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Uganda: Who Will Wear the Crown?

BY FELIX EUPAL, 31 MAY 2012

Tonight, all roads will lead to Serena hotel's Victoria hall for the grand finale of the Miss Uganda 2012 pageant.

As you scratch your head, wondering who of the 22 will wear Sylvia Namutubi's crown (outgoing Miss Uganda), Felix Eupal gives you his top five finalists as:

1. Pricilla Atulinde

If this girl doesn't make it to the final three contestants, I swear I will walk out in protest. This 19-year-old S.6 leaver from Mukono Parents School is a marvel. She is very vibrant, cute, full of energy, enthusiastic and willing to take on anything with nerves of steel. She is also intelligent and recited a poem at the talent show that earned her a standing ovation.

2. Eve Nabawanga

This 23-year-old Makerere University Mass Communication student has been the best contestant thus far. She knows what it takes to be in the public eye. Before she made the 22 finalists, she used her Facebook to boost her profile, urging people to vote for her and posting updates from the camp.

It worked in her favour because she became the most popular girl. She also played the alpha female, who lifted other contestants' esteem. This comes as no surprise because when asked her reasons for the crown, she replied:

"To challenge inferiority complex that hinders creativity, be it historical, cultural, social and personal. And show the world that the best way of overcoming adversity is to replace the term 'victim' with 'survivor'."

3. Maureen Atulinda

She is the most confident contestant from western Uganda, which produced the hottest girls in the competition. The 23-year-old is a student of Information Technology at Mbarara University.

4. Rachael Seera

She won Miss Northern Uganda and like at the preliminaries, the 21-year-old has continued to be outspoken, which impressed the judges. She is a Public Administration student at Gulu University but my concern is that she may be too good for her own good.

5. Sophie Betty Amayo

At 21, Amayo is very social and interacts with everyone. She is a Journalism student at UMCAT. After chatting with her, it feels like you have known her for long because she is so warm. If she doesn't grow cold feet, she won't go home empty handed.

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