

# USSSA Elite Games get a major boost

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## Elite Games

Today, 10am

## Boys Football

Buddo SS v Janan SS

Kitende v Kawempe

## Girls Football

St. Noa v St. Catherine

Kawempe v Panyadoli

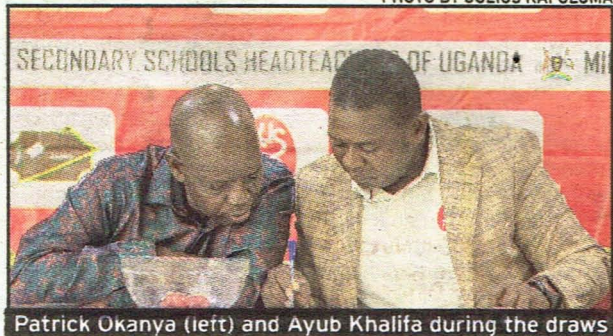
Three-time Elite football champions St. Mary's Kitende have officially returned to the Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA) Elite Games after a three-year absence. Their participation was confirmed on Thursday during the competition draws of the games that start today till Sunday at Janan SS in Bombo. Kitende last featured in the championship in 2022, when they hosted and lifted the trophy, but have been absent from the competition

since. Marion Atwegyeise, the school's newly appointed sports tutor, expressed her excitement about Kitende's comeback.

"We are back and ready to compete as always," Atwegyeise said. "We will take part in football, basketball 5x5 (girls), and netball and I can assure you, we are here to win, nothing less."

In the football draws, Kitende was placed in the group of death alongside Bukedea, Uganda Martyrs Rubaga, Standard High School, and Kawempe Muslim. They will open their football campaign against Kawempe Muslim. Meanwhile, Buddo SS faces hosts Janan SS in Group B, which also includes Mentor SS, Kyaddondo SS, and Fort Portal SS, with the top two teams from each group advancing to the semifinals.

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Patrick Okanya (left) and Ayub Khalifa during the draws