













Message from CECAFA President



Once again, 11 CECAFA Zone teams and one guest side from Zambia have gathered in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania for yet another Football showpiece, the DAR Port Kagame Cup 2024.

We are delighted to be able to provide an international football platform for the teams in the CECAFA Zone. The tournament will provide a platform for teams to gain exposure as they prepare for the 2024/2025 TotalEnergies CAF Champions League and the 2024/2025 TotalEnergies CAF Confederation Cup.

It has not been easy ensuring that this season opening tournament takes place in this period because of so many challenges. We were meant to have 16 teams in the earlier plan, but because of the, we have been forced to reduce the teams and move the tournament to only one place in Dar es Salaam instead of Zanzibar as well.

It's all not about having a tournament, but the aim as ever, is to help develop football in our region, not just the players on the pitch, but also coaches, match officials and administrators.

We must, of course, extend our gratitude to our partners Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), Sudan Football Association (SFA), Dar es Salaam Port and Azam TV.



#### 6 time champions

Simba SC (Tanzania) – 1974, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 2002 Tusker FC (Kenya) – 1967, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1997

#### 5 time champions

Young Africans SC (Tanzania) – 1975, 1993, 1999, 2011, 2012 Tusker FC (Kenya) – 1988, 1989, 2000, 2001, 2008

#### 3 time champions

APR FC (Rwanda) – 2004, 2007, 2010 Al Merriekh (Sudan) – 1986, 1994, 2014 SC Villa (Uganda) – 1987, 2003, 2005 Gor Mahia (Kenya) – 1980, 1981, 1985

#### 2 time champions

KCCA FC (Uganda) - 1978, 2019 Azam FC (Tanzania) - 2015, 2018

#### 1 time champion

ATRACO FC (Rwanda) – 2009 Police FC (Uganda) – 2006 Rayon Sports FC (Rwanda) – 1998 Vital'O FC (Burundi) - 2013 Express FC (Uganda) - 2021









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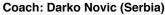


## THE TEAMS

## **APR FC**







APR FC have dominated the Rwanda Premier League for several years and will be eager to make it to the group stage of the 2024/2025 TotalEnergies CAF Champions League.

The Army side have lifted the Dar Port Kagame Cup three times before and will be chasing a fourth title. They beat Ethiopia's St. George 2-0 in the final when they last lifted the title in 2010 when Rwanda hosted it.

The Rwanda champions recently signed Serbian coach Darko Novic who took over in June to replace French man Thierry Froger. APR FC have lifted the Rwanda Premier League title a record 21 times.

Novic's comment: "I am very happy with how preparations have been going in general since I arrived. It is good that we shall have the chance to play in the tournament in Tanzania which will also help me to assess several things," says Novic.





Dieudonne Ndayishimiye	Gilbert Mugisha
Yunussu Nshimiyimana	Bosco Ruboneka
Frodouard Mugiraneza	Pierre Ishimwe
Olivier Dushimimana	Alain Kwitonda
Ismail Nshimirimana	Alloum Souane
Gilbert Byiringiro	Elia Kategaya
Seidu Dauda Yassif	Taddeo Lwanga
Claude Niyomugabe	Victor Mbaoma
Ruhamyankiko Ivan	Pavelh Nbziba
Richard Lamptey	Mamadou Sy
Clement Niyigena	Apam Bemol
Arsene Tuyisenge	Niyibizi Ramadhan

## **Red Arrows FC**





Red Arrows FC will be making their debut in the regional Dar Port Kagame Cup 2024 as a guest side, Fresh from winning the 2023/2024 Zambia Premier League and the ABSA Cup, Red Arrows FC are expected to be a big contender for the title.

Head coach Chisi Mbewe will lead the Zambian champions as he hopes to pick a lot of exposure as they prepare for the 2024/2025 Total Energies CAF Africa Cup of Nations. Red Arrows have lifted the Zambia Premier League title three times.

<u>Mbewe's comment:</u> "Tournaments like CECAFA can foster team cohesion and bonding, which is crucial for team spirit and morale, especially when transitioning between different competitions," says Mbewe.







Kenny Mumba	Alassane Diarra
Jeban Tembo	James Chamanga
Charles Kalumba	Saddam Yusuf Phiri
Brian Chilimina	Kombe Sabiwa
Happy Nsiku	Ackim Mumba
Peter Kalota	Edward Mwenya
Kebson Kamanga	Anthony Shipanuka
Nickson Mubili	Ciel Ebengo Ikoko
Michee Malonga Gesimo	Godfrey Ngwenya
Cedric Onyumbe	George Chaloba
Allan Kapila	Ricky Banda
Paul Katema	Angel Lubamb
Thomas Zulu	





## El Merriekh Bentiu FC







#### Coach: Ramzi Sebit Lumori (South Sudan)

The South Sudan Premier League champions will be making their debut in the CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup. Last year the Bentiu based side lifted the South Sudan Cup, but this year lost to Jamus FC in the Cup final. Few days ago they lost 2-1 in a friendly match against Sudan's Al Merriekh FC.

<u>Sebit's comment:</u> "We are here to gain as much experience from the tournament which will help us prepare well ahead of the CAF Champions League. This tournament has come at the right time for us," added Sebit.





Juma Jenaro Awad	Daniel Magot Thiong
Philip James Machieng	Lam Wuor Diew
Atir Thomas Tom	Diew Koang Puok
Kuich Kuimejiek Chap	Emadeldeen Salah Ali
Pal Paul Puk	Omot Sebit David
Tot Maet Doh	Mohamed Musa El Dal
Coulibaly Alassane Malienne	Voal Lual Walou
Saaka Faisal	Chiang Gatpan Dayim
Gai Mathok Gatduot	Chol Peter Bentiu
Duol Tong Yoal	Jack James
Micheal Lat Gatkol	Ramkel Lok
Biel Wichyiel	Dominic Abui Pretino
Tethloach Thor Tethloach	

## **Singida Black Stars FC**





#### Coach: Patrick Aussems (Belgium)

Formerly lhefu FC before they changed management and names to Singida Black Stars FC, they finished seventh in the 2023/2024 Tanzania Premier League. The team has acquired the services of experienced and former Simba SC coach Patrick Aussems.

The 59-year old UEFA A licence holder has handled Simba SC (Tanzania), Black Leopards FC (South Africa) and AFC Leopards (Kenya) in the last four years.

<u>Aussems'comment:</u> "Since I have just joined the team, I am happy to have the team play in the Kagame Cup at such a time because it will help me assess many things. We are going to compete and not just to participate," added Aussems.





Benedict Huale	Edmund John
Metacha Mnata	Elvis Rupia
Yahya Mbegu	Marouf Tuhakey
Edward Manyana	Emmanuel Keyekeh
Jimyson Mwanuke	Anthon Tra Bi
Kenndy Juma	John Mayanga Nekadio
Kelvin Sabato	Ibrahim Imdro
Nashon Kelvin	Bada Arthur
Khalid Gego	Ande Cirrile
Najim Musa	Mohamed Damaro
Habib Kyombo	Mohamed Kamara
Ayoub Lyanga	Zanadi Mauya

## **AI Hilal SC**



Coach: Florent Ibenge (DR Congo)

Fresh from winning the Sudan Premier League played between three teams a few days ago in Dar salaam due to the political unrest in Sudan, Al Hilal are a strong side that should not be taken for granted.

Although they have never lifted the regional trophy, Al Hilal have reached the group stage of several CAF Champions League tournaments. With their experienced coach Florent Ibenge from DR Congo, they are a team that is full of depth.

<u>Ibenge's comment:</u> "We are very happy to play in the Kagame Cup because it will give my players good practice and help assess where we are as a team. You know that the political problems in Sudan have not given us chance to play active Football for over a year now," added Ibenge.





Fofana Issa	Pape Abdou Ndiaye
Abuaagla Abdalla Mohammed	Suliman Ezalla Suliman Hamouda
Abdelrazig Yagoub Omer Taha	Mohamedelm Gazafe Abdelgader
Altayeb Abdelrazig Abaker	Waliedin Khidir Safour Daiyeen
Mazin Simpo	Faris Abdallah Mamoun Sawedy
Mohamed Ahmed Saeed Ahmed	Steven Ebuela
Jean Claude Girumgisha	Marc Anthiapy Mendy Junior
Aime Etane Junior Tendeng	Ali Abdalla
Yasir Mozamil Mohamed Eltayeb	Mohamed Abdalla
Mohamed Abdelrhman Yousif	Yasir Awad
Adama Coulibali	Pokou N'Guessan Serge
Khadim Diaw	Ousmane Diouf
Salh Eldin Adil Ahmed Al Hassan	

## **Hay Al Wadi SC**



#### Coach: Muhsin Sayed Osman Elamin (Sudan)

Hay Al Wadi who only lifted the Sudan Premier League title in 1977 will be making their debut in the Kagame Cup. They are using the tournament to prepare ahead of the 2024/2025 TotalEnergies CAf Confederation Cup

<u>Elamin's comment:</u> "We are happy to have the chance to play in this tournament which will help my players have a lot of much practice against different teams," added Elamin.





Mohamed Yindui Amido	Ahmed Mohamedzain Abdalwahed Eissa
Elboae Gamal Elhag Mosa	Mohamed Adam Ahmed Elagab
Moohammed Hassaon Babikir Moohammed	Akram Elhadi Saleim Abdeltam
Elfatih Suliman Abdalla Teya	Sanhouri Mohamed Adam Elghali
Samir Ahmed Gadal Gabour	Gebril Mohmed Alnoer Alnmre
Musa Hussan Abdalmola Adam	Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed Ali
Mohamed Yahya Edris Dafaalla	Bang Vitalise Issa Fome
Amir Omer Kuwa Abdalla	Magid Antar Malik Bushara
Amar Ali Abdalla Saboun	Ahmed Esmat Hussein Gobartalla
Henry Chukwuebuka Akwari	Amar Ali Elkhider Ahmed
Ali Abdalla Hamadaline Ali	Lassina Bamba Keita
Marwan Taha Salih Mohamed	Mwafag Siddig Mohamed Salih
Monir Bahar Yahya Omer	

## JKU Sports Club



#### Coach: Salum Ali Haji (Tanzania)

Fresh from winning the 2023/2024 Zanzibar Premier League title, JKU SC are expected to enjoy support in Tanzania mainland as they challenge for the title.

Ali Haji's comment: "This is a good chance to prepare and test my players with many matches in the Kagame Cup. This tournament has come at the right time for us," adds Ali Haji







Njema Frasis Hamsini	Adam Ibrahim Abdalla
Faki Maziku Faki	Hassan Makame Juma
Ahmed Issa Haji	Ahmed Hamis Machano
Mubashir Seidu	Shabani Omar Mshihiri
Mwinjuma Mwinyi Suleiman	Mudrik Abdi Shehe
Yakoub Amour Bakari	Nassor Mattar Juma
Mauzi Muhindi Ubwaka	Neva Adelin Kaboma
Shaban Oandu Hassan	Mubashir Issah
Suwedi Juma Hussein	Kofi Hamza Mmuka
Moh'd Mtumwa Hassan	Moh'd Ali Omar
Mundhir Abdalla Mbarouk	Abalkassim Suleiman Hamis

## **Gor Mahia Football Club**





#### Coach: Leonardo Neiva Martins (Brazil)

Gor Mahia Fc who have lifted the Kenya Premier League title a record 21 times are one of the teams to watch out for during the Kagame Cup. Although they have a new coach in Leonardo Neiva Martins, they boost of a solid team.

They recently showed ambition once again by signing the much traveled coach Neiva Martins after the departure of Johnathan McKinstry who joined Gambia as the national team head coach.

Neiva Martins: "We expect a very competitive tournament in Tanzania. But this come at the right time to help me assess the team since I have just joined a few days ago," added the Brazilian.

Kevin Omondi Onyango	Sylvester OwinoAhono
Gad Matthews Otieno	Lawrence Ochieng Juma
Caleb Omondi Kefa	Kenedy Onayngo Ouma
Ernest Wendo Kisia	Benson Ochieng Oluoch
Philemon Omondi Otieno	Ronney Onyango Otieno
Geofrey Ochieng Okoth	Christopher Ochieng Oduor
Levin Joseph Odhiambo	Rodgers Ouma
Shariff Sirengo Sabuni	Mark Shaban
Joshua Onyango Owino	Chris Akena
Austin Odhiambo Otieno	Gedeon Bendeka Mololia
Musa Masika Wanyama	Sameul Kapen
Boniface Omondi Owino	Paul Ochuoga
Alpha Chris Onyango	





## Sports Club Villa







#### Coach: Stojanovic Dusan (Serbia)

Fresh from winning the Uganda Premier League title again after 20 years of waiting, SC Villa are not new to the CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup. They will be chasing their fourth title in this regional tournament having lifted the Cup in 1987, 2003 and 2005.

They are Uganda's most celebrated Club with 17 Premier League titles and nine Uganda Cup trophies.

Stojanovic's comment: "This is a good opportunity to try out my players and assess several aspects ahead of the coming busy season. It is good we shall also have good match practice as we prepare for the CAf Champions League," added Stojanovic.

Kibirige Meddie	Kakande Patrick
Angufindru Norman	Lwanga Charles
Wokorach Jeans Braddy	Kibande Cyrus
Onzima Peter	Niwamanya Junior
Masembe Edward	Reagan Mpande
Odong Arnold	Otim Andrew
Ssekiganda Ronald	Ssenyonga Johnson
Atukunda Tonny	Omony Denis Kaka
Hakim Kiwanuka	Lugangakene Geoffrey
Semugera Misi Diego	Mpagi Isaac
Ssemakula Aslam	Kato Ssemayange
Ngonde Elvis	Najib Yiga
Owori David	

## ASAS Djibouti Telecom





#### Coach: Mohamed-Kader Daher Ahmed (Djibouti)

Asas Djibouti Telecom who have lifted the Djibouti Premier League title seven times are hoping to gain a lot of exposure in the CECAFA Dar Ports Kagame Cup.

Ahmed's comment: "We are happy to have this opportunity to test our team against others from the region. This is a very good tournament for our team," adds Ahmed.





Ismeal Abdi Guelleh	Traore Hamed Junior
Kweme Baah	Ramadan Abdi Abdillahi
Abass Fouad Abdourahman	Douleh Mahamoud Elabeh
Ibrahim Idriss Mohamed	Mahdi Houssein Mahabe
Abdoubaker Fathi Guedi	Warsama Houssein Said
Kaze Gilbert	Radwan Aquad Daher
Zouber Mohamed Merneh	Ahmed Houmed Ali
Moktar Mahdi Hassan	Abdillahi Youssouf Elmi
Souhaib Ismail Oumar	Bizimana Amissi
Sudi Ntirwaza	Ahmed Zakaria Osman
Youssouf Abdi Ahmed	Aruna Manirakiza

## Dekedaha Sports Club







### Coach: Said Gesey (Somalia)

Dekedaha SC is one of the most dominant Clubs in the Somali Premier League. They are expected to use the CECAFA Dar Port Kagame Cup 2024 to prepare ahead of the TotalEnergies CAF Champions League.

<u>Gesey's comment:</u> "We are ready for the Kagame Cup because the team has prepared well. This is a good tournament for us to gauge at what level is our team," added the coach.





Asogwa Nnaemka Kingsley	Idiris Mohamed Hussein
Zakaria Issahaque	Mahad Haarun
Mashood Kabiru	Ahmed Muse Ahmed
Baparape Yahya	Farhan Mohamed Ahmed
Oyoo Joshua Abdull Ouko	Kouassi Outtara Said Mohamed
Abdirahman Mohamud Jama	Alaga Kehinde Toheeb
Hasan Ibrahim Ali	Abdullahi Bashir Nur
Aweys Adan Iman	Idiris Amin Ali
Mohamud Mohamed Ali	Nur Irad Abdullahi
Osman Sald Abdi	Adepoju Samuel Oluwaseum
Sadiq Botan Abdi	Mohamed Mohamud Ahmed
Ahmed Mohamed Hussein	Abas Amin Mohamed

# Coastal Union Football Club





#### Coach: David Ouma (Kenya)

Coastal Union FC who finished in 4th place in the 2023/2024 Tanzania Premier League will represent the country in the TotalEnergies CAF Confederation Cup which kicks off in August.

The Tanga based team has been known for grooming young talent that is later tapped for the top teams in Tanzania.

Ouma's comment: "We are glad to have the chance to participate in the Kagame Cup because it will give our players good top level practice. We are here to learn and also compete," added the Kenya.

Idiris Mohamed Hussein	Nkolomon Mtambwe Jekem
Chima Ramadhan	Banza Kalumba
Lay Matampi	Gift Ally Abubakar
Athuman Hasan Mseken	Mukrim Issa
Jackson Shiga	Mbaraka Yusph
Miraji Hassan Aboasia	Maukidi Shabani
Abdallah Denis Michael	Aidan Rasomos Alexander
Semfuko Charles Daudi	Mwenda Ramadani
Bakar Seleman	Harub Mohamed Abdallah
Denis Modraka	Issa Yasin Shabani
Mucas Kikoti	Angut Luis
Salia Ayee	Abdallah Hassam
Maneno Modest Scheta	Cosmas Lucas Jakomanya

