

Eight win City Tyres U-14 regional meets

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Northern Peace, Lion, Tororo, Jinja and Lugazi Young joined Western winners Bushenyi, South Buganda's Young Express and Lira's San Siro at the weekend after they clinched their respective City Tyres U-14 regional championships.

The main tourney, U-14 Champions League, sponsored by City Tyres and organised by Friends of Football will be held in Jinja from September 24-26.

Northern Peace beat Kwach Academy to win the Gulu region region, Lion ejected Ostrich in Kitgum, Tororo overcame Namakwekwe in the Elgon region (Mbale), Lugazi Young beat Kayunga to carry Eastern Buganda and Jinja took the Nile Region.

Regional representative teams are picked from the best players in the area championships according to Friends of Football administrative secretary David Kata-bira. As hosts, Jinja will field two teams.

NBA stars here

League ties on today at YMCA courts

BASKETBALL

James Ssekandi & Ismail Dhakaba Kigongo
Mukono

Today at YMCA

Warriors v KCC	8.30pm
Rocks v Vegetarian	5.30pm
Women	
UCU v Crane High	7pm

Uganda could soon become a favourite destination for all National Basketball Association (NBA) stars. Barely weeks after Charlotte Bobcats star Juwan Howard visited the 'Pearl of Africa', two more stars are here on a three-day visit.

Detroit Pistons' Jason Maxiell and Nykesha Sales - a six-time Women's NBA All Star who features for Orlando Miracle - arrived in the country on Monday and will work with local coaches to enhance

training techniques and drills in team building.

The duo kicked off their schedule with a basketball workshop and clinic at UCU-Mukono yesterday. The clinic moves to YMCA court, Wandegaya this afternoon.

Maxiell and Sales will also promote AIDS awareness among the youth through basketball, identify talent and take 225 youth chosen from across the sport's sphere about the importance of continued education.

"Succeeding in the NBA is all about learning the basics of the game, desire and passion. Height is secondary," Maxiell told the press gathering when contacted to give tips on how a Ugandan could make it to the NBA.

Elsewhere, second-placed Kyambogo Warriors face bottom side KCC Lions in the MTN-FUBA basketball league this evening.

In the women's league, champions UCU Lady Canons hope to keep pace with leaders A-1 Challenge and KCC Leopards when they clash with minnows Crane High.



Detroit Pistons player Jason Maxiell teaching youngsters at UCU yesterday.

Briefly

Nigeria's ex-skipper Oliseh wants change

Former Nigeria captain Sunday Oliseh says that if Nigeria fail to qualify for the 2010 World Cup, football in the country must be overhauled. Oliseh expressed his concern following Nigeria's 2-2 home draw with Tunisia left them second in their group. "The situation is now a dire one, because the only chance we have of going to the World Cup now is if Tunisia falters" he told BBC Sport. Oliseh, who played for Nigeria at both the 1994 and 1998 World Cups said he had a deja vu feeling. Nigeria' one of the top seeded nations in Africa is struggling to qualify for the World Cup.

Wigan to assess Cameroon's Mbami

Wigan manager Roberto Martinez will determine whether to sign Modeste M'Bami during the Cameroon midfielder's week-long trial with the club. The 26-year-old is a free agent following the end of his deal with Olympique Marseille. M'Bami has 28 caps and seven goals for his country and Martinez said: "He has a great pedigree and a great curriculum with top teams around the continent. "He can control the tempo of the game with his ability and experience." Martinez added: "He has a sharp brain, can see a pass quickly and can operate in a few positions around the midfield area."

this (injury) was history now but that is not the case," said Dhaira yesterday.

"I have spoken with the club's directors and the only option left

pain barrier in a few of the big games. I am a fighter and I will do anything to fight this groin injury."

URA FC are contemplating sur-

Rigobert Song and passing the captaincy to star striker Samuel Eto'o.

The results since speak for themselves.

URA's number 1 Dhaira is now considering medical help in Europe

NBA star inspires youngsters in Mukono

BY CHARLES MUTEBI

MTN-FUBA League
Today, YMCA
Men's div 1
Warriors v Lions
Men's div 2
Rocks v Veg.

Women
Canons v Crane High Ladies

JASON Maxiell, power forward for NBA club Detroit Pistons, and former WNBA all-star Nykesha Sales yesterday conducted a basketball clinic at Uganda Christian University Mukono for 280 primary and secondary school children.

The American pair, whose two-day visit was organised by the U.S. Mission in Uganda and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, took the exuberant kids through the basics of passing and



Jason Maxiell (left) and a colleague show how it is done

dribbling before giving them certificates at the end.

Jason said: "It's been great coming out here and learning about the spirit

of the kids."

His counterpart added: "The kids seemed very excited about basketball and hopefully they are going to be the ambassa-

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dors of the sport in future."

Maxiell and Sales will put on another clinic for a fresh group of school kids and will also meet with various local basketball officials today at YMCA.

□ THE KCC Lions have looked quite improved in the MTN-FUBA League second round yet that has not saved them from losing three matches in a row. That they take on the Kyambogo Warriors today at YMCA means KCC are all but condemned to a fourth straight loss.

Last month coach Baker Mande singled out this encounter as one of the three KCC were, in all honesty, incapable of winning.

The other two were against the Mountain Dew Falcons and D'Mark Power and the Lions duly lost 81-58 and 89-54 respectively.

Serugo's dream run in Italy ended by Korea

BY JAMES BAKAMA

Monday
R. Serugo lost to J. Hun
(3-17)

RONALD Serugo paid the price for being a slow starter by blowing his World Championship medal dreams.

In stark contrast to his headline gripping victory over Briton Thomas Stubbs last Saturday, Serugo was on Monday on the receiving end right from the first gong.

It was South Korean Shin Jong Hun this time doing the punching and Serugo the defending.

Uganda's lone representative at the world meet trailed 6-1 in the opening round, 6-2 in the second, before losing the third round 5-0.

Serugo, who had Lesotho coach Leonard Moekepsi in his corner, failed to adjust to Jong Hun's counter

punching style.

Serugo's coach Gonzalez, who the light flyweight phone from Kam that his fighter probably adjusted

been at the rings. A win for Serugo would have had him a quarter-final of Cuba's number one Matellon.

A Ugandan fighter stood on the medal of the biennial inaugural edition of Havana, Cuba.

Ayub Kalule won the medal in the light weight category. Joseph Nsububa won bronze.

At the last competition in Chicago, Uganda put up a dismal performance. She also had her fight with Bogere, Eddy A Phillip Adyak vs the USA. They turned profession

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