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Women's Independence Cup: Muk stun Kampala United to lift trophy

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Makerere University ladies won the women's Independence Cup for the first time after they stunned seven times Champion Kampala United football club in an exhilarating final in Nakivubo winning 4-3 in a penalty shoot out.

Looking to win the Independence Cup, MUK took the lead in the 20th minute with Joyce Mwebaza's goal, only for the determined Kampala United to come back and equalise when a MUK win seemed all but

certain.

Kampala missed their first penalty in a tense shoot out, before Joyce Mwebaza smashed home the winning penalty as MUK shocked Kampala United ladies football team.

The Kampala women, who have never finished lower than second in all the Independence Cups, began the game well and dominated much of the first half.

But they wasted several good chances to open the scoring, with the best chance falling to Christine Nakibirige whose drive cannoned back off the bar. MUK grew into the game mid-way through the first half but their best chance from a well-worked corner was well over the bar from Faridah Kisuutu

Striker Joyce Mwebaza opened the scoring on 20 minutes as she raced on to a through ball from Gladys Nakiito and finished powerfully across Joyce Nansuba.

But again, Christine Nakibirige grew into the game and found an equaliser as MUK defenders Shadia Nandawula and Shamim failed to deal with a loose ball in the six-yard box.

Kampala United remained a threat going forward, but despite their physical advantage and experience they were unable to find a way clear way through MUK'S plentiful defence.

Joyce Mwebaza hammered her winning penalty high right to seal a famous win for Makerere University ladies. "The day wasn't mine but the game was good and we managed to create so many attempts but all were in vain but MUK got one chance and utilised it well" said Kampala United coach Faridah Bulenga.

Kampala United coach added: "We gave the crowd a good game today. It will be a final to remember and credit to both teams. I am very happy with how we played in the first half.

Playing in the final at the highest level, you have to take your chances, and we weren't sharp enough with the goal we conceded and that is why we didn't win the game

"It was an ok game for both the teams and they played fantastically" said MUK coach Fred Ndawula.

MUK coach Fred Ndawula added Kampala United had experienced players and MUK had young fit players who had good skills and that's why they went to even penalties after a tight battle.

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