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TRUTH EVERY DAY —

 Rugby

Two- horse race

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Kampala

Tomorrow – Premier

League

Rhinos v Pirates

(5pm)

Kobs v Buffaloes

(3pm)

Impis v Heathens

(4.30pm)

Nile v Mongers

(4.30pm)

Toyota Buffaloes did
themselves no
favours last Saturday
by losing 22-5 to

G4S Pirates in the Nile Special Rugby Premier League. However, the team that survived relegation via a play-off with Shield League winners Summerkamp only dented Pirates' hopes just after two weekends.

Restricting Pirates to only three tries denied the title hopefuls a bonus point given for scoring four and must have left champions MTN Heathens and uTl Kobs celebrating quietly.

The latter two are the only two teams to have scored four tries in each of their opening two games and will seek more tomorrow to coin

another perennial
two-horse race this
early in the season.

Heathens could get
another head start
when they face
Makerere University
Impis at the
'graveyard' as their
understudy side –
Buffaloes – clash
with Kobs at
Kampala RFC
tomorrow. "It's a
decent start with
many of us shedding
rust and hopefully
we can be back to
our best in the next
few weeks,"
Heathens centre
Michael Wokorach
commented.

In Impis, they find a
team coming off two
straight defeats to
Entebbe Mongers
and Kobs. The
university side's
fighting spirit has

never been in doubt.

However, Pirates can easily pounce on any margin of error when they face improving Rhinos in the late game. The latter pounded Mongers especially at the line-outs last week only to lose 18-6.

The gap might be relatively huge between Pirates and Rhinos in terms of league standings over recent years but they share a similar worry – tries can be hard to find.

Last season's second leg was decided by a late Denis Etuket try for Pirates in a game which Rhinos dominated territorially but were often hurt by the lack of cutting edge.

Whoever is selected
to start at fullback
for the former is in
for a long evening
under the high ball
as John Musoke’s
kicking for distance
has always been
tough to negate.
Elsewhere, Mongers
can make it three
victories in as many
games against Nile
at Dam Waters
ground in Jinja.