



NAPSA STARS FC NEWS



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SEEK TO PROVE WORTHY OF
CONTINENTAL FOOTBALL... 20



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OUR VISION

To be the model Football Club in Africa.

OUR MISSION

To foster the growth and development of Football in Africa by creating an enabling environment for talented members to flourish and maximize on their potential.

OUR VALUES

Integrity- We operate with honesty and hold ourselves accountable for all words and actions.

Excellence – We set high expectations and work hard to achieve them by engaging in continuous learning and improvement.

Innovation – We seek out and embrace new possibilities that can increase our impact.

Respect – We recognize that each person has equal intrinsic worth and deserves to be treated with dignity.

Teamwork – We collaborate on common goals to leverage the expanded knowledge of our members on and off the pitch.



-YOLLARD KACHINDA-

DIRECTOR GENERAL

NATIONAL PENSIONS SCHEME AUTHORITY (NAPSA).

“Let us go and compete and not just participate as we go for our continental competition.

We almost won the league and it is very painful to lose it, but let us keep the focus so that we do well in continental football and also do well in the next season because now we know what we are capable of.

We have done so well in the season that just ended and we need to continue with the same fighting spirit.

Management will always be here to give you all the support. Let us go and fly the NAPSA flag higher,” Director General Yollard Kachinda.



Mr. Kachinda shares a light moment with team cpt. Dickson Chapa During hes late fathers funeral





WE ARE PROUD OF YOU...

By Gwen M. Chipasula



Napsa Stars Football Club Chairperson Dr. Greg Nsofu has encouraged the team to work hard as it goes for continental competition.

The club for the first time has qualified for Confederation of African Football

Competitions having finished fourth on the log with 48 points, two points below league winners Nkana FC.

Dr.Nsofu addressed the team after their last match played against Forest Rangers FC which saw the Mohamed Fathi coached side lose 1-0, but still managed to qualify after enjoying 14 victories in the competition.

The NAPSA Stars FC boss said the team managed to clinch continental qualification which was the initial target.

“Of course it’s disheartening to lose our last game which could have potentially made us league winners, but the good part is we have managed to qualify for continental football which was our target.

So for this we are proud of you guys and we just want to encourage you to keep working hard,”

The chairperson also assured the team of the much needed support to see them reach far in the competition.

BEFORE



AFTER



OLD VS NEW

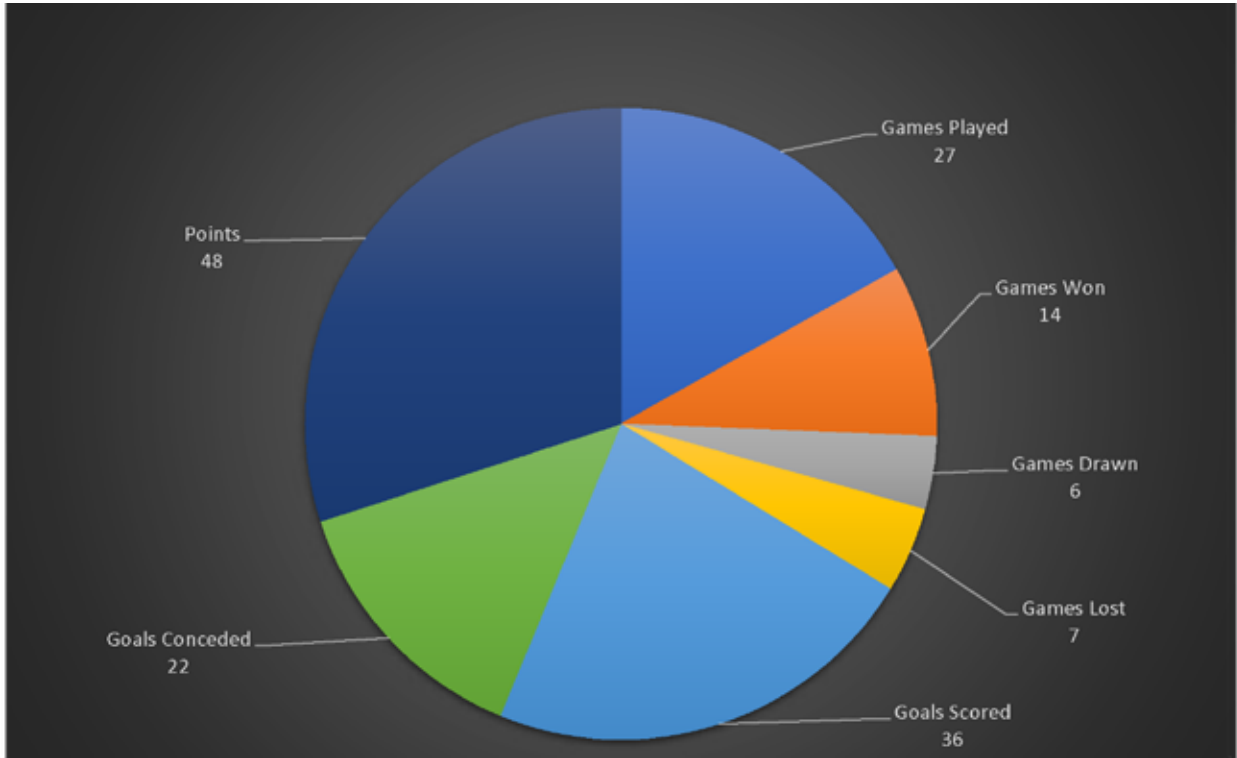
The new Logo, although it brings a more contemporary look and feel to the team , it maintains most of the elements of the old team emblem; thee five stars, the ball, the primary and secondary ary color arangement etc.

These and more can be seen by juxtapasing the old and new





2019/ 2020 SEASON STATISTICS



FIRST HALF

Week ONE

Mighty Mufulira Wanderers FC 0-2 Napsa Stars FC

Week TWO

Napsa Stars FC 1-0 Kasanshi Dynamos FC

Week THREE

Lusaka Dynamos FC 0-1 Napsa Stars FC

Week FOUR

Napsa Stars fc 0-0 Red Arrows FC

Week FIVE

Zesco United FC 3-2 Napsa Stars FC

WEEK SIX

NAPSA Stars FC 1-1 Green Eagles FC.

WEEK SEVEN

Napsa Stars FC 1-0 Nkwaza FC

WEEK EIGHT

Napsa Stars FC 3-0 KYSA

WEEK NINE

Buildcon FC 0- 1 Napsa Stars FC Buildcon FC.

WEEK TEN

Napsa Stars FC 0-0 Forest Rangers FC

WEEK 11

Napsa Stars FC 1-3 Kabwe Warriors FC

WEEK 12.

Napsa Stars FC 3-2 Zanaco FC

WEEK 13

Napsa Stars FC 1-1 Nakambala Leopards FC

WEEK 14

Napsa Stars FC 2-1 Lumwana Radiants FC

WEEK 15

Power Dynamos FC 1-0 Napsa Stars FC

WEEK 16

NAapsa Stars FC 0-1 Nkana FC

WEEK 17

Napsa Stars FC 2-2 Green Buffalos FC

SECOND ROUND

WEEK 18

Napsa Stars FC 4-0 Mighty Mufulira FC

WEEK 19

Kansanshi Dynamos FC 2-0 Napsa Stars FC

WEEK 20

Napsa Stars FC 0-0 Lusaka Dynamos FC

WEEK 21

Red Arrows FC 1-0 Napsa Stars FC

WEEK 22

Napsa Stars FC 2-1 Zesco United FC

WEEK 23

Green Eagles FC 1-2 Napsa Stars FC

WEEK 24

Napsa Stars FC 0-1 Nkwazi FC

WEEK 25

KYSA 2-3 Napsa Stars FC

WEEK 26

Napsa Stars FC 2-0 Buildcon FC

WEEK 27

Forest Rangers FC 1-0 Napsa Stars FC.

ACHIEVEMENTS





WE REACHED OUR TARGET- FATHI

By Gwen M. Chipasula



NAPSA Stars Football Club Head Coach Mohamed Fathi is upbeat about his team's first participation at the Confederations of African Football Club Competitions. Coach Fathi in his interview with Napsa Stars FC media said he is happy that the team managed to achieved the target given by the board to finish in top four and qualify for continental football.

Napsa Stars FC finished fourth on the log with 48points, two points less than League winners Nkhana FC who finished the competition with 50 points. Fourth place automatically gave Napsa Stars FC its first ever chance to participate in continental football.

Coach Fathi has finally come out saying missing out on the League title was painful, but was quick to add that he is very proud of his players for the good fight.

The pensioners had a chance of winning the league title in their last game played against Forest Rangers FC but missed that chance after losing by a goal to nil.

"I am happy we achieved the target despite losing our important game that could have made us champions. But this automatically makes us work even harder in the next season because we now know what we are capable of," Fathi said.

The coach also adds that Covid-19 outbreak affected his team, with 15 players having been tested positive to the virus.

He adds that his side enjoyed a good run before the Coronavirus outbreak and could have done a better job if the virus did not disturb the league.

"We enjoyed a good run before Covid -19 outbreak and I

know we could hav finished even on a better position if we were not disturbed because we had managed to even beat

bigger teams like Zesco United and Green

Eagles. When we came back, we did well in the Buildcon game and only lost it in the last game,

but its football and that is water under the bridge," Fathi explains.

And going into the next competitions, the Egyptian national says he is looking at reinforcing his squad ahead of the 2020/2021 Season and CAF competition so as to have depth in the team.

However, the coach could not reveal his targets saying everything would be done once all paper works are finalised.

"If you look at our progress from 2018 when we survived relegation, we have been competing well and this is big impression that we are getting there. Zambian players are always willing to learn and to improve and I'm happy with the team I have worked with for reaching this far,"

Coach Fathi adds.

Coach Fathi has also continued to thank the club sponsors NAPSA through the leadership of Director General Mr. Yollard



Mohamed FATHI
NAPSA STARS FC- HEAD COACH

Kachinda, and Club executive through the leadership of Dr. Greg Nsofu for the never-ending support to the team.

In his last remarks, coach Fathi also thanked the Club supporters for the continued love and support shown to the team and promised them victories in the coming season.





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BEGINNING OF GREAT THINGS

“We are starting a new challenge of playing Continental football and this is our first step, but our target is to start on a high note and go far in the competition.

We have been watching other teams who have represented our country and we have learnt some things from them.

The competition will be tough but we are ready to compete and not just participate. We will work hard to win our games because we want to continue with the same winning spirit we had in the just-ended season.

To our supporters, we continue to appreciate them and ask for the same support they have shown us. Without them, we could not have reached this far. We will put in our level best to work hard.



This will be a good competition for most of us as we will be playing it for the first time.



Cpt. Dickson Chapa in action during an MTN FAZ game
pc. Luka Kaunda



Cpt. Dickson Chapa in action during an MTN FAZ game
pc. Gwen M. Chipasula/ NAPSA MEDIA

2019/2020 GOAL SCORERS.

We scored a total of 36 goals with 13 players being part of our score sheet.

Collins Sikombe was our top scorer with 10 goals.

1. Collins Sikombe – 10 Goals
2. Bornwell Mwape – 6 goals
3. Danny Silavwe – 3goals
4. Doisy Soko- 3goals
5. Laudit Mavugo – 3 goals
6. Simon Nkhata 3 goals
7. Tapson Kaseba – 2 goals
8. Luka Banda – 2 goals
9. Dickson Chapa- 1 goal
10. BornwellSilengo- 1 goal
11. Aaron Kabwe – 1goal
12. Austin Banda – 1goal
13. Thomas Banda 1 goal





FRIENDSHIP ON AND OFF THE PITCH...

By Gwen M. Chipasula



It's with no doubt that these two Luka's have done extremely well as NAPSAs Stars FC central defenders. The two are not only an inseparable duo on the pitch, but also share same birthday month, with Banda's birthday being on 6th April 1995 and Ng'uni's being on the 18th. April 1995. The just-ended 2019/2020 season has seen these two players enjoying a lot of game time and only missing two games each from the 27 games played.

Luka Banda explains how exciting it has been working with Ng'uni saying the two enjoy the best friendship both on and off the pitch. "We've known each other since way back when he was just at National Assembly and I was just joining the senior team from the junior team Young Napsa. He has always been like a brother to me and this is why we enjoy working together well," Banda explains.

Banda joined the senior team from our Young Napsa squad while Ng'uni joined

from National Assembly in the 2018 season.

Nguni only saw himself enjoying game time in the last match of the Transitional League Season when the player was given a chance by coach Mohamed Fathi to play that last game and he proved his point to earn a place in the Coach's starting 11.

He explains to Napsa Stars FC media how he knew that his time to start featuring in the first 11 would come.

"Football is all about working hard and I did just that until I started having my game time. I'm happy to be working with Luka Banda because he has been my friend for a long time and he would always encourage me even when I never used to have my game time, "We enjoy a good relationship on the pitch and we are always correcting each other when we make mistakes, and that pushes us to work even harder," Ng'uni said.

The player also adds that he gets a lot of guidance from Left Back BornwellSilengo who is always advising him to keep working hard.

And when asked on how he feels to have helped the team qualify for continental football for the first time, Ng'uni said it has been an exciting feeling with the player looking forward for the competition.

"It will be my first time and just being part of this team is the most exciting and humbling feeling for me.

I'm looking forward to work hard and expose myself because that is the most

important thing for us as players," Nguni adds. And Luka Banda who has enjoyed his game time since 2017 when the team was under the leadership of Tenant Chilumba, says working with Ng'uni has been exciting because the two share the best relationship. "We understand each other well and our communication is very good in such a way that sometimes we would just look at each other and know what each of us need to do. We are always correcting each other and that has pushed us to do better, "It's not only Luka Banda but the rest of the back four with likes of BornwellSilengo and Aaron Kabwe. We have a good relationship and this pushes us to work harder," Banda said.

KING SIJO CONGRATULATES THE TEAM...



"I believe in my team; I believe we can reach the semi-finals if we prepare very well. We have come very far and I know are capable of doing great things. We are always behind the team.

Chairman Supporters team.





MUCHELENGANGA ENCOURAGES YOUNG PLAYERS

By Gwen M. Chipasula



Rabson Muchelenganga is one of the long-serving goalkeepers in the Zambian Super League whose experience keeps maturing with time.

Muchelenganga has been an exceptional part of Coach Mohamed Fathi's team having been the first choice since 2018 when the coach was introduced to the team.

The player who is also Coach Fathi's vice captain, has missed one game in the just-ended season owing to an injury.

He shares with the young players how tough continental football can be having played for teams like Nkana and Nchanga Rangers before, in the same completion.

"All I can tell them is that they need to be ready because it isn't an easy job to do. The competition is different and on a higher level.

We need to put God first and work hard both as individuals and as a team," Muchelenganga adds.

The goalkeeper says it is his first time to help a team qualify for continental football, but adds that he has played continental games before for Nchanga Rangers in 2011 and Nkana in 2014. He says the target for the team should be pushing to reach group stage and work hard to win the cup.

"We also need to add on to our CVs so if we can reach as far as group stage or even win the Cup that can be great for us," Muchelenganga said.

EXCITEMENT IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT...



I am happy to have joined the Pensioners and being part of such an achievement is very exciting and motivating to me as a player. We will work hard to win our first games so that we get more motivation and experience going into the rest of the games. We want to reach far in the competition".

Being equal to the task is all about belief first of all, and preparations, and I believe we can do it because we

have the ability, but what is important is that we prepare adequately because this is a different level as it will be our first time.

Our fans should expect great stuff from us because we continue working hard and we know people are still doubting us but we believe in ourselves and we know we can do this

HARDWORK & DETERMINATION...



"It's the same game of football we have played throughout the season, what makes it different is that it is against best teams on the continent, so we have to go on a notch higher in terms of desire, hard work, mentality and team work. This will always win it for us,"

Ohdoji joined the club in January 2020 from Kenyan Premier League side GorMahia FC.





MUSONGWA THE PHYSIOTHERAPIST...



“ I started practicing my career at Italian Hospital from 2010- 2011.

In the same year, (2011) I joined Forest Park, formerly called Doctors International Clinic and towards the end of the year, I started practicing my sports physiotherapy when I was attached to Lusaka Power House Rugby team. I joined NAPSA Stars Football Club in 2012 when Patrick Phiri was head coach. It was on a part time basis while still working for Doctors International Clinic, but evenly in 2014, I was on full time at Napsa Stars FC where I have been up to date.

YOUR EXPERIENCE AT NAPSA STARS FC:

The experience has been great; I have worked with most of the senior coaches in Zambia. The likes of Patrick Phiri, Peter Kaumba, the late captain Fred Nasilele, late Hector Chilombo, Evans Sakala, Dicky Ngwenya, Tenant Chilumba, Wilson Mwale ,LinosMwakwaza, Elijah Chikwanda, Alfred Mulawo, ChabbyChabala...

Working with a football club is much deferent as compared to working for a hospital. Different in the sense that a Club demands immediate result. It requires someone to be competent and be sure of what they are doing. Well this is the same even for a hospital, but with a football club one needs to make very quick decisions and this can be challenging because at the end of the day you need to make sound decisions. Another challenge is how you get to deal with different types of players with different backgrounds, different coaches with different philosophias as well as a different management from time to time.

It's a field which requires one's commitment but I have had so much fun and so much experience in the nine years I have practiced my career at a football club.

YOUR WORST MOMENT AT WORK:

When I have to tell a player the extent of their injury, especially when I have to explain to them that the injury might end their career.

It is usually difficult for me because the players ask me the extent of the injury just when it occurs, and often times I can tell even before there taken to the hospital for treatment.

My work is also to counsel them and give advice on how they have to take care of themselves. Most times it gets upsetting because some tend to do the direct opposite of what you instruct them to do when they go home, but I guess that is how work is you can-not always have the best days.



BEST MOMENT AT WORK:

When I had our defender keegan Zulu come back from an injury which made him stay away from playing for twoyears.

We travelled to India for his treatment and I got some experience from there. I treated him when we got back to Zambia and he is now back full time and can play 90 minutes.

YOUR MESSAGE TO UPCOMING SPORTS PHYSIOTHERAPISTS:

It's an interesting field to work in. Very challenging but that is what makes you work even harder and grow in your career. You need to be committed to your work and always be willing to learn new things and share ideas.





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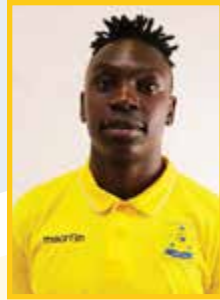


NAPSA STARS FC SQUAD OF 2019/ 2020 SEASON

GOAL KEEPERS



Philip Banda
jersey 1



Emmanuel Mphasi
jersey 44



Shabaan Ohdoji
jersey 34



Rabson Mucheleng'anga
jersey 16

DEFENDERS



Luka Banda
jersey 23



Aaron Kabwe
jersey 36



Luka Ngu'ni
jersey 15



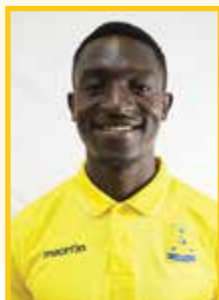
Smart Banda
jersey 35



Bornwell Silengo
jersey 18



Amos Simwanza
jersey 26



Chabu Chibondo



Stephen Phiri



Patient Mwepu
jersey 05



Victor Mulenga





MIDFIELDERS



Dickson Chapa
jersey 8



John Sikaumbwa
jersey 39



Austin Banda
jersey 7



Kapembwa Musonda
jersey 19



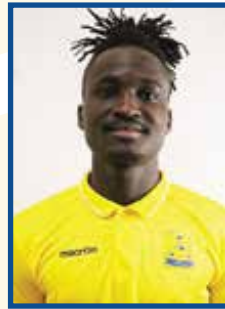
Collins Sikombe
jersey 14



Danny Silavwe
jersey 40



Simon Nkhata
jersey 30



Daniel Adoko
jersey 22



Keegan Zula
jersey 24



Mumba MWape
jersey 43



Felix Banda



Aaron Banda



Simon Chipanama
jersey 02



Stanley Sichangala
jersey 13



Niza Simutenda





STRIKERS



Bornwell Mwape
jersey 12



Thomas Banda
jersey 25



Laudit Mavugo
jersey 9



Emmanuel Mayuka
jersey 21



Tapson Kaseba
jersey 29



Doisy Soko
jersey 45



Jimmy Mukeya



Mathews Maleka
jersey 17



Assis Mambote



Moses Mwansa

TECHNICAL BENCH



Mohamed Fathi
Head Coach



Donwell Yobe
Physical Trainer



Lameck Nyangu
Goalkeeper Trainer



Luka Lungu
Assistant Coach



Geoffrey Hamakwenda
Assistant Coach



Daniel Chiboleka
Team Manager





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