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1ST ANNIVERSARY EDITION

ISSUE 12 · ONE YEAR OF HOCKEY JAMII

## One year of Hockey Jamii — and the title race is back on a knife's edge

Inside this issue: Kisumu's grassroots revival, Impala Academy's pipeline to the national team, full Premier League standings as the second leg heats up, and a look back at twelve editions of Hockey Jamii.

Photo: Lens Eye Images



## — SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE

### A turning point for Kenyan hockey



**K**enya's hockey journey is at a turning point. Our players, coaches, and fans continue to show extraordinary commitment, and it is our duty as a Union to match that energy with deliberate action.

The call for **modern infrastructure** is louder than ever. City Park Stadium, once the beating heart of our sport, must be restored and upgraded to international standards. We are engaging partners to ensure our athletes train and compete on surfaces worthy of their talent.

Equally, the future lies in youth development. Our academies must be strengthened and expanded across the country, giving every aspiring player a clear pathway from grassroots to elite competition. This is how we will secure hockey's long-term growth and global competitiveness.

Governance remains central to our mission. We are committed to transparency, accountability, and integrity, ensuring that every decision builds trust and strengthens the fabric of our hockey community.

Above all, we celebrate the solidarity and resilience of our fraternity. Every match, every training session, and every initiative reflects the passion that keeps hockey alive in Kenya. Together, we will rise to meet today's challenges and shape a brighter tomorrow for our sport.

I also take this moment to congratulate our PRO and the KHU Media team for the successful release of Edition 12 of Hockey Jamii and for marking one year of continuous publication. This achievement is a testament to their creativity, consistency, and dedication. Hockey Jamii has become the voice of our fraternity, capturing the heartbeat of our sport and inspiring us all.

### Wycliffe Ongori

Hon. Secretary General, Kenya Hockey Union

#### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*"Youth development is our future. Every stick in the hands of a young player is a promise that Kenyan hockey will not only endure but thrive. Our academies must be the launch pads. If we invest in them today, we secure the pride of our game tomorrow."*

#### CONGRATULATIONS HOCKEY JAMII

*"Capturing the energy of our players, the vision of our Union, and the pride of our community. I salute the PRO and Media team for their dedication and creativity. May the next year be even brighter, louder, and more inspiring for Kenyan hockey."*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Kenyan hockey is on the rise

Lt. Col (Rtd) Nashon Randiek · President, Kenya Hockey Union



**I**t is with great pride that I celebrate our Boys' and Girls' Hockey5s teams. Their remarkable achievement has brought honour to our entire hockey fraternity and is a powerful reminder of the immense talent and determination within our youth.

As we welcome back the Premier League, this success is timely. Playing our Nairobi Premier League matches on turf marks a major turning point. Turf hockey sharpens skills, improves fitness, and truly prepares our players for international competition.

We are making progress off the field as well. I am encouraged by our ongoing engagement with government on the redevelopment of City Park Stadium, the heart of our vision for a vibrant hockey hub. I also warmly congratulate Sikh Union Nairobi on their FIH accreditation, and Hillcrest International School on their new world-class blue turf. These investments give our players more platforms to excel.

My sincere appreciation goes to our academies and coaches who nurture talent with such passion. While the Kenya Hockey Union Academy has played its role, we must now formalise and strengthen academies countrywide to secure our player pipeline.

As FIH President Tayyab Ikram reminded us at the recent Congress in Belgium: "We need to be relevant for the young generation. We need innovation." This is our call to action. Through unity, innovation, and investment, Kenyan hockey is firmly on the rise.

### Lt. Col (Rtd) Nashon Randiek

President, Kenya Hockey Union

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*"Through unity, innovation, and investment, Kenyan hockey is firmly on the rise."*

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## — DEVELOPMENT

# Kisumu's hockey revival: from quiet spell to top-tier knock

KHU Media



**F**or a long stretch, Kisumu hockey was a quiet corner of the national conversation — a region with history but a fading presence in the top flight. That has started to change, and the clearest evidence is Kisumu Youngstars, a club that has gone from a promising junior side to one now competing in top-tier club hockey.

The shift did not happen by accident. To sustain this leap, coach John Shivisi has built a structure around consistent age-grade coaching and regular sessions during school holidays, culminating in a junior academy tournament. The setup has seen young

athletes come from neighbouring counties such as Siaya and Western, earning recognition from clubs and schools, with scholarship offers extended to learners as young as grade 4 — scholarships that are genuinely life-changing, letting these young athletes pursue both academic and sporting excellence.

The scale of that pipeline showed up clearly at the academy's most recent junior tournament. Six academies entered across four age-grade categories — the clearest sign yet that the programme coach Shivisi has built is drawing numbers from right across the region, in both age groups and genders.

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GIRLS' U16 TEAMS

5

BOYS' U16 TEAMS

5

BOYS' U13 TEAMS

2

GIRLS' U13 TEAMS

**6 academies took part in total**

## WHY IT MATTERS

- A regional revival built on consistent age-grade coaching, not a single breakout talent.
- Both Kisumu Queens (women) and Kisumu Youngstars (men) are now active in KHU's Premier League this season.
- A template for widening Kenyan hockey's base beyond Nairobi's traditional clubs and schools.

## — DEVELOPMENT

## Growing challenges: keeping pace with Kisumu's rising numbers

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**T**hat growth is not without growing pains. Logistics remain a recurring challenge — some athletes need help getting to and from the Kisumu Day grounds where the academy trains, and because sessions run in the afternoon, the academy also covers lunch for the players.

The bigger concern is equipment. With numbers rising quickly, coach Shivisi worries that without more kit, some learners will not get enough time on the ball to keep developing at the standard the programme has set. Since the academy runs largely on self-funding and the coaching staff's

own passion for the game, he is appealing to well-wishers to support it — even with used equipment — to help keep every young athlete in the programme moving forward.

Alongside the numbers on the pitch, Kisumu's Kua Zaidi Academy is also investing off it. The academy is working to strengthen its leadership structures, with its coaching and administrative teams attending various courses — including ones focused on safeguarding — to match the programme's growth with the governance to sustain it.

### SUPPORT THE ACADEMY

*Kua Zaidi Academy's growth has outpaced its equipment. Coach Shivisi is appealing to well-wishers to help — even used sticks, balls, and protective gear can give a young player the ball time they need to keep improving.*

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*Six academies. Four age-grade categories. One shared goal — enough equipment for every child to get real time on the ball.*

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*Kisumu's junior ranks — growing season by season.*

## — DEVELOPMENT

# Impala Academy: a pipeline from school pitch to national colours

KHU Media



If Kisumu's story is about a region reawakening, Impala Academy's is about a single, well-run pipeline doing exactly what it was built to do: identify talent early and keep it inside a structured programme through the school years.

The academy's clearest dividend so far is Laura Kadogo, a Grade 9 student who started in the programme as a junior and went on to represent Kenya's U18 Girls at the inaugural Youth Africa Cup in August — one of the youngest players in the squad, and a player whose form throughout the tournament reinforced the belief that Kenya's age-grade development structures are working as intended.

What makes Impala's approach worth highlighting is its patience. There was no single breakout moment — Kadogo's progress reflects several seasons of structured training, gradual exposure to older and more physical competition, and a programme that treated her development as a multi-year project rather than a shortcut to a single tournament. For a Union investing in Long-Term Athlete Development principles nationally, Impala's academy is a working proof of concept: keep talent inside a structured pathway long enough, and the national team benefits.

## WHY IT MATTERS

- Laura Kadogo: Grade 9 student, Impala Academy athlete, capped for Kenya's U18 Girls at YAC 2026.
- A school-to-academy-to-national-team pathway built on multi-year development, not a single standout tournament.
- A live example of Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) principles paying off.

## — PREMIER LEAGUE

## 2nd leg starts: Jaguars and Strathmore win big

Standings available at [kenyahockeyunion.org](http://kenyahockeyunion.org)



Photo: Lens Eye Images

**T**he second leg of the Kenya Hockey Premier League is under way, and the early running belongs to Western Jaguars and Strathmore University Ladies.

In the men's standings, Western Jaguars sit top with 26 points from 13 matches, ahead of Butali Warriors

on 22 and Sikh Union Nairobi on 21. They now carry a four-point cushion into the second half of the season, despite a tough 3-1 loss to Sikh Union at the weekend.

Full second-leg standings for both divisions are on the following pages.

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*"Jaguars have turned a chase into a cushion – and Strathmore just reminded the rest of the women's table that the second leg starts now."*

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Full standings — Men's Premier League

Men's Premier League (PLM 2026)

| #  | TEAM                  | P  | W | D | L | GD  | PTS |
|----|-----------------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1  | Western Jaguars       | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | +12 | 26  |
| 2  | Butali Warriors       | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | +11 | 22  |
| 3  | Sikh Union Nairobi    | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | +7  | 21  |
| 4  | Wazalendo             | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | +3  | 17  |
| 5  | Parklands Sports Club | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | -2  | 16  |
| 6  | Daikyo Heroes         | 9  | 5 | 0 | 4 | -2  | 15  |
| 7  | Kenya Police          | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | -2  | 11  |
| 8  | Kisumu Youngstars     | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | -5  | 11  |
| 9  | USIU-A                | 9  | 3 | 1 | 5 | -3  | 10  |
| 10 | Greensharks           | 9  | 0 | 0 | 9 | —   | 0   |

Standings as of 6 September, incorporating the weekend's results below; may move slightly as the rest of the round is confirmed.

LATEST RESULTS

Saturday 5 September

Parklands Sports Club

1 – 2

Western Jaguars

Butali Warriors

4 – 2

Kisumu Youngstars

Sunday 6 September

Sikh Union Nairobi

3 – 1

Western Jaguars

Parklands Sports Club

3 – 1

Kisumu Youngstars

Wazalendo

1 – 0

Kenya Police



Photo: Lens Eye Images

PREMIER LEAGUE

Women's Premier League (PLW 2026)

| #  | TEAM                         | P | W | D | L | GD  | PTS |
|----|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| 1  | Blazers Hockey Club          | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | +11 | 17  |
| 2  | Strathmore University Ladies | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | +10 | 13  |
| 3  | USIU-A Ladies                | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | +4  | 13  |
| 4  | Lakers Hockey Club           | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | +7  | 12  |
| 5  | Amira Sailors Hockey Club    | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | +1  | 12  |
| 6  | Kisumu Queens                | 6 | 0 | 5 | 1 | -1  | 5   |
| 7  | UON Ladies                   | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | -2  | 5   |
| 8  | Sliders Hockey Club          | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | -19 | 5   |
| 9  | Kenyatta University Ladies   | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | -9  | 1   |
| 10 | JKUAT Ladies                 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2  | 0   |

Standings as of 6 September, incorporating the weekend's results below. Full tables for all KHU divisions are updated live at [kenyahockeyunion.org](#).

LATEST RESULTS

Saturday 5 September

Kisumu Queens 0 – 0 Lakers Hockey Club

Sunday 6 September

Kenyatta University Ladies 0 – 7 Strathmore University Ladies

Sliders Hockey Club 0 – 3 Amira Sailors Hockey Club

Blazers Hockey Club remain the team to beat on 17 points from seven matches, but the second leg's biggest mover yet has been Strathmore University Ladies. A 7-0 win over Kenyatta University Ladies on 6 September has carried them into second, level on points with USIU-A Ladies but ahead on games played. With Lakers and Amira Sailors close behind on 12, the chase for the top two is tightening fast.



## — NATIONAL TEAM

# Gularire completes move to Italy's Serie A1

KHU Media



Mathias Gularire in action for Sikh Union Nairobi.

Parkroad HC

St. Anthony's Boys, Kitale

KCA University

Sikh Union Nairobi

HC Bologna, Italy

**K**enyan international defender Mathias Gularire has signed for Hockey Club Bologna, becoming the latest product of the domestic league to test himself in a top European competition after making his name at Sikh Union Nairobi. For Gularire, the move is the fulfilment of a long-held ambition to play professionally in Europe — one that only felt real once the Italian club sent his visa instructions and travel tickets.

"This is what I have been living for and dreaming of," he said of the switch.

Bologna's field hockey section traces its roots back to 1959 and competes in Serie A1, the top flight of Italian hockey. Gularire expects to feature across defence and midfield, and brings a specialist threat at penalty corners through his drag-flicking.

His route to Bologna ran through Parkroad Hockey Club, St. Anthony's Boys Kitale, KCA University and, finally, Sikh Union Nairobi, where he credits coach Darren Lobo with reshaping his approach to the game and pushing him toward higher-level hockey. Caps for Kenya's senior team — including the 2023 African Games and the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations — sharpened that ambition further.

At Bologna, he wants to sharpen the less visible parts of his game: reading play, decision-making, and his penalty-corner craft, where his stated goal is to become one of the best drag-flickers in the world. He is careful not to promise he can personally open doors for other Kenyan players, but hopes his performances will draw Italian scouts' attention to the talent already at home.

## WHY IT MATTERS

- A rare move abroad for a Kenyan hockey international, into one of Europe's established leagues.
- HC Bologna's hockey section was founded in 1959 and competes in Serie A1, Italy's top division.
- A pathway story from club and school hockey to the senior national team, capped at the 2023 African Games and 2025 Africa Cup of Nations.
- Gularire hopes his form in Italy will draw scouting attention back to Kenya's domestic league.

## — OFF THE PITCH

# Sports Disputes Tribunal nullifies NCHA elections

Key points via [mozzartsport.co.ke](https://mozzartsport.co.ke)



**F**ormer Nairobi County Hockey Association (NCHA) Secretary General Thomas Olal Onyango has won his challenge against the association's November 2025 elections, after the Sports Disputes Tribunal declared the poll illegal, procedurally flawed and void.

The Tribunal found that the NCHA's Elective AGM was held more than five months after the 31 May deadline set out in its own constitution, and ruled that this delay alone was enough to invalidate the

results. All resolutions, elections and appointments arising from the November poll have been quashed, and costs were awarded to Olal.

The Sports Registrar has been directed to supervise fresh NCHA elections within 60 days of the ruling. The outgoing office holders keep limited residual powers only to help organise the new poll — not to exercise their ordinary mandate — while Nairobi hockey's leadership contest resets.

## KEY POINTS

- Case brought by former NCHA Secretary General Thomas Olal Onyango.
- November 2025 NCHA elections declared illegal, procedurally flawed and void.
- Reason: the Elective AGM was held over five months past the constitutional 31 May deadline.
- Sports Registrar to supervise fresh elections within 60 days of the ruling.
- Costs awarded to Olal; outgoing officials retain only limited caretaker powers.

## — WHAT'S NEXT

## Upcoming festivals

Two weekends for the diary as Kenyan hockey heads into the last quarter of the year. Two festivals are lined up — one at the Coast, and the other at Nairobi's Dashmesh Stadium. Both promise to be exciting and competitive.

**10/11**  
OCTOBER

### Pakistan International Festival

MCHA, in conjunction with KHU, hosts a Pakistani international festival in Mombasa. Registration KSh 10,000 per team; forms available online at [www.kenyahockeyunion.org](http://www.kenyahockeyunion.org). Venue: Mombasa Sports Club — check [kenyahockeyunion.org](http://kenyahockeyunion.org) for updates.

**24–25**  
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### Nyota Festival

The Nyota Festival returns over the weekend of 24–25 October. Full team lists, format and venue details to follow in the next issue.







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## — ONE YEAR IN

# The Hockey Jamii journey

A year ago, KHU set out to give Kenyan hockey something it didn't really have: a regular, readable record of its own season — results, people, and decisions, in one place, every month. Twelve-odd issues later, here's how that journey has looked so far.

## 2025 · LAUNCH

### Hockey Jamii publishes its first edition

Bringing Premier League standings and club news together in a single monthly newsletter for the first time.

## NOVEMBER 2025 · FINDING ITS RHYTHM

### The format settles in

The November 2025 edition settles into the format still in use today: provisional standings across every KHU division, alongside club and national-team news.

## JANUARY 2026 · EDITION 6

### Keeping the habit through the off-season

The January 2026 issue — Hockey Jamii's sixth — keeps the monthly habit going through KHU's off-season news, including Africa Cup of Nations club preparations.

## JUNE 2026 · EDITION 10

### A season deep into its run

Ten editions in, Hockey Jamii covers a Premier League season deep into its run, with expanded standings across the National League zones.

## JULY 2026 · ISSUE 11, WORLD CUP EDITION

### The biggest story yet

A special edition marking Kenya's U18 Boys and Girls both qualifying for the FIH Youth Hockey5s World Cup — the biggest story the newsletter has carried yet.

## SEPTEMBER 2026 · ISSUE 12, ANNIVERSARY EDITION

### This issue

One year of Hockey Jamii, and — fittingly — a Premier League title race back on a knife's edge.

#### Full archive

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## THANK YOU

*To every club, coach, player and partner who has read, shared, or contributed to Hockey Jamii this year — asante sana. Here's to the next twelve issues.*

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ONE YEAR STRONG

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