

FastTrack CRICKET: Modi, D'mello to umpire in NPCA final

Kenya Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association have appointed two Umpires Subhash Modi and Rockie D'Mello to officiate the finals of the NPCA 40/40 Ovals on Sunday. The event, which has been sponsored by Bags and Balers, will be played at Nairobi Gymkhana from 10am, confirmed Moses Oweisi, Match Management Secretary of KCUASA. The finals will be between Swamibapa A and Kanbis A. Sandip Shah, NPCA Fixtures Secretary, said the prize giving ceremony will be done after the finals at the same venue.

—FP Reporter



MOTOCROSS: Shivam to face off Pleasance

Battle in the third round of the Kenya National Enduro Championship takes an interesting turn in Athi River this Sunday with runaway leader Andrew Pleasance and motocross ace Shivam Vinayak going head to head. Shivam, an emerging gem in the championship, caused consternation in the second round of the series in Il-Bissel when riding on a Yamaha 450, number 96, clocked 2:05.33 in 10 laps to bamboozle round one winner Pleasance. This was an overachievement of sorts for Shivam who is ranked fourth in the table after skipping the first round in which Pleasance prevailed in Narok.



FOOTBALL: Sofapaka hit Nairobi City Stars

Sofapaka hit Nairobi City Stars 3-0 in a mid-week Kenyan Premier League (KPL) match at City Stadium on Tuesday. Last year's joint top scorer John Barasa scored a brace. His first one was in the 20th minute and another one in the 49th minute. Anthony Kimani scored the second goal for the league champions in the 40th minute. This was the first of the three catch up matches the KPL defending champions are supposed to play. They play Chemelil this weekend before winding up their first leg fixtures against Sony Sugar in Awendo next week. —Gilbert Wandera

Nyanza South Road Race set for Migori town

By FEVERPITCH REPORTER

The Nyanza South Road Race Tour series second leg takes place in Migori town on June 18.

This will be one week after all provincial championships across the country.

The three-leg race, sponsored by Safaricom, started in Rongu last month. Athletics Kenya Nyanza South Chairman Peter Angwenyi said arrangements are complete for the race, which will be followed by the Awendo leg on July 2.

Top athletes from the region which include Rift Valley, West-

ern and Nyanza have upped preparing for the lucrative races.

Among those expected to participate are the winner of the Rongu leg Declerk Omari and Eunice Machogu. Prize money for the event will be Sh15,000, Sh10,000 and Sh5,000 for the winners, runners-up and third-placed athletes.

Meanwhile, Nyanza South AK will hold their provincial championships in Kisii tomorrow at the Gusii Stadium.

Angwenyi asked districts to enter strong teams to challenge for top honours at the provincial event so they can select a

strong team for the nationals between June 24 and 26.

The districts include Masaba South, Masaba North, Kisii Central, Kisii South, Migori, Suba, Rongu, Kuria West, Kuria East, Nyamira North, Uritu, Manga, Marani, Gucha, Borabu and Awendo.

The secretary of the Awendo District organising committee Eliakim Ouma asked games masters from schools in the newly-created Awendo district to contact him on (0716485241) to arrange logistics for entering a strong team in the provincial championships.



Participants grace a recent meeting.

BATTLE OF WITS



Purity Maina (Foreground left) and Elizabeth Gathigia in a battle of supremacy during an inter-schools championship. (PHOTO: COURTESY)

By JOEL ODIDI

Kenya will present a team of 12 players to this year's World Youth Chess Championship in Halkidiki, Greece between October 19 and 30 in Halkidiki, Greece.

The team, which is made up of players selected during the Kenya National youth Chess Championships last month, will represent the country in the Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 boys and girls categories.

This will be the 11th time that Kenya will be represented at the World Youth Chess Championship after making a maiden appearance at the global event in 2000.

National team to World Youth Chess Championships in Greece unveiled

During the first phase of selection process in February, all local layers under the age of 18 were given a chance to prove their worth with top eight finishers short-listed to advance to the second and final round of selection played in a round robin format last month.

In a bid to popularise the sport among the Kenyan youth, Chess Kenya introduced the sport in schools programme in 2002.

Among the Schools which

benefited from the programme sponsored by Fidelity Commercial Bank include Nairobi School, Lenana, Alliance Boys, Maseno School, Kisumu Boys, Mombasa Secondary School for the Physically handicapped, Bishop Gatimu Ngandu Girls, Nile Road, Pumwani secondary and Our Lady of Mercy, Nairobi.

SENIOR RANKS

The programme has reached more than 1,000 players, some of who have since

graduated to the senior ranks.

They include Purity Maina and Elizabeth Minayo, formerly of Nile Road, who have been selected to the national women's team to represent the country at this year's World Chess Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia between September 19 and October 4. Other top local chess players are Wycliffe Ogutu and George Mwangi.

The youth team will start a three-week non-residential training in early August.

THE SQUAD

1. Sumit Deshpande (Oshwal Academy) Under-8 boys
2. Sharanya Kishan (Oshwal Academy) U-8 girls
3. Kajs Mussa (Agakhan Junior Academy) U-10 boys
4. Renee Kachra (Oshwal Academy) U-10 girls
5. Gowtham Vigneshwar (Oshwal Academy) U-12 boys
6. Saloni Karania (Oshwal Academy) U-12 girls
7. Arjun Sengupta (Nairobi Academy) U-14 boys
8. Rebecca Nyamahiga (Nyeri Good Shepherds Academy) U-14 boys
9. Rushab R Shah (Oshwal Academy Junior High) U-16 boys
10. Rivani R Shah (Premier Academy) U-16 girls
11. Chirag S Devani (International School of Kenya) U-18 boys
12. Neema Thuo (Karima Girl's Secondary School) U-18 girls

Gowtham Vigneshwar's selection for the representation