

TUSKER FC



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BOYS RUN NEAR PERFECT LEAGUE CAMPAIGN IN MARCH

The boys ran a near perfect FKF Premier League campaign in March, clinching two crucial victories and one draw in the three matches played. The team started off the month away from home, with a trip to Mombasa to take on Bandari, a game that ended 0-0. The boys had a myriad of chances to score, but settled for a point that remains crucial in the hunt for the title.

The next two matches were positive for the team, with back to back wins against Posta Rangers and Bidco United, two very difficult games. The boys won 2-1 against Posta Rangers, with Youth Team prodigy David Polepole scoring and assisting. He laid the ball for former Youth Team midfield partner Teddy Dok to open the scoring, before adding the second one for a 2-0 halftime lead.

Against a tough Bidco side, the team won 1-0 with Deogratious Ojok coming off the bench to score the winner in the second half. The team finished the month second on the standings with 47 points, one behind leaders Police FC.

While March came with its good results in the league, there was a downside with the team getting eliminated in the FKF Cup after a 5-4 post-match penalty defeat to Nairobi United. The game was decided on spotkicks after a 1-1 draw in regulation time.



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With the sunset days of the FKF Premier League beckoning, the team is set for three matches, all tagged as finals.

The boys kick off the month with an away trip to Awendo to face Mara Sugar on Sunday April 5. After that, there will be a one-weekend break before the boys get back to action with a home duel against Nairobi City Stars in Machakos.

The final match of the month will be an away tie against Mathare United in Dandora.

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APRIL SCHEDULE

 **MARA SUGAR**
TUSKER FC 
2PM - SUNDAY 6TH - AWENDO GREEN STADIUM

 **TUSKER FC** 
NAIROBI CITY STARS
4PM - SUNDAY 20TH - KENYATTA STADIUM

 **MATHARE UNITED**
TUSKER FC 
4PM - SUNDAY 27TH - DANDORA STADIUM

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WE HAVE NINE FINALS TO PLAY – COACH CHARLES OKERE



Tusker FC coach Charles Okere has issued a rallying call to the team ahead of the final nine games of the FKF Premier League campaign, with the team battling for the title. Okere says every match will be a final, saying the team is determined to fight all the way till the end.

“Every game for us is a final until the end of the season. We have a one-point difference between us and the leaders and every single game counts for us. We want to give our all and win each match that is ahead of us and ensure we give ourselves a chance to be crowned champions at the end of the season,” noted the coach.

Okere says he is pleased that the team has been improving offensively over the last few matches, and believes that doing better in front of goal will be key towards the hunt for the ultimate prize.

“We have been very tight defensively since the start of the second leg and we have now worked to improve in our goal scoring. We want to keep on doing that because April has very tough matches and we need to be at our best in the final third,” he noted.

CAPTAIN MOMANYI NAMED PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Captain Charles Momanyi has been named the March Player of the Month after stellar performances that saw him beat out tough competition from his fellow teammates.

Momanyi, who has been a consistent leader both on and off the pitch, emerged victorious following impressive displays that solidified his status as one of the club's most influential defenders.

The award was a hard-fought battle, with stiff competition from fellow defenders Alex Onchwari, George

Kaddu, and goalkeeper Brian Opondo. Additionally, promising Youth Team star David Polepole also made the five-man shortlist, after impressing in the last four games.

"I am delighted to have been named the best among the best. The last two months were really tough for us but we fought as a team and everyone gave their all. I wouldn't have won this award without my teammates and I want to commend them as well for the hard work put in," Momanyi said as he received the award.



OPONDO EYES FKF PREMIER LEAGUE GOLDEN GLOVE



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Opondo said.

The shotstopper has had a decent season, and was recently named in the Harambee Stars provisional squad for the World Cup qualifiers, though he couldn't make the cut due to the short turnaround time between the training camp and our league assignments.

Tusker FC keeper Brian Opondo has his eyes locked on the FKF Premier League golden glove this season. Opondo has so far managed seven cleansheets in 14 matches played, and ranks second in the golden glove ranking.

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TOP SCORER OGAM TO BE SIDELINED FOR FOUR WEEKS

Tusker FC striker and top scorer Ryan Wesley Ogam will be sidelined for four weeks after undergoing a procedure on his knee to correct a meniscus tear. Ogam was injured during the match against Shabana FC in Machakos in February.

Ogam will thus be out of action for the entire April, missing three more matches and is expected to be back with the first team in May.

“It is tough of course being out for this long but I believe this will make me stronger. I will work hard to return in time to play at least a small part in the final phase of the season,” Ogam said.

The forward has scored 15 goals with two assists this season.

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YOUTH TEAM FINISH DIV II FIRST LEG FOURTH IN THE STANDINGS



Tusker FC's Youth Team finished the FKF Division II League campaign fourth in the standings, winding up their run with a 1-0 win over Gikuni United in Ruaraka. After 15 matches, they are on 27 points, 10 behind leaders Royal Fresh FC. They have seven wins, six draws and two defeats.

"It has been an impressive end to the second leg and I am proud of what the boys have achieved. We managed to improve a lot towards the end and it is all down to the work we put in on the training ground," said assistant coach Paul Adera.

He added; "As we prepare to start the second leg, the ambition is to improve further. One of the areas we want to do well in is to reduce the number of draws we had. In the six matches we

drew in the first leg, we were in winning positions in almost all of them."

The second leg is set to start on April 18 and before then, the team has lined up several friendly matches to ensure the boys remain in tip top shape.

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