



Sip Trip. From screens afar to stars bizarre, Mulindwa (C) will now watch his heroes live in the land of opportunity - US. PHOTO/DARREN ALLAN KYEYUNE

Mulindwa can't wait to watch French stars at 2026 Fifa World Cup

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KAMPALA. Saul Mulindwa has lived in Bweyogerere township of Kira Municipality in Wakiso district for eight years.

However, that was never the plan. Mulindwa remained stuck in the vicinity after he only failed to get a job after graduating with a bachelor's degree in science, technology and biology at the nearby Kyambogo University in 2018. Today, the 31-year-old operates a mobile money agent service at Bweyogerere and to beat the disappointment and evolving stress post-university, Mulindwa about three years ago began a routine to relax. "After work on a daily basis, I always go to King's Park Arena and take my three beers," he told this paper in an extended chat inside one of the Nile Breweries Limited (NBL) boardrooms.

Routine night out

And Mulindwa was only there to receive confirmation that he will be travelling to watch the Fifa World Cup in the USA after winning a lucky draw by NBL under the brand Nile Special. Mulindwa entered the raffle to the World Cup after buying Nile Special bottles during his routine evening at King's Park Arena but he won the all-expenses paid trip after beating 6340 competitors in a publicized draw.

The campaign run by NBL, is leveraged off ties with its global parent company AB InBev, who are the official Fifa World Cup beer partner.

"A waiter came to me and told me there was a draw being conducted by Nile Special," Mulindwa memoir, "Me, being a football fan, I was already excited. We were three, they took all our details. The waitress was insisting that one of us could be a winner."

His name, date of birth and national identification number (NIN) were captured and a competition QR code was scanned for him to enter the draw. A fortnight later, a surprise call from NBL during a live draw came in for Mulindwa that he had won. "I didn't believe it right away. If they could play my audio, I had a few words because I couldn't believe it right. I remembered when the waitress was insisting," he said.

2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

Host countries:

Canada, Mexico, United States

Dates:

June 11 -

July 19

Teams:

48 (from 6 confederations)

Venue:

16 (in 16

host cities)

Hosting U.S

Cities:

Atlanta,

Boston, Dallas,

Houston, Kansas

City, Los Angeles,

Miami, New York

New Jersey,

Philadelphia, San

Francisco Bay

Area and Seattle

Hosting

Mexico Cities:

Guadalajara,

Mexico City,

Monterrey

Hosting Canada

Cities:

Toronto,

Vancouver

CAST OF WC

HOSTS &

WINNERS

2022 (Qatar):

Argentina

2018 (Russia):

France

2014 (Brazil):

Germany

2010 (South

Africa): Spain

2006 (Germany):

Italy

2002 (South

Korea & Japan):

Brazil

1998 (France):

France

1994 (USA):

Brazil