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Heathens silence Impis

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Results

Heathens 27 Impis 10

MTN Heathens' winning start to the Nile Special Rugby Premier survived its biggest test so far. The champions, without coach Peter Magona, scraped past a gallant Makerere University Hima Impis 27-10 at Kyadondo RFC last evening.

Brian Tabaruka took charge as youngster Steven Kasozi stood tall with a try in either half. Heathens (34) opened a nine point lead over second-placed Pirates (25) at the halfway stage. Rugby Cranes winger Felix Lubega, who is out injured following knee surgery, watched admirably from the stands as his younger brother Kasozi pounced to score early on.

Despite Mpuga Rugumayo suffering a nasty concussion, Impis hit back through Hillary Juma's penalty but Brian Kikawa restored parity with a try for 10-3 half time lead. Heathens' fly-half Chris Opa Lubanga lasted 40 minutes on his return from a knee injury he sustained last July. After recess, Kenyan Marlon Ondieke's brilliant try was converted by Juma to level scores and ensure a thrilling finale.

Michael Wokorach responded immediately to set up Kasozi for his second try of the game before the former received Benon Kiiza's brilliant kick and chase to seal a sixth bonus point.

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