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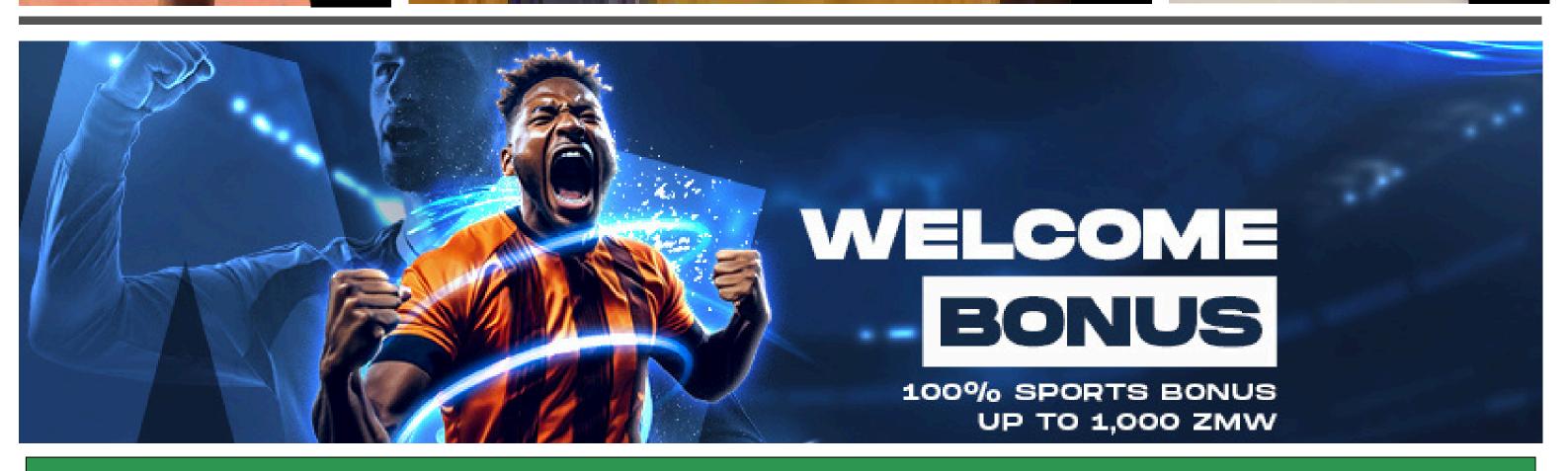
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SOUTH AFRICA THRASH ZAMBIA 4-0 IN COSAFA U-17 FAZ OPENER TO SIGNAL AFCON INTENT By Lucky Chama



South Africa delivered a clinical performance on Friday, stunning defending champions Zambia 4-0 in their COSAFA Under-17 Group B opener to seize early control of the group and put the Young Chipolopolo under pressure.

Omphemetse Sekgoto gave the Amajimbos a dream start inside two minutes, capitalizing on a defensive lapse. Zambia's problems deepened in the 24th minute when a penalty was awarded to South Africa, which Mpho Moleko converted for a 2-0 international football for the first lead. The Zambian technical bench time," he said. "South Africa was just responded with a 33rd-minute double substitution, Tandanani Mhlongo's 36th-minute strike made to win both to stay in contention." it 3-0 at halftime.

Zambia introduced fresh legs early in Amajimbos coach Villa Khumalo the second half and briefly thought praised his side's preparation and they had pulled one back in the 51st minute, only for the effort to be ruled offside. South Africa managed their so credit must go to our development lead with composure, rotating their coaches back home," Khumalo said. squad at the hour mark before Emmanuel Mbutti's 77th-minute own goal sealed the 4-0 result.

Zambia coach Chris Kaunda admitted his young side struggled under the spotlight. "The boys were scared—some of them were playing a better team for us today. We still have two games to play, and we need

mindset despite limited time in camp. "We only had four sessions together, "Against Zambia, we had to be direct and economic with possession. The key now is to qualify for AFCON that's the most important thing."

The defeat leaves Zambia needing a victory against Malawi, who earlier beat Madagascar 3-1, to revive their defense. South Africa's dominant display, meanwhile, firmly established them as early favorites for the regional crown and a place at the 2026 Africa Cup of Nations Under-17 tournament.

NYEMBE OKECHI ALON VOWS TO GIVE HIS BEST AFTER JUINING ZANAGU FG By Lucky Chama



Football Club's latest Zanaco signing. 19-year-old defender Nyembe Okechi Alon, says he is eager to make his mark in the Zambian Super League after completing a one-year move from Tanzanian giants Simba SC.

Speaking after putting pen to paper, the young defender expressed excitement about the new chapter in his career. "I am very happy to join Zanaco FC. This is a great step in my career, and I am ready to give my best for the team and the fans," Alon said. "I know the Zambian league is very competitive, but I am here to

learn, improve, and contribute to the club's success."

The move marks Alon's first stint outside Tanzania, and his arrival is expected to bolster Zanaco's defense as the Lusaka-based club seeks to improve its league standing this season.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Poster Kaluba praised the signing, describing Alon as a promising addition to the squad. "We are excited to have Nyembe Okechi Alon at Zanaco FC. He is a young defender with a lot of potential, and

we believe he will strengthen our squad," Kaluba said. "His arrival also reflects our vision of combining experienced players with talented youngsters who can grow with the team."

Zanaco, who have been rebuilding under a mix of youth and experience, Alon's hope energy and determination will inject fresh momentum into their campaign.

He's expected to make his debute this Sunday when the Bankers host Nkwazi.

APPOINTS TEMBWE AS HEAD OF MEDIA IN DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURE

By Lucky Chama



The Football Association of Zambia has appointed veteran (FAZ) journalist and broadcaster Nkweto Tembwe as Head of Media and Communications, as part of a major restructuring of its media department.

In a statement released on Friday, FAZ confirmed that the department has been elevated to a full directorate to align with international best practices in football media and public relations. Alongside Tembwe's appointment, Godfrey Chikumbi has been named Media Manager, while Sydney Mungala retains his position as Communications Manager.

FAZ General Secretary Machacha Shepande said the changes are aimed at strengthening the association's communication strategy and enhancing engagement with stakeholders.

"We are confident that the two gentlemen will help strengthen media relations and the department at Football House," Shepande stated. "The restructuring to a full directorate is a deliberate step to align our operations with the best

standards globally, ensuring that Zambian football maintains a strong and professional voice in the media space."

Tembwe brings over three decades of experience in journalism, broadcasting, and public relations. previously served Communications Manager Football House and holds a Bachelor's Degree Communication with Public Mulungushi Relations from and a Diploma in University Journalism from Evelyn Hone College.

Chikumbi, a journalist and TV producer at ZANIS, also brings a wealth of expertise, holding a Bachelor of Communication in Journalism and a Master's in International Relations and Development, both from Mulungushi University.

The appointments signal FAZ's commitment to modernizing its operations and strengthening its media engagement ahead of key domestic and international football assignments.



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NAMES 36-MEMBER FIFA CUP WORLD **KANYEMBA** PROVISIONAL SQUAD By FAZ



tournament with Coach Carol Kanyemba naming 36 players for a local camp that kicks off on Sunday.

Kanyemba has retained the core of the squad that earned the back-toback ticket to the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2025, which will take place from 17 October to 8 November 2025.

Skipper Mercy Chipasula headlines that squad that is expected to be in camp until departure for the tournament next month.

The team will have an international camp in the final stages of preparation for the tournament where they are perched in Group F alongside Japan, New Zealand and (DEFENDERS) Paraguay.

Football Academy Mohammed V1 before facing Japan three days later at the same venue with the final group match on 25 October.

biggest showpiece in 2014, 2024 and Nyirenda (Driven Queens)

Group F will be based in Salé, which is a city in northwestern Morocco, on the right bank of the Bou Regreg River.

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(STRIKERS)

Mercy Chipaula (Kamfinsa Blue Eagles), Grace Phiri (Indeni Roses), Masela Sekeseke (Red Arrows Women), Victoria Mbali (Young Lweendo Hanongo (Driven Queens), Green Buffaloes), Hellen Sichamba, Zambia opens its account on 19 Natasha Nkaka (Green Eagles Blessings Chiumya, Wendy Mwikisa October against Paraguay at the Women), Nana Malanda (Green (all Elite Ladies), Esther Mutinta, Mwape Carol Nsondo (both Choma Gift Warriors), Ruth Nakazwe (Bauleni

NCHANGA NCHANGA RANGERS EYE FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN AS THEY FACE RED ARROWS By Joseph Tembo



Nchanga Rangers First Assistant Coach Boyd Mulwanda says his side is fully focused and determined to continue their fine start to the season as they face Red Arrows FC tomorrow at Nkoloma Stadium in Lusaka at 15:00 hours.

Speaking ahead of the clash, Mulwanda expressed confidence in his squad, noting that the technical bench has worked hard to keep the players sharp despite the recent break.

"So far so good. We've done our homework and kept the boys busy to ensure they don't lose momentum. Everyone is working hard, playing according to instructions, and putting in their best," Mulwanda said.

Nchanga Rangers have enjoyed a perfect start to the campaign with three wins out of three, a run that has placed them at the top of the Zambian Premier League table. But Mulwanda insists past victories count for little as his team prepares for a tough test against an experienced Red Arrows side.

Those games are gone, what is important is the one ahead. It won't be an easy game because having won three matches, every opponent will come at us strongly. We have to stay positive, focused, and work extra hard," he said.

Mulwanda stressed the need for mental strength and resilience, adding that the players have been urged to "fight and carry the day" despite playing away from home.

He also called on Nchanga fans to turn up in numbers at Nkoloma Stadium to rally behind the team.

"We rely on our fans; they give us the morale to push. We are going to work extra hard and give them the best result they want in tomorrow's game," Mulwanda said.

Nchanga Rangers will be looking to extend their winning streak, while Red Arrows, who have recorded a win and a draw in their opening two games, will be aiming to halt the visitors' momentum.

FOR ACTION AT ZAMBIA SET FOR ACTION AT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TOKYO By Joseph Tembo **ATHLETICS** WORLD



Zambia's athletes are poised for World Athletics Championships takes centre stage at the Japan National Stadium in Tokyo from September 13 to 21, 2025.

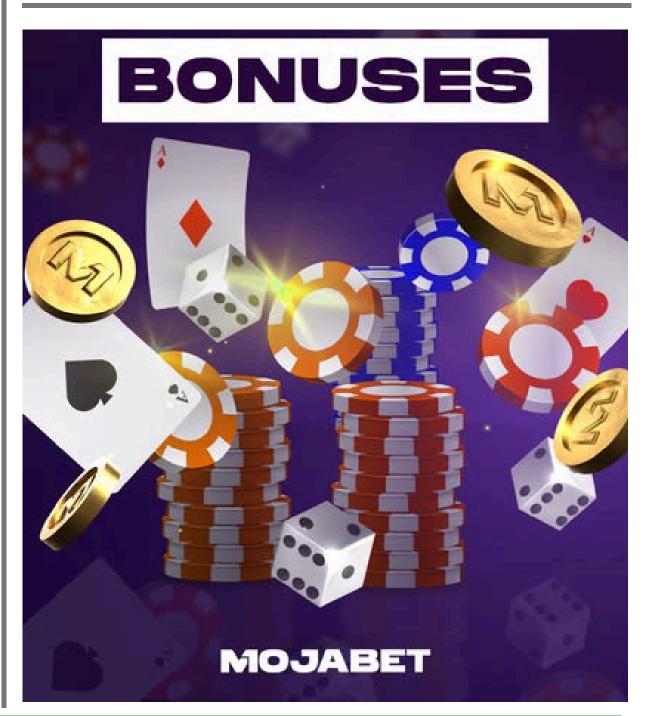
Sprinter Edna Ng'andula will lead competition as the 20th edition of the the nation's charge when she lines up in the women's 100 metres preliminaries this morning at 11:55 hours Zambian time. Later in the day, the 4x400m relay team will also

take to the track in the heats, marking a busy opening for the Zambian contingent.

On Day Two, all eyes will turn to Muzala Samukonga, the reigning 400m world champion, who begins his title defence on September 14. Samukonga remains one of Zambia's brightest medal prospects and will be a key figure to watch as the championships progress.

The Tokyo 2025 Championships mark a historic milestone as the 20th edition of the global showpiece since its inauguration in Helsinki in 1983. More than 2,000 athletes from 200 teams are competing across 49 events, with 147 medals at stake over nine days of action.

With the spotlight firmly on the Japan National Stadium, Zambia will be looking to make its mark among the world's best, carrying the hopes of the nation in the pursuit of athletic glory.



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CHIYANGI WARNS GREEN BUFFALOES AGAINST MULENGA URGES DIALOGUE ON UNDERRATING MINES UNITED IN MTN SUPER CAREER TRANSITION AND LEAGUE CLASH By Lucky Chama



LUSAKA – Green Buffaloes head Chiyangi Aggrey cautioned his players against complacency as they prepare to face newly promoted Mines United in a Week 4 MTN Super League fixture at Edwin Imboela Stadium on Saturday.

Buffaloes are eager to bounce back from a Week Three 1-0 defeat to Nkana FC, while Mines United arrive buoyed by their historic first top-flight point, earned in a 0-0 draw with defending champions Power Dynamos. Chiyangi, however, warned that Mines United's promising start makes them a dangerous opponent.

"It's a very important game to us, and we don't want to underrate Mines United," Chiyangi said. "I

watched their game against Power Dynamos—they're not a small team. They play very good football, and we have to treat them like any other big team. Since we're playing at home, we must get the three points we need."

Chiyangi revealed that Buffaloes have worked on their weaknesses from recent matches, particularly on wing play, which he identified as a shortfall. "Our wingers did not tick in the last two games, making it hard for us to deliver balls into the box. We've worked on that in training, and this game is going to be different. We expect to see more wing play and a stronger midfield performance," he added.

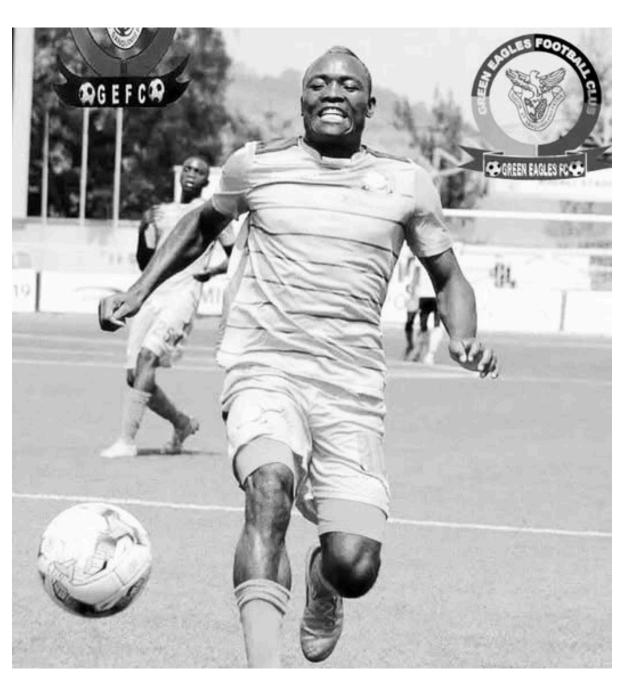
On how to break down Mines United's likely defensive setup,

Chiyangi said, "The strategy will be to put pressure on them and win the ball back quickly. If they pack the bus, we'll force them into unnecessary fouls and take advantage of set pieces."

The coach confirmed that Buffaloes have no injury concerns and a full squad available for selection. He also called on fans to rally behind the team: "Buffaloes have a big fan base, and the players really value your support. We haven't started very well, but things are going to pick up. Please come in numbers and back the team for the full 90 minutes."

The match offers Buffaloes a chance to climb the standings and reaffirm their title ambitions, while Mines United will be aiming to spring another upset.

GREEN EAGLES AIM TO HONOR LATE TAPSON KASEBA WITH MUSANZA DERBY WIN By Lucky Chama



Green Eagles Football Club head coach Perry Mutapa says Saturday's Musanza derby against FC MUZA at Independence Stadium will be dedicated to the late Tapson Kaseba, the club's former star striker.

Kaseba, a former Chipolopolo

forward, died in Lusaka last week and was laid to rest on Sunday. He was a key figure in Green Eagles' rise in Zambian football, helping the Choma-based side qualify for the CAF Confederation Cup and secure a runners-up finish in the MTN Super League.

Currently seventh on the log with four points, Green Eagles are eager to return to winning ways after a 1-1 draw with ZESCO United in their Week Three away fixture. FC MUZA, unbeaten and sitting second on the table with two wins and a draw, are expected to provide stiff competition.

Mutapa said the international break allowed his side to refine their approach and address early-season issues. "I think the international break gave us ample time to correct the mistakes from the past three games and to improve on the strengths we've shown," he said. "MUZA are a good team, compact in midfield and defense, but we have strategies to unlock them. This is a new game, and tomorrow we must come with new energy."

Emphasizing the emotional significance of the match, Mutapa added: "A befitting send-off for Tapson Kaseba will be an outright win. It's good the game will be played on Saturday, so we expect the stadium to be packed. For the fans, they just have to keep on supporting the team for 90 minutes, and hopefully we're going to get the three points."

The derby promises a passionate contest as Green Eagles seek victory both for points and in memory of their fallen hero.

EDUCATION FOR FOOTBALLERS By Lucky Chama



Former Chipolopolo winger Clifford Mulenga has called on fellow exfootballers and football stakeholders to openly address the challenges players face when transitioning out of professional sport.

In a candid post on his official Facebook page, the 2007 CAF Young Player of the Year said career transition remains one of the most avoided topics among retired players.

"The reason this topic is avoided is because most of us don't have the connections, the qualifications, and the knowledge to take on other roles," Mulenga wrote.

He stressed the importance of preparing current players—both men and women—for life beyond football, questioning why many still struggle after retirement.

"We need to address these issues...

Why do they happen? Why do they continue happening?" he asked.

Mulenga also criticized football academies that allow children to skip school to train in the mornings.

"We cannot be comfortable with academies training in the mornings. It means we are advising the kids not to be in school. We are raising kids that will struggle with life after football," he warned.

Encouraging unity among former players, Mulenga appealed: "Let us come together and find ways to help each other navigate this difficult situation... Together we can."

His remarks have sparked conversation online, with fans and ex-players praising his courage and urging Zambian football authorities to invest more in education and post-career support for athletes.





FIXTURES MATCHWEEK 4

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Kabwe Warriors



15:00 Railway Stadium, Kabwe



Nkana Fc

Konkola Blades



15:00Konkola Stadium,
Chlililabombwe



FC Leopards

Mufulira Wanderers



15:00Shinde Stadium,
Mufulira



Zesco United

Power Dynamos



15:00Arthur Davis
Stadium, Kitwe



Napsa Stars

Red Arrows



15:00 Nkoloma Stadium, Lusaka



Nchanga Rangers

Green Buffaloes



15:00 Edwin Imboela Stadium



Mines United

Green Eagles



15:00 Independence Stadium, Choma



FC Muza

SEPTEMBER 14TH

Zanaco FC



15:00 Sunset Stadium, Lusaka





Nkwazi FC

Mutondo Stars



15:00Arthur Davis
Stadium, Kitwe



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MATCHWEEK 5

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Yasa Queens



10:00 hrs Independence Stadium,Lusaka



Zanaco Ladies

Zesco Ndola Girls



15:00 hrs Trade Fair, Ndola



The Elite Ladies

Kamfinsa Blue Eagles Queens



15:00 hrs Kamfinsa Ground, Kitwe



Konkola Blades Queens

Indeni Roses



15:00 hrs Indeni Sport Complex, Ndola



Nchanga Rangers Queens

SEPTEMBER 14TH

Red Arrows Women



10:00 hrs Nkoloma Stadium, Lusaka



Amazing Grace

Green Eagles Women



15:00 hrsBank of Zambia
Stadium, Lusaka



National Assembly

Trident Queens



15:00 hrsSentinel Ground,
Kalumbila



Luyando Foundation

ZISD FC



15:00 hrs Independence Stadium, Lusaka



Green Buffaloes Women

Nkwazi Queens



POSTPONED Edwin Imboela Stadium, Lusaka



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