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## Strong field lined up in Makerere 10s



Kobs star Allan Musoke will be one of the players to watch

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***Pool A:***

***Impis, Athi, Mbale, MUBS***

***Pool B:***

***Heathens, Impis II, S’kamp, Lira***

***Pool C:***

***Mwamba, Mongers, KK, Boks***

***Pool D:***

***Pirates, Kobs, Buffaloes, M. Machine***

The five-year wait is finally over for Makerere University as the institution gets another chance to host what is arguably the biggest regional club 10-a-side tournament starting this morning.

Consequently, Makerere Impis will fancy their chances of springing up a big surprise as the two-day tournament returns to its birthplace – the graveyard – 17 years ago.

The omens look good on paper after Impis, the national 7s champions, were drawn in pool A along with Kenyan debutants Athi River Stormers, Mbale Elephants and MUBS.

“It’s going to be a very good and enjoyable tournament. We are looking forward to it,” Impis chairman Dan Obote said during the event’s launch earlier this week.

However, attention will be firmly fixed on MTN Heathens and Kenya’s Mwamba RFC as the duo has dominated the last three annual tournaments held at Kyadondo. Heathens’ day one starts with pool B games against Impis II, Summerkamp and Lira Bulls. The five-time champions are desperate to finish the year on a high having retained the league before surrendering the 7s and Uganda Cup titles.

Michael Wokorach, Jude Keremundu and Benon Kiiza are the cogs for coach Brian Tabaruka as he seeks to lead his team into a fourth straight final.

Unlike Heathens, arch foes Mwamba, winners in 2007 and losing finalists in the past two editions, have been in the news recently for first withdrawing then confirming their availability following the intervention of Uganda Rugby Union (URU).

Kenyan IRB Stars Collins Injera, Humphrey Kayange and Lavin Asego have Entebbe Mongers, KK Stallions and Boks for company in pool C.


A resurgent utl Kobs, fresh from clinching the Cup, are in pool D that also has an equally rejuvenated G4S Pirates,

Toyota Buffaloes and Mean Machine.

Having left Impis to join Pirates a few weeks back, Juma Hillary, Rodney Turyatamba and Marlon Ondiegi have a huge statement to make.

Only the top two teams from each pool will advance to the Main Cup quarterfinals tomorrow with the winners purse worth Shs4m.

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