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# NIC, UPDF triumph in openers



NIC captain Obua (middle) controls possession against Kenyan side MOIC at Makerere yesterday. Photo by Ismail Kezaala

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Holders National Insurance Corporation (NIC) started the East Africa Netball Championship campaign with a 49-42 victory over Kenya's Ministry of Information and Communication (MOIC) yesterday.

Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) also thrashed Kenya's Mahala 57-23 in the day's other fixture at Makerere University main ground.

NIC's Peace Proscovia was in demolition form, bagging 32 goals as the defending champions made clear their intentions of winning regional title for the 15th time.

MOIC's Bridget Wanzala also garnered 32 goals in the evenly contested fixture. "We usually beat teams by 15 or 20 goals," said NIC captain Desire Birungi Obua. "This was a hard-fought win." "We are not ready to give away our title easily. We are going to fight hard to retain it."

Meanwhile, former NIC star Anette Nakiwu, now playing for UPDF, is leading the top scorers' charts after shooting 38 goals to spur her side to a convincing 57-23 victory over Kenya's Malaha in the other fixture.

Malaha's Christine Wanjira managed 25 goals in her club's losing effort. Uganda Prisons edged Uganda Police 43-41 in another exciting women's encounter.

In the men's category, Uganda Christian University (UCU) defeated Uganda Prisons 32-30. Action continues today starting 9am.

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