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Message from TFF President

I'm honoured to once again have an opportunity in this TFF Newsletter platform, to join all delighted Tanzanians in celebrations of our national senior team, Taifa Stars' feat at continental level competition.

We all know that Taifa Stars re-wrote history after they defeated Uganda Cranes 3-0 in the last group L match of the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on March 24, 2019 and booked a place into the AFCON finals after a 39-year hiatus.

The determination and fighting spirit shown by our players during the game was a clear testimony that given all necessary resources and support, our players can go places and win big in the world football.

This victory is a blessing for all Tanzanians, who have patiently looked forward for this moment for almost four folds now and every time we tried after every two years we were disappointed and broken hearted.

Well done Taifa Stars players and the technical bench for this historic victory for the country. We salute you all for a job well done and with perfection.

It was always not going to be an easy game against Uganda Cranes but we had high hopes for the Stars. Indeed, they managed to overcome all the hurdles they faced and snatched the sweet victory which reduced the group leaders Uganda to novices. We at TFF are so pleased with the support that came from all angles of the country.

We are specifically humbled by the government's full involvement in making sure that the team wins ticket for the AFCON finals. We must also not forget a Special Committee picked to create hype and motivate players, which was under the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner (RC) Paul Makonda, as well as all Tanzanians for rallying behind the team. You have helped us a great deal to reach this stage.

Surely, it was not an easy task for the team to qualify, following a turbulent start to the campaign. A slip up against Lesotho away in Maseru, which we lost 1-0 was a really setback for us but we managed to pick our pieces and kept our focus in the final dice against Uganda.

We thank God for all this achievement, without forgetting the 12th player (fans) for filling the stadium to the brim and cheered up the team.

While we celebrate our March 24, 2019's success story, we at TFF believe that this is just a start of the long journey for the country football to reach top heights in Africa and globe at large. We will do everything possible with an immediate effect, to take stock of our short comings and prepare ourselves well for the finals which are just three months away.

We still call on Tanzanians to continue supporting their teams at all levels, taking into consideration that the country will soon be hosting the Under-17 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals. Our women national team, Twiga Stars is also facing a crucial match against Congo DR in the Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers and they need support from Wananchi.

All in all, we say thanks to the Taifa Stars players and all who have in one way or another played an important role of giving us the pleasure. Well done Taifa Stars. Tanzanians look forward for a better performance in Egypt. All the best and good luck.

Wallace Karia
TFF President



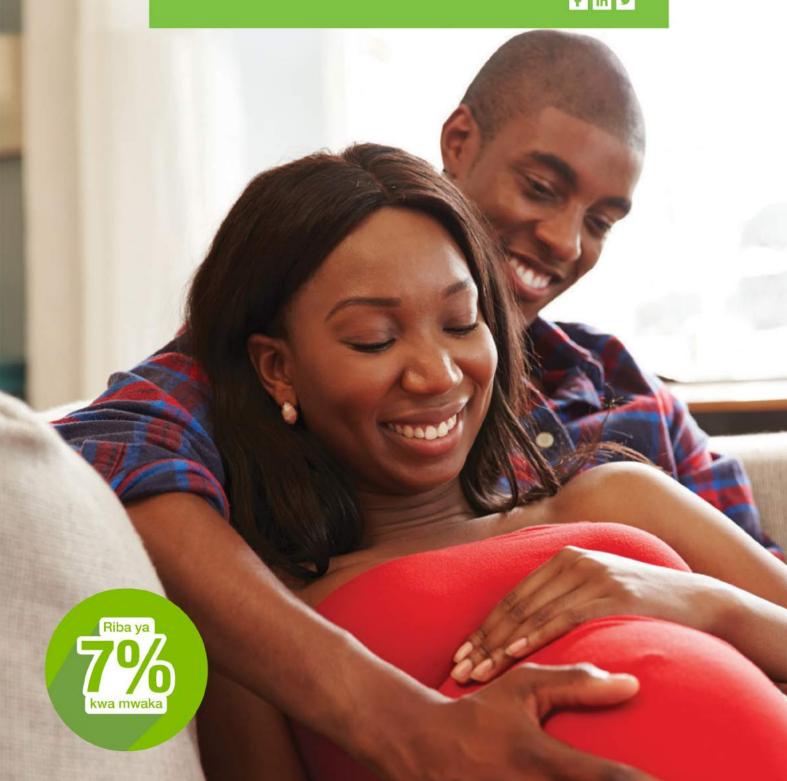
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Magufuli rewards Stars' players after FCON feat



GOVERNMENT has rewarded Taifa Stars players' plots of land in Dodoma, as a motivation following the team's qualification in Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals after a 39-year wait.

Brave Taifa Stars defeated Uganda Cranes 3-0 in the last group L match at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on March 24, 2019.

The offer was unveiled on Monday 25th this year at the State House in Dar es Salaam by President John Magufuli. The President was delighted by Taifa Stars feat

which he offered the reward to the players on behalf of the government and Tanzanians as appreciation for what the players and the team did.

Tanzania eventually picked up a ticket to the 32nd Total Africa Cup of Nations and will now be competitors during this year's event to be held in Egypt in June.





TFF praises Taifa Stars legends of 1980

President of the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Wallace Karia has praised the Taifa Stars legends of 1980, for setting aside time to give the current crop of Stars player important pep talks.

Karia said the direct involvement of the former players acted as a catalyst for Taifa Stars to snatch a massive 3-0 win over mighty Uganda Cranes at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on March 24, 2019 and booked a place into the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals and broke a 39-year jinx.

"We really thank them (former players)...they have always been there and played great role in Stars qualification into the Egypt finals. They had pep talks with the players shortly before the game against Uganda Cranes and it really inspired the team," Karia said.

Some of the former players who have been involved in the campaign to motivate the team included Idd Pazi 'Father', Rashid Idd Chama, Peter Tino, Jellah Mtagwa, Leopold 'Tasso' Mukebezi, Husein Ngulungu, Daud Salum 'Bruce Lee' and Omari Hussein 'Keegan'.







Taifa Stars vs Uganda in pictures



NATIONAL YOUTH TEAMS NEWS

National Under-20, 18 and 17 football teams have left the country for friendly matches in Eritrea, Cameroon and Rwanda respectively.

A delegation of 23 players, who form the national Under-17 side, Serengeti Boys are in Kigali, Rwanda, to feature in the Under- 17 Mini Tournament organised by Rwandese Association Football Federation (Ferwafa).

The tournament which involve three nations—host Rwanda, Tanzania and Cameroon, kicked off on Friday at Stade de Kigali. The tournament ends on April 4th with Rwanda's Junior Wasps and Tanzania locking horns. Serengeti Boys use the tournament for the final tune up ahead of the Under-17 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals, to kick off from April 14th to 28th in Dar es Salaam.







On the other side, the national Under-17 side, Ngorongoro Heroes are due to face hosts Eritrea on March 31st this year, while the Under-18 team has landed an invitation to compete in a special youth tournament in Alexandria, Egypt from April 4th to 14th this year. Other nations invited for the Alexandria event include Algeria, Morocco, Kenya and hosts Egypt.

Twiga Stars target DRC scalp



National women football team, Twiga Stars squad has stepped up gear, to prepare for their clash against the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Twiga Stars will face DRC counterparts on April 5th in the first leg at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam, in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic qualifiers. The return leg will be held in Kinshasa, DRC on April 9th this year.



Dust settles as ASFC reach semis

The dust has settled with four teams advancing into the semifinals of the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC).

Giants Young Africans, Azam, Lipuli FC and KMC have reached the last four-stage after seeing of their respective challengers in the quarterfinals.

The semifinal matches are scheduled to be played from....







RCL draw held at TFF

The Regional League Championship (RCL) involving a total of 28 teams from all Mainland regions kicked off at different venues across the country last Thursday.

The championships will be staged in four selected centres, will stretch up to April 11th this year. 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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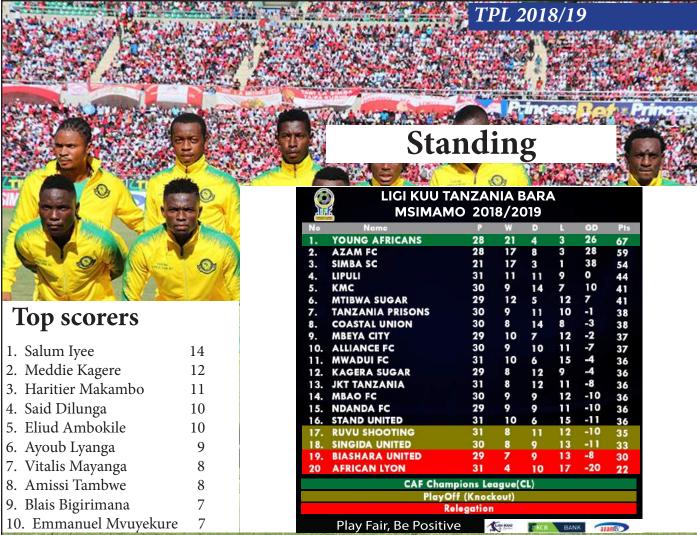
TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION BEACH SOCCER LEAGUE 2019 ROUND 4 - STANDING



	Teams	P	W	Wx	Wp	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Mburahati Fc	4	3	0	1	0	31	19	12	10
2	Buza Fc	3	3	0	0	0	18	10	8	9
3	Ilala Fc	4	2	0	0	2	26	18	8	6
4	Friends Rangers Fc	3	2	0	0	1	14	8	6	6
5	Kisa Fc	4	2	0	0	2	23	21	2	6
6	Friends Of Mkwajuni Sc	4	2	0	0	2	17	17	0	6
7	Tabata Souls Sc	3	2	0	0	1	11	13	-2	6
8	Kijitonyama Sands Heroes	3	1	0	0	2	17	16	1	3
9	Tanzania Prisons Fc	3	1	0	0	2	13	14	-1	3
10	Six Home City Fc	3	1	0	0	2	16	19	-3	3
11	Vingunguti Kwanza Fc	4	1	0	0	3	10	20	-10	3
12	Savannah Boys	4	0	0	0	4	10	25	-15	0
		42	20	0	1	21	206	200	6	61









Semi Final Fixture ASFC Cup

Lipuli FC vs Yanga SC Azam FC vs KMC







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