stars cannot win this match. Infact, we have a very good squad and basing on the drills the team had undergone for the past few days heading to the game, we believe the team will post positive results.

We believe in the qualities of our players led by their Captain, Mbwana Samatta. The number of Tanzanian players playing outside the country will also add thrust in the team to win the match on Sunday.

We also believe in the 12th player – fans. This is why we are calling them to flock the stadium and cheer up the team. The presence of 60,000 plus fans at the venue will give our team the much needed confidence and motivation for them to play with determination and win the game.

On our side, the Federation has made all necessary preparations and provided all required support to the team and the technical bench, in an effort to make sure Taifa Stars rewrite history in the continental football.

We have faith in our team that they will not let us down. The good news is that all players in the team are aware of the burden they shoulder. They have the responsibility to make Tanzanians happy and proud.

Let's all join hands and support our team.

Wallace Karia TFF PRESIDENT

#### Amunike speaks on Taifa Stars chances



National football team, Taifa Stars Head Coach, Emmanuel Amunike, is confident that his charges have what it takes to beat Uganda Cranes at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday, and make it into the finals of Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON).

Amunike said basing on the kind of preparations the team had undergone; Stars will surely snatch a win.

The former Nigerian international and Barcelona star is confident with the depth of his squad, saying players in the team have hunger for success and it is from such background that he is confident the team will post positive results.

"I respect Uganda Cranes and we know that they have a good squad but I can assure you that we equally boost a great team that can beat Uganda. The technical bench is doing everything possible to sharpen the team and in God's grace we will win and re-write history in the country's football," he said.

"I held talks with my players and they promised to put their 100 per cent and win the match at home," he said. Amunike called on fans to turn up in huge numbers at the National Stadium to cheer up the team. Packed in group L, Taifa Stars are second on the table with five points, eight points behind leaders Uganda Cranes, who have already qualified with 13 points. Lesotho are third with five points, while Carpe Verde trail the list with four points.

A win by Taifa Stars will enable them reach eight points hence the outcome of the other fixture in the group between Lesotho and Carpe Verde will be the good judge for Star's destiny in the competition.

## What Stars Players Are Saying

Samatta: It is an amazing opportunity for Stars



Taifa Stars skipper, Mbwana Samatta has told his Stars teammates they have an 'amazing opportunity' to qualify for AFCON in front of their own fans.

Stars ends they qualifying campaign against Uganda Cranes on Sunday and victory is likely to see them in the finals set to be staged in Egypt later this year.

He insists that they will never have a better chance of qualifying for major tournament in the continent, something that hasn't happened since 1980.

Samatta believes that his team mates can handle the expectations of Tanzanians and is excited about the team's chances to reach AFCON finals.

"We know the chance to qualify for the finals is now...it is an amazing opportunity," said the KRC Genk striker, insisting that they will enter the pitch to stage a fully- fledged war against Uganda Cranes.

"We are 100 per cent ready for the match. It is a great incentive to have the opportunity to qualify. You don't often get such opportunity in your career, so we will try to make the most of it. Samatta called on fans to flock the venue and fill it to the brim. He said the power of fans will lift the players' spirit to win and qualify into the finals in Egypt.

"I like to assure Tanzanians that we are in good shape and we will fight to the bitter end to win this match. It will be an honour for the nation and this is what we want to achieve,

# 'It's an open chance' - Kessy Ramadhan



# Aishi Manula: It is our time



Taifa Stars right wing back Hassan Ramadhan Kessy, is optimistic that the team is capable of beating Uganda on Sunday and qualify into the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals in Egypt.

"It is an open chance for Taifa Stars to qualify into the finals in Egypt," he said. Kessy, who features for Zambia top flight side Nkana FC, is adamant that they (Stars) will fight tooth and nail to overpower Uganda and sail into the finals. "Our call is for all Tanzania to rally behind the team," he said.

Taifa Stars first choice goalkeeper, Aishi Manula believes it is now time for the team to end 39 years wait and qualify for Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals to be staged in Egypt later this year.

"Surely this is our time...let's go full throttle for it. I believe we can re-write history for the country by beating Uganda Cranes and qualify for the finals," he narrated. "Spirit is ceiling high at the camp and players are motivated, raring to go. We will all our efforts and energy to win on Sunday and please come in huge numbers to support the team. We will not let you down," he said.

# John Bocco: Nothing is impossible



"We will enter the pitch aiming for nothing less than victory, which will see us through to the finals of the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals to be staged in Egypt later this year.

"Nothing is impossible in this world and winning against Uganda Cranes on Sunday is possible. Let me assure Tanzanians that all players in camp are in positive frame of mind ready for the battle. We know Uganda will play with no pressure because they have already qualified but we will keep our focus throughout the game to attain our target.

"Everyone of us is dreaming of playing at the top stage –AFCON finals and this is why we keep calling for support from Tanzanians," he said.

# Bring them on: Simon Msuva



"We all know that Sunday's match against Uganda Cranes is crucial for us. We also know that Tanzanians expectations were very high.

"And, so we say, bring them on. We only pray to God that we remain in good condition ready for the clash," Msuva said, adding that Taifa Stars respect Uganda Cranes but they have will have to put them to sword on Sunday.

## Himid Mao: It will be tough

"Match against Uganda Cranes will always not be easy for us but we are determined to win no matter what.

"The players are charged up after days of drills under coach Amunike (Emmanuel) and the rest in the technical bench...we are ready to go and call for prayers from all Tanzanians," he said.











# Taifa Stars



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| Tanzania 37<br>Uganda 16            | 18 Nov 2018 | <u>Lesotho v Tanzania</u>            | L | 1-0 | Africa Cup of Nations |

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| Match Commissioner:  |
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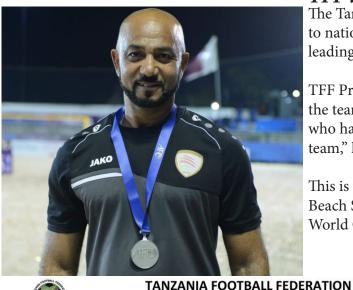
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# TFF lauds Beach Soccer coach Talib Hilal

The Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has paid tribute to national beach soccer team Head Coach, Talib Hilal, for leading the team to qualify for World Cup in Paraguay.

TFF President, Wallace Karia said; "We are all pleased with the team's success. We congratulate the Oman based coach, who has given massive contribution to the success of this team," he said.

This is the third time that Hilal, who also doubles as the Beach Soccer Technical Advisor to lead the team to the World Cup.

BEACH SOCCER LEAGUE 2019 ROUND 3 - STANDING



|    | Teams                    | Р  | w  | Wx | Wp | L  | GF  | GA  | GD  | PTS | BEACH SOCCER LEAGUE 2019   |
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| 5  | Kijitonyama Sands Heroes | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 13  | 10  | 3   | 3   |  |
| 6  | Friends Rangers Fc       | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 9   | 7   | 2   | 3   |  |
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| 9  | Six Home City Fc         | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 16  | 19  | -3  | 3   | Fixture   Sunday, March 24, 2019   Day 6 of Round 3   Karume Stadium |
| 10 | Tanzania Prisons Fc      | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2  | 7   | 10  | -3  | 0   | Vingunguti Kwanza FC VS IIala FC 08:30am                             |
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## RCL draw held at TFF

Draw for Regional League Championship (RCL) was conducted early this week at the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Headquarters in Dar es Salaam.

During the draw, a total of 28 teams from all Mainland regions were involved. The league is set to be staged at different venues across the country from March 27th to April 11th this year.

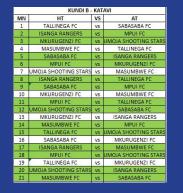
The championships will be staged in four selected centres. The centres include Bariadi Council ground in Simiyu region, which will host group A teams. Azimio ground in Katavi region will host group B, while Songwe will host group C. Mgambo ground in Mpwapwa, Dodoma region will hoist group D.

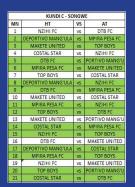
Top two teams in each group will qualify into the best eight in a centre to be announced later by the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF).

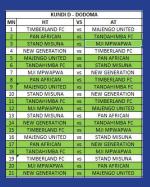
The best eight stage will also be divided into two groups of four teams each, in which top two teams in each group will progress to the semifinals and later final. The final stage will be held from April 30th to May 10th this year

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| 28-Mar-19 | 16:00 | 3  | UJENZI FC      | V5            | BUYUNI FC      |
| 29-Mar-19 | 16:00 | 4  | COPCO VETERAN  | VS            | BARIADI UNITED |
| 30-May-19 | 14:00 | 5  | HAWITA FC      | V5            | MBUNI FC       |
| 30-May-19 | 16:00 |    | RED STAR       | VS            | UJENZI FC      |
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| 1-May-19  | 14:00 | 8  | MBUNI FC       | VS            | BARIADI UNITED |
| 1-May-19  | 16:00 | 9  | HAWITA FC      | VS            | RED STAR       |
| 2-May-19  | 16:00 | 10 | UJENZI FC vs   |               | COPCO VETERAN  |
| 3-May-19  | 14:00 | 11 | RED STAR VS    |               | BARIADI UNITED |
| 3-May-19  | 16:00 | 12 | BUYUNI FC vs   |               | HAWITA FC      |
| 4-May-19  | 16:00 | 13 | UJENZI FC      | VS            | MBUNI FC       |
| 5-May-19  | 14:00 | 14 | COPCO VETERAN  | VS            | RED STAR       |
| 5-May-19  | 16:00 | 15 | BARIADI UNITED | VS            | BUYUNI FC      |
| 6-May-19  | 16:00 | 16 | HAWITA FC      | VS            | UJENZI FC      |
| 7-May-19  | 14:00 | 17 | MBUNI FC       | VS            | COPCO VETERAN  |
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| 27.03.2019 | Lipuli FC vs Singida United   |
| 29.03.2019 | Kagera Sugar vs Azam FC       |
| 30.03.2019 | Alliance FC vs Young Africans |







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