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FIVE REASONS WHY THE INGWENYAMA CUP ROCKS!



The unique tournament which blends football and culture is most importantly an all-inclusive competition that unites the populace, ignites passion and unleashes new talent. This weekend we wait with bated breath for the quarter-final clashes with thrilling matchups.

“It is a great day for us to launch the Ingwenyama Cup after the King’s Cup, which was contested for by local and South African teams. The Ingwenyama Cup will provide the local sides with an opportunity to showcase their skills. The E9 million will be spread over three years, which means the teams will contest for E3 million each year for the next three years,” roared the Lion, His Majesty King Mswati III as he officially launched the new Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) Ingwenyama Cup E9 million sponsorship on a warm Tuesday evening of November 10, 2015 at Lozitha Palace.

The King, a self-confessed fitness fanatic, announced the historic tournament in front of



His Majesty King Mswati III crowning the last champions to win the Ingwenyama Cup, Green Mamba on March 8, 2020.

Cabinet Ministers who included the then Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, Sports, Youth and Culture Minister David ‘Cruiser’ Ngcamphalala, football chiefs, National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President Adam ‘Bomber’ Mthethwa, the dearly departed Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chairman Victor ‘Maradona’ Gamedze, the MVA management led by former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Helmon Vilakati, the members of the media and other football administrators.

“What is so good about this tournament is that it will also incorporate culture. We all know that sports are good for the body because someone who participates in sports delays ageing. As we focus on attaining First World status by 2022, we should do so with healthy bodies,” His Majesty said.

The King assured that the rewards for the winners of the tournament would be huge as

there will be individual awards set aside for excelling players.

“I have been made to understand by the organisers that the final of the tournament will be played either in February or March. We had to launch the tournament tonight so that the games could begin but the final will be played next year with the Champions getting over E1 million,” the King said to ear-piercing shouts of Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!

The King hailed SMVAF for ensuring that they secured the sponsorship package for the tournament and for the specially designed trophy.

“We will wait and see whether three teams will each win the trophy in three years or one team will win it,” the King added.

Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!

It was a watershed moment. It was the beginning of what would be not only the richest tournament in the land but one that was unique in its own right.

Blending the most popular sport – football – with what connects the nation together – culture – was a masterpiece.

From the moment its patron, His Majesty King Mswati III announced the sponsorship package, it shook the football landscape from its very foundations. A new bigger and better tournament had been born.

It entered the football cauldron like a breath of fresh air. It was a watershed moment. It is now history that red and white glamour side, Mbabane Swallows went on to win the tournament three times before Young Buffaloes won it in 2019 and then Green Mamba clinched the fifth edition in 2020. The Covid-19 pandemic happened. It turned our lives upside down. It hit sports for a six. After a three hiatus, the people's tournament is back. Ibuyile Gogo!

This weekend, we have thrilling matchups for the quarter-final stage. While the fans have reacted with mixed feelings on the games being staged at Mayaluka Stadium and also featuring cross city rivals Swallows and Highlanders at the same venue – Mavuso Sports Centre – on Sunday, the Ingwenyama Cup Management Committee headed by Dr. Comfort Shongwe is unfazed.

We, at Rubicon Media Group, give the FIVE reasons why the Ingwenyama Cup is the crème de la crème of Swazi soccer.

1. A TOURNAMENT BY THE KING FOR THE PEOPLE

Here is a tournament where His Majesty King Mswati III is the centre of it all. He launched the tournament on November 10, 2015 and it was named after

him. A sport fanatic himself, His Majesty was teary-eyed in excitement as he announced the Champions prize of a princely E1.1 million for the first edition. We can only say, BAYETHE WENA WAPHAKATHI!

2. GOOD ADVERT FOR SWAZI SOCCER & CULTURE

Many people would not have thought it was possible to mix football, a sport founded in England, with our own Swazi culture but this is what makes the Ingwenyama Cup unique. From all four regions, the Culture competitions has over the years drawn thousands into the venues as eliminations start from regional level. This tournament also speak to government's decentralisation programme as it is taking the sport to the people through the regional section of the competition. In the very first edition, the salient point really came when soccer fans cheered fervently as Sibhaca took to the pitch at Somhlolo National Stadium centre-circle at the half time of the semi-finals on January 22. The interest from the soccer fans about culture has been revived and culture, like football, resonates with the people of this beautiful Kingdom. The Ingwenyama Cup has managed to marry the two which are central to our values as a nation.

3. RICHEST TOURNAMENT IN THE COUNTRY

The princely first prize which has risen from E1.1 million to E1.4 million for the sixth edition which obviously makes the Ingwenyama Cup the richest tournament in the land. Moreover, the Ingwenyama

rewards everyone handsomely – even regional teams. It also awards individual prizes with good money.

4. INCORPORATES OTHER SPORTS

It was heart-warming seeing, in the first edition, athletics being held during the tournament's Cup final on Sunday, March 13, 2016. It was refreshing for many of the bonafide soccer fans who enjoyed athletics, culture and football. The buffet was too scrumptious.

Calls have been made by many a football administrator or politician to make the day of the final, a National Sports Day. Why not if it incorporates all sports and culture!

5. INCIDENT-FREE TOURNAMENT, ALWAYS REMEMBER THE MOURNING AFTER

While over the years, we have seen other tournaments being marred by shocking scenes of violence or board room battles (protests), this tournament on its sixth edition now has been run smoothly with no controversy and this is good for the image of the sport and the brand image of the sponsor, Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) who ventured into uncharted waters for the first time on the football landscape from that memorable Tuesday night of November 10, 2015 when the sponsorship was launched at Lozitha Palace.

Ibuyile Ingwenyama Cup!
Have a safe weekend!

Yours in Sports
Lwazi Dlamini

THRILLING QUARTERFINALS ACTION ON THE CARDS



Sibusiso Masilela
Sports Reporter

Boys will be separated from men in this weekend nail-biting Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals.

The eight remaining teams will be looking to keep their hopes of winning the daggling E1.4 million first prize money in the prestigious knockout tournament.

We review the last eight draw:

SATURDAY:

Green Mamba, Nsingizini in battle of green'

G/Mamba vs Nsingizini Hotspurs

Venue: Mayaluka Stadium

Kickoff time: 1:30pm

It's an epic one!

Defending champions Green Mamba have been handed an acid test in the last eight as they will take on cup specialist Nsingizini Hotspurs in the biggest quarterfinal clash.

The epic green battle will take centre stage at Mayaluka Stadium at 1.30pm.

The 'Correctional Services' side

is blessed with some seasoned performers in their camp who have won many battles such as Njabulo Tfwala, Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo, Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa and Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu.

The experienced quartet orchestrated the recent 4-0 demolition of the same opposition during the two team's recent league meeting.

The 'Southerners' have proven themselves as cup specialist after winning back-to-back Momo Cup success which makes them the team to watch in the quarterfinals.

The Hluthi based side has got depth and quality in their camp such as Nomore Tsabore, Thubelihle Mavuso and Sambulo 'Masoso' Simelane who have done well for the team this season.

Buffaloes in Madlenya scare

Young Buffaloes vs Madlenya

Venue: Mayaluka Stadium

Kickoff time: 3:45pm

The 2018 champions are faced with a mammoth task of

overcoming the giant slayers at 3.45pm at Mayaluka Stadium.

Madlenya recently claimed the scalp of hub giants Manzini Wanderers during the last 16 stage to set up a date with the ruthless army side.

The Mandla 'Sitofu' Dlamini have already massacred premier league minnows Illovo during the last 16 and Madlenya should worry of the free scoring 'Amathole Ezinyathi'. Buffaloes have also signed Madlenya captain Lucky Gamedze who is cup tied, as he has already featured for his former side in the same tournament.

'Amathole ezinyathi' are still a majority of the players who lasted tasted glory with the team in 2018 such a Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze, Mpendulo 'Mpetha' Dlamini and Sihlangu Mkhwanazi.

Meanwhile, the resilient Siphofaneni based will be parading their hard-fighting youngsters such as Sehluko Nkabindze, Lethokuhle Gamedze and Melusi 'Vardy' Tfwala.

THRILLING QUARTERFINALS ACTION ON THE CARDS



SUNDAY:

'Bull', Ezulwini in grudge rematch

M/Highlanders vs Ezulwini United
Venue: Mavuso Sports Centre
Kickoff time: 4pm

Soccer fans will be handed a double dose of action between the two sides as they will meet twice within seven days both in the league and the quarterfinals.

Highlanders have already won the first battle in the MTN Premier League with a 1-0 win at Mavuso Sports Centre courtesy of a Menzi Sithole second half goal.

The rematch will take place at the same venue, the Mavuso sports Centre when clock strike at 4pm.

United recently enlisted the services of experienced defender Mandla Palma from Highlanders who is also cup tied for the richest knockout tournament.

The 'Stingers', as United are fondly known have also produced the tournament's current top goal scorers and former Highlanders

winger Mphucuko 'Smoothies' Dlamini with five goals.

The 'Black Bull' will be parading their star-studded midfield comprising of Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, Emmanuel Owunsu and Philani Mkhonto.

Fans will be eager to see the team that will conquer the remaining battle between the two sides which carries E200 000 carrot for reaching the semifinals.

Birds in Rangers test

M/Swallows vs P/Peak Rangers
Venue: Mavuso Sports Centre
Kickoff time: 1pm

The tournament most successful team Mbabane Swallows quest to clinch their title will have to go via First Division minnows Pigg's Peak Rangers in the quarterfinals on Sunday at 1pm.

The 'Beautiful Birds' will have to avoid an upset against the northern Hhohho outfit that recently claimed the scalp of Moneni Pirates in the last 32.

Swallows head coach

Caleb Ngwenya will rely on the experience of Ayanda Gadlela, Siyabonga Zwane and Sizolwethu' Nunu' Shabalala with the seasoned duo of Felix 'Fela' Badenhost and Sandile Hlatshwako both ruled out for the encounter due to injuries.

Rangers have got experienced players in their camp such as Mathokoza Tfwala (ex-Royal Leopard), Lindokuhle 'Ntolo' Fakudze (formely with Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers) and Mbuso Dladla (formely with Malanti Chiefs and Nsingizini Hotspurs).

The ex-premier league trio have been the minnows vital cogs during the previous matches where they stunned Moneni Pirates and National first division compatriots Milling Hotspurs.

The Northern Hhohho outfit is already guaranteed over 100 000 for reaching the quarterfinals (E75 000 and the E30 0000 best first division finisher prize money).

STARS TO WATCH IN INGWENYAMA CUP LAST EIGHT

Sibusiso Masilela
Sports Reporter

The stage is set for players to showcase their talent during the Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinals as they will look to inspire their respective teams to the holy grail of local football this weekend.

We give some of the players that are likely to steal the show during the last encounters on Saturday and Sunday at Mayaluka Stadium and Mavuso Sports Centre respectively.

Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa **(Green Mamba)**

The quicksilver remains the most feared player in the defending champion's camp. He possesses good on and off the ball runs. Ndzinisa has an excellent eye for goals which makes him the most lethal player for the correctional services side.

Thubelihle Mavuso **(Nsingizini Hotspurs)**

What a gem!

The National Under 23 player makes the Shiselweni based side click with his dazzling skills. He has good attacking moves and he has been a thorn in the flesh for



Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa.

many defenders this season.

Mavuso is the player to watch for the cup specialist in the richest knockout tournament as he has contributed immensely to the team mission to reach the last eight.

Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze **(Young Buffaloes)**

The seasoned attacking midfielder is the main man for the army side in their quest to win their second Ingwenyama Cup title.

Gamedze picked form at the right time which saw score three goals during their 7-1 rout over Illovo during the last 16.



Thubelihle Mavuso.



Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze.

He is expected to rise to the occasion against his childhood team currently owned by his father Juluka Gamedze.

Lethokuhle Gamedze (Madlenya)

The lanky forward has continued to shine for the giants' slayers this season. He has already netted three goals for his team in the tournament making him a strong contender for the top goal scorer award. Lethokuhle possesses good goal instincts which gives problems for many defenders.



Lethokuhle Gamedze.

Siyabonga Zwane (Mbabane Swallows)

The marauding pint sized Mbabane Swallows winger will be carrying the hopes of the capital city giants in the quarterfinal battle against Piggs Peak Rangers.

The ex-Seven Dreams player has been on form throughout the season, and he usually rises to the occasion during big matches. He is expected to cause havoc to the National First Division side.



Siyabonga Zwane.



Lindokuhle 'Ntolo' Fakudze.



Menzi Sithole.

Lindokuhle 'Ntolo' Fakudze (Piggs Rangers)

The ex-Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders veteran midfielder has been the mainstay for the minnow's good run in the tournament.

Fakudze has inspired the Sihle Mavimbela led charges to great upsets against Moneni Pirates before outfoxing compatriots Milling Hotspurs. He will once again command the heart of Piggs Peak based side against the three times winners (Swallows).

Bull'. He always delivers under pressure which saw him score the elusive winner against the same opposition during the two teams' recent league meeting.

He is once again expected to inspire the crowd pullers to another victory against United with his creativity in the belly of the park.



Mphucuko 'Smoothies' Dlamini.

'Smoothies' has displayed excellent eye for goals which has seen him score five goals in the opening matches in the tournament.

He is a strong contender for the top goal scorer award.

Menzi Sithole (Mbabane Highlanders)

The former Royal Leopard player have not disappointed in his fourth stint with the 'Black

Mphucuko 'Smoothies' Dlamini (Ezulwini United)

The pacey 'Stingers' captain will lead the team in their revenge mission against his former side.

PALMA, MUSA, LUCKY CUP TIED IN INGWENYAMA CUP

Sibusiso Masilela
Sports Reporter

It's a blow for three teams still campaigning in the Ingwenyama Cup as they will be without some of their newly registered players as they are cup tied for the Ingwenyama Cup quarter final.

They are Pigg's Peak Rangers striker Musa Dlamini who played for Mbabane

Highlanders,
Young
Buffaloes

Mandla Palma.

Lucky Gamedze who appeared for Madlenya in the same tournament and Ezulwini United Mandla Palma who was part of Mbabane Highlanders team that reached the quarterfinals.

Cup-tied describe a player who is ineligible to play in a knockout cup competition after transferring from another club during that competition.

Ezulwini United will be missing defender Mandla Palma when they clash against Mbabane Highlanders for the second time in seven days. Ezulwini signed Palma from Highlanders and he was part of the team that lost 0-1 last Saturday in the MTN Premier League.

has three goals. The winner of the top goal scorer award will take home E10 000.

The top goal scorers:

1. Mphucuko Dlamini (Ezulwini United) 5 goals
2. Lethokuhle Gamedze (Madlenya) 3 goals
3. Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze (Young Buffaloes) 3 goals

3 players going for top goal scorer award

It's now on three players to fight for the top goal scorer award in the Ingwenyama Cup.

These are Ezulwini United Mphucuko Dlamini, Madlenya's Lethokuhle Gamedze and Young Buffaloes Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze. All these players would be part of the quarter-finals to be played on Saturday and Sunday.

Ezulwini Unite Mphucuko Dlamini leads the top goal scorer's chart with five goals while the duo of Lethokuhle Gamedze and Sandile Gamedze

Musa Dlamini.



INGWENYAMA CUP QUARTER-FINAL DRAW



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WE WILL LEAVE BUFFALOES STUNNED — WILLIAM GAMEDZE

Sibusiso Masilela
Sports Reporter

Giant slayers Madlenya are eyeing another upset in the Ingwenyama Cup at the expense of 2018 champions Young Buffaloes.

The Siphofaneni based side have already knocked out hub giants Manzin Wanderers i before their date against the army side on Saturday at Mayaluka Stadium. Madlenya FC coach William ‘Masondeza’ Gamedze stated that are looking forward to the match against the high flying ‘Amathole ezinyathi.

“We are working hard at training where we are plotting the downfall of the opposition. We



Mandla ‘Sitofu’ Dlamini

want this match and are not ready to surrender our good record in the tournament,” he said.

He further lamented the recent departure of their captain Lucky Gamedze to the army side.

“We have been hugely affected by the Lucky departure and we are still grooming youngsters who are still adapting to the formula,”



William ‘Masondeza’ Gamedze.

Gamedze said. Meanwhile, his Buffaloes counterpart Mandla ‘Sitofu’ Dlamini said they are geared for the encounter.

“We will do our level best to win this match and we cannot afford a slip in such a big tournament. The spirit is high in the camp and every player is pushing to be in the starting XI,” he said.

WE WILL BOUNCE BACK — GREEN MAMBA



Ernest Mavuso.

Green Mamba head coach Ernest Mavuso says they will bounce back to winning ways during Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinal against Nsingizini Hotspurs.

Mavuso said they will turn the corner against the cup specialists in the nail-biting match slated for



Alex Sergion.

the Mayaluka Stadium.

“We are working hard to get positive results against Nsingizini. We have rectified all the mistakes which we committed in the previous matches,”

He further stated that they will be parading an almost a full-

strength squad.

“The majority of the squad is fit apart from Njabulo ‘Magwegwe’ Magagula who is doubtful for the match with a knee knock,”. Mavuso said.

Meanwhile Nsingizini head Alex Sergion said they are ready for the match.

“We are looking forward to the game, and very well prepared to face the challenge. We will take it as it comes and make sure that we grind results,” he said.

The Zimbabwean mentor says he was happy with the depth in his current squad.

The green and white ensemble recently enlisted the services of Nyasha Chintuli (Zimbabwe), Yekisizwe Khumalo, Sambulo ‘Masoso’ Simelane, Nkosingiphile Shongwe, among others.

WE HAVE REACHED OUR TARGET — SIHLE



Caleb Ngwenya.

Sibusiso Masilela
Sports Reporter

Piggs Peak Rangers coach Sihle Mavimbela says they have reached their target for the 2023 Ingwenyama Cup.



Sihle Mavimbela.

The ex-Green Mamba development mentor said their mandate was to reach the quarterfinals ahead of their date against Mbabane Swallows on Sunday at Mavuso Sports Centre.

“We have already reached the target for the tournament, and

this does not mean we will take the Swallows game lightly. A positive result will come as a bonus for us and we will going all out,” he said.

Mavimbela stated that they assembled a competitive squad.

The northern Hhohho outfit is having some experienced premier league players such as Phumlani Dlamini, Mathokoza ‘Tokyo’ Tfwala (both from Royal Leopard), Lindokuhle ‘Ntolo’ Fakudze.

“We are blessed with some quality and experience. We will certainly come to the party on Sunday,” Mavimbela said.

WE WON'T UNDERESTIMATE EZULWINI – ‘DU’

Mbabane Highlanders head coach Dumisani ‘DU’ Makhanya they won't underestimate Ezulwini United during the Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinal clash.

The ex-Sitsebe head coach said ahead of their second consecutive meeting against the ‘Stingers’ on Sunday at Mavuso Sports Centre.

The ‘Black Bull’ recently recorded a 1-0 over the same opponents in the MTN Premier league.

“This will be a new match altogether and we have quickly forgotten about the recent league and we are now focusing on the new assignment lying in front



Mphumelelo ‘Mapho’ Ngwenya.

of us. We will do our best to get positive results and make our supporters happy,” he said.

Meanwhile, Ezulwini United Mphumelelo ‘Mapho’ Ngwenya said they are ready for their match against the capital city giants.



Dumisani ‘DU’ Makhanya.

“We are fine turning our preparations for the match and we are working on the mistakes which made during the previous match. I am confident that the boys will come to the party on Sunday,” he said.



SMVAF IMPRESSED BY ACCIDENT-FREE INGWENYAMA CUP

Ntokozo Magongo
Sports Reporter

The Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) is impressed by the accident free Ingwenyama Cup.

SMVAF Chief Executive Officer (CEO) David Myeni said it was a good thing that everyone involved in the tournament have been safe and he believes that this will continue until the last stage of the tournament and beyond.

The Ingwenyama Cup resumed on January 7

with the last 32 stage and now it is the quarter-final stage that will be played on Saturday and Sunday at Mayaluka Stadium and Mavuso Sports Centre respectively.

Myeni was addressing the teams, media and football administrators during the Quarter-final draw held at the SMVAF Headquarters, Mbabane.

"We are happy to have reached this stage of the tournament without any accident from those attending the games. The games have also been violence free and that have avoided bad publicity that comes with violence," he said.

No Somhlolo Stadium for quarter-finals

Despite a plea from members of the Ingwenyama Cup Management Committee (MC),

Somhlolo National Stadium was not available for the quarter-finals of the tournament.

The refurbished Somhlolo National Stadium only hosted the grand opening on January 17 and since then, there are no other games played at the venue. First to make the plea was the Ingwenyama Cup MC Chairman Dr Comfort Shongwe.

The quarter-finals game would be played over two days with each double header billed for Mayaluka Stadium and Mavuso Sports Centre.

"Somhlolo National Stadium can be the best venue t hosts the tournament at this stage and we are hopeful that the Ministry will think of that," he said.

Also present during the draw was the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Bongani Nzima and Principal Secretary Prince Mlayeto.



SMVAF CEO David Myeni.

VELEKHAYA TIPS GREEN MAMBA TO WIN EPIC CLASH

Sibusiso Masilela
Sports Reporter

Former Manzini Wanderers head coach Velekhaya Mthethwa has tipped Green Mamba to win their epic Ingwenyama Cup quarterfinal tie against Nsingizini Hotspurs.

The match will be played at Mayaluka Stadium on Saturday.

The biggest quarterfinal will precede a tricky clash between Young Buffaloes and Madlenya.

The ex-Sihlangu assistant coach further bet his money on Young Buffaloes, Mbabane Highlanders, and Mbabane Swallows to advance to the semi-finals of the richest knockout tournament.

The action will be wrapped up with a double header at Mavuso Sports Centre, pitting Mbabane Swallows against Piggs Peak Rangers.

The last game at Mavuso Sports Centre will be a grudge match between Mbabane Highlanders and Ezulwini United.

The eight teams are still hunting for the E1.4 million first prize money and a possible continental ticket to the CAF Confederation Cup.

This is Mthethwa's in depth analysis:

Green Mamba vs Nsingizini Hotspurs

"This will be a tough one as Nsingizini have made good signings and they are still looking for combinations while Green Mamba are not playing well these

days, but we will give it to Green Mamba. They have psychological advantage over Nsingizini."

Green Mamba managed to beat Nsingizini during their previous league meeting and they have experience for big assignments such as this one. Nsingizini cannot be ruled out from last league's game and they have experience for big games, but can't rule out a surprise as Nsingizini are motivated these days and they cannot be taken lightly."

Young Buffaloes vs Madlenya

I will give this to Buffaloes, as they have gained form at the perfect time and they have experienced players who have played in the finals twice.

Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze's experienced will give Madlenya a tough time as he is currently in-form and competing for the top goal-scorer award.

Madlenya are still trying to cope with the departure of their captain Lucky Gamedze, who is now in the books of Buffaloes.

Mbabane Highlanders vs Ezulwini United

"I think Highlanders will win this one due to depth and quality in their camp. They will be facing a team that is also facing

relegation. Yes, Ezulwini have also beefed up their squad, but their new signings are cup-tied, which is a disadvantage for them,".

Mbabane Swallows vs Piggs Peak Rangers

Swallows will win this one due to their cup pedigree and experience over Rangers.

Swallows would not want a slip up as they will be eyeing to get continental football by winning this tournament by hook or crook and they will underestimate Rangers,".



Velekhaya Mthethwa.

FANS GO TRADITIONAL FOR INGWENYAMA CUP



Ntokozo Magongo
Sports Reporter

Football fans have come to the party with their traditional regalia for the Ingwenyama Cup that mixes football and culture.

Three teams have already unveiled emahiya that are worn by the supporters and they are Nsingizini Hotspurs, Mbabane Swallows and Mbabane Highlanders. The fans had also come in numbers for the last 32 and last 16 matches.

What the fans had to say:
Bondas Simelane
(Mbabane Swallows)

“This is one tournament that we want to make history with.



We have already won it three time and we want the fourth now. It is unfortunate that we will be missing some of our players including Felix Badenhorst and Sandile Hlatshwako due to injuries. We have a big squad that has the potential to come to the party. It won't be an easy game but I believe that the team will deliver. Thanks to the team management for coming up with the idea of the emahiya. They make us look special,” he said.

Pitso Dlamini
(Green Mamba)

“Our target is simple, to defend the title. We are also looking at winning the tournament to get the ticket to play in the CAF Confederation Cup.

Nsingizini Hotspurs won't be tough for us and we are from a bad spell so we seeking revenge against them. People must come in their numbers at Mayaluka Stadium on Saturday to be entertained,” he said.



QUARTER FINALS

SATURDAY

Mayaluka Stadium



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