



## **Airtel Top 8 Statistics and Quick Facts**

### **Background**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 FAM and Airtel signed a 3-year sponsorship deal making the later as the official sponsor of new knockout cup, The Airtel Top 8. It was a tournament to be competed by the top 8 teams as of the previous season Super Leaguer final log table.

The sponsorship was for three seasons- 2017, 2018 and 2019 to the tune of K66 million per season. Airtel Committed for the three years to dress all the eight participant teams plus on top of an appearance fees of K 1 million per team per season.

The Competition prize money of K15 million to the winner makes it the most rucreative competition in Malawi as the champions get the money after playing just four games ( 360 minutes).

The launch of the first edition took place at the Bingu National Stadium as Silver Strikers beat Nyasa Big Bullets 1-0 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the third final between Silver Strikers and Karonga United at the same BNS marked the end of the three-year sponsorship.

## **Numbers and Quick facts of the three seasons**

- ✓ Number of participating teams: 13- *Be Forward Wanderers, Silver Strikers, Civil Sporting Club, Masters Security, Kamuzu Barracks, Mzuni, Karonga United, TN Stars, Nyasa Big Bullets, Moyale, Blue Eagles, Mighty Tigers, MAFCO.*
- ✓ Number of Teams that participated in all seasons: 3- *Be Forward Wanderers, Kamuzu Barracks and Silver Strikers.*
- ✓ Most successful team: *Silver Strikers- Winners twice and semifinalists once*
- ✓ Team that has played in most high-profile matches- *Silver Strikers- Played in two final matches and all the three launch games.*
- ✓ Number of most matches played by Single team- *11 Silver Strikers*
- ✓ Number of total matches played: 33
- ✓ Number of goals scored: 52
- ✓ Team with most goals: *Kamuzu Barracks (9 goals)*
- ✓ Team that conceded less goals: *TN Stars (1 goal)*
- ✓ Goals scored in first 45: 26
- ✓ Goals scored in last 45: 26
- ✓ Goalless matches: 8
- ✓ Ties decided on post-match penalties: 3
- ✓ Ties decided on away goal rule: 3
- ✓ Overall Best Player of the series- *(Brighton Munthali – Silver Strikers)*
- ✓ Overall Top goal scorer- 4 goal-Khuda Muyaba *(Moyale Barracks and Silver Strikers)*
- ✓ Number of Stadiums Used: 12- *BNS, Civo, Silver, Nankhaka, Chitowe, Kasungu, Karonga, Mzuzu, Dedza, Balaka, Kamuzu, Mulanje and Kalulu. (The Cup taken to all Stadiums and districts hosting Elite Football across the country as of 2019)*
- ✓ Stadium that hosted more high-profile matches: *BNS- 2 launch games and all three final matches*
- ✓ Number of Districts/ Cities that hosted matches- 10- *Chikhwawa, Mulanje, Blantyre and Balaka ( South) Dedza, Lilongwe, Kasungu and Nkhotakota (Centre) Mzuzu and Karonga( North)*
- ✓ Total Number of attendances: 482,000
- ✓ Number of fans engaged: *over 8 million*
- ✓ Number of matches broadcast live on TV: 16

- ✓ Number of matches broadcast on radio live: 20

## Statistics Per Season

### 2019

#### Statistics

- ✓ Number of participating team: 8- *Be Forward Wanderers, Silver Strikers, Civil Sporting Club, Masters Security, Kamuzu Barracks, Mzuni, Karonga United and TN Stars*
- ✓ *Debutants: 4 teams- Mzuni, Karonga United, Masters and TN Stars*
- ✓ Number of Stadiums Used: 7
- ✓ Number of matches played: 11
- ✓ Number of goals scored: 12
- ✓ Team with most goals: *Silver Strikers (4 goals)*
- ✓ Team that conceded less goals: *Silver Strikers (0 goals)*
- ✓ Goals scores in first 45: 6
- ✓ Goals scored in last 45: 6
- ✓ Goalless matches: 3
- ✓ Ties decided on post-match penalties: 1
- ✓ Ties decided on away goal rule: 3
- ✓ Winners: *Silver Strikers*
- ✓ Runners: *Karonga United*
- ✓ Semifinalists: *Masters Security and Mzuni*
- ✓ Quarterfinalists: *Be Forward Wanderers, TN Stars, Kamuzu Barracks and Civil Sporting Club*
- ✓ Player of the Tournament Nominees: *Brighton Munthali ( Silver Strikers), Victor Longwe ( Karonga United) and Duncan Nyoni ( Silver Strikers)*
- ✓ Winners Player of the Tournament:

#### **Scorers chart**

**2 goals:** Khuda Muyaba (Silver Strikers)- Top Goal Scorer

**1 Goal:** Duncan Nyoni, Michael Tetteh (Silver Strikers), Lanken Mwale ( Civil Sporting Club), Stain Davie ( TN Stars), Gule Mwalubwa ( Karonga United), Natidu Haraz, Chimwemwe Chisambi ( Kamuzu Barracks), Maxwell Gastin (Mzuni), Juma Yatina, Mphatso Mozongoleza( Masters Security)

## All The matches

### Final

29<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Lilongwe (Bingu National Stadium)

*Silver Strikers 1 (Khuda Muyaba 42')*

*Karonga United 0*

Man of the Match: Victor Longwe

### Semifinal 1

15<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Mzuzu (Mzuzu Stadium)

*Mzuni 0*

*Karonga United 0 (Karonga won 4-5 on penalties)*

**Penalties Mzuni:** Suzgo Mwakasinga (scored), Ramadhan Ntafu (scored), Gift Kasambara (scored), Maxwell Gasten (scored), Gadi Chirwa (missed), Chifuniro Gondwe (missed), Mathews Salirana (missed)

**Penalties Karonga United:** Christopher Mhango (scored), Azizi Mwakifuna (scored), Gentulo Andreas (scored), Lusekero Malema (missed), William Mwalwimba (scored), Chrispine Mhango (missed), Misheck Seleman (scored).

**Man of the Match: Lughano Kayira**

### Semifinal 2

16<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Lilongwe (Civo Stadium)

*Masters Security 0*

*Silver Strikers 1 (Michael Tete 27')*

Man of the Match: Elick Atsigah

### Quarterfinals First Leg matches

27 April 2019, Blantyre (Kamuzu Stadium)

*Be forward Wanders 0*

*Silver Strikers 1 (Khuda Muyaba 26')*

Man of the match: Thuso Paipi

27<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Kasungu (Kasungu Stadium)

*TN Stars 1 (Stain Davie 90')*

*Karonga United 1 (Gule Mwaluswa 28')*

Man of the match: Micheck Selemani

28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Lilongwe (Civo Stadium)

*Kamuzu Barracks 2 (Natidu Haraz 59', Chimwemwe Chisambi 78')*

*Masters Security 1 (Juma Tatina 30')*

Man of the Match: Bernard Chimaimba

5th May 2019, Mzuzu (Mzuzu Stadium)  
*Mzuni 0 Civil Sporting FC 0*  
Man of the match: Francis Mkanda

### **Quarterfinals Second Leg**

4th May 2019, Karonga (Karonga Stadium)  
*Karonga United 0*  
*TN Stars 0*  
(Aggregate 1-1- Karonga won on away goal rule)  
Man of the match: Azizi Mwakifuna

12th May 2019, Lilongwe (Civo Stadium)  
*Civil Sporting FC 1 (Lanken Mwale 83')*  
*Mzuni FC 1 (Maxwell Gusten 84')*  
(Aggregate 1-1- Mzuni won on away goal rule)  
Man of the Match: Maxwell Gusten

14th May 2019, Dedza (Dedza Stadium)  
*Masters Security 1 (Mphatso Mozongoleza 56')*  
*Kamuzu Barracks 0*  
(Aggregate 2-2- Masters won on away goal rule)  
Man of the match: Cuthbert Kanyama

14th May 2019, Lilongwe (Silver Stadium)  
*Silver Strikers 1 (Duncan Nyoni 39')*  
*Be Forward Wanderers 0*  
(Aggregate score: 2-0 to Silver Strikers)  
Man of the match: Duncan Nyoni

## **2018**

### **Statistics**

- ✓ Number of teams: 8- *Befoward Wanderers, Nyasa Big Bullets, Kamuzu Barracks, Blue Eagles, Civil Sporting Club, Silver Strikers, MAFCO and Moyale.*
- ✓ Debutants: 1- *Civil Sporting Club*
- ✓ Number of Stadiums Used- 6
- ✓ Number of matches played: 11
- ✓ Number of goals scored: 12
- ✓ Team with most goals: *Blue Eagles, Nyasa Big Bullets (3 goals)*
- ✓ Team that conceded less goals: *Blue Eagles, Moyale Barracks (1 goal)*

- ✓ Goals scores in first 45: 7
- ✓ Goals scored in last 45: 5
- ✓ Goalless matches: 2
- ✓ Ties decided on post-match penalties: 0
- ✓ Ties decided on away goal rule: 0
- ✓ Winners: *Blue Eagles*
- ✓ Runners: *Nyasa Big Bullets*
- ✓ Semifinalists: *Be Forward Wanderers and Silver Strikers*
- ✓ Quarterfinalists: *Moyale, MAFCO, Civil Sporting Club and Kamuzu Barracks*
- ✓ Player of the Tournament Nominees: *John Soko ( Blue Eagles), Micium Mhone (Be Forward Wanderers) and Bushiri Maunde ( Be Forward Wanderers)*
- ✓ Winners Player of the Tournament: *John Soko*
- ✓ Goalkeeper with most cleans sheets: *John Soko (3)*

### **Scorers chart**

2 goals: *Joseph Kamwendo (Be Forward Wanderers) – Top Goal Scorer*

1 Goal: *Mphatso Philimoni, Newman Mwansamale(Silver Strikers), Fletcher Bandawe ( Civil Sporting Club), Zicco Mkanda ( Be Forward Wanderers), Bright Munthali, Chiukepo Msowoya and Patrick Phiri ( Nyasa Big Bullets) Max Salambula, Stuart Mbungwe, John Malidadi( Blue Eagles)*

### **All Matches**

#### **Final**

Saturday 1 July 2018, Lilongwe ( Bingu National Stadium)

*Blue Eagles 1 ( Stuart Mbunge pen 90+1)*

*Nyasa Big Bullets 0*

Man of the match: *Micium Mhone*

#### **Semifinal 1**

Saturday, 16 June 2018 , Lilongwe ( Bingu National Stadium)

*Nyasa Big Bullets 2 ( Brighton Munthali 52', Chiukepo Msowoya 69')*

*Be Forward Wanderers 1 ( Zicco Nkanda 71')*

Man of the match: *Bashir Maunde*

#### **Semifinal 2**

Saturday, 09 June 2018 , Lilongwe ( Civo Stadium)

*Silver Strikers 0*

*Blue Eagles 1 ( Max Salambulka 4')*  
Man of the match: John Soko

### **Quarterfinal Return Legs**

Sunday, 27 May 2018 , Lilongwe ( Bingu National Stadium)  
*Silver Strikers 1 ( Mphatso Philimoni 85')*  
*Civil Sporting 1 (Fletcher Bandawe 90+1)*  
(Silver win 2-1 on aggregate)  
Man of the match: Patrick Thupi

Saturday, 26 May 2018 , Dwangwa, Chitowe Stadium  
*MAFCO 0 - 0 Blue Eagles*  
*(Blue Eagles win 1-0 on aggregate)*  
Man of the match: John Soko

Sunday, 20 May 2018 Balaka ( Balaka Stadium)  
*BE Forward Wanderers 1 ( Joseph Kamwendo 34')*  
*Kamuzu Barracks 0*  
( Wanderers win 2-0 on aggregate)  
Man of the Match: Dave Banda

Saturday, 19 May 2018 , Mzuzu ( Mzuzu Stadium)  
*Moyale Barracks 0 - 0 Nyasa Big Bullets*  
*(Bullets win 1-0 on aggregate)*  
Man, of the match: Gastin Simkonda

### **Quarterfinal First Leg**

Monday 14 May 2018 , Lilongwe ( Nankhaka)  
*Blue Eagles 1 ( John Malidadi 24')*  
*MAFCO 0*  
Man of the match: Vitumbiko Kumwenda

Sunday, 13 May 2018 ,Lilongwe, Civo Stadium  
*Kamuzu Barracks 0*  
*BE Forward Wanderers 1 (Joseph Kamwendo, pen 41')*  
Man of the match: Lucky Malata

Sunday, 06 May 2018, Nchalo ( Kalulu)  
*Nyasa Big Bullets 1 (Patrick Phiri 93')*  
*Moyale 0*  
Man of the match: John Lanjesi

Saturday, 05 May 2018 , Lilongwe (Bingu National Stadium)  
*Civil Sporting 0*  
*Silver Strikers 1 ( Newman Mwamsamale 37')*

Man of the match: Young Chimodzi JNR

## **2017**

### **Statistics**

- ✓ Number of teams: 8- *Befoward Wanderers, Nyasa Big Bullets, Kamuzu Barracks, Blue Eagles, Mighty Tigers, Silver Strikers, MAFCO and Moyale.*
- ✓ Debutants: *All*
- ✓ Number of Stadiums Used: 7
- ✓ Number of matches played: 11
- ✓ Number of goals scored: 28
- ✓ Team with most goals: *Moyale Barracks (8 goals)*
- ✓ Team that conceded less goals: *Nyasa Big Bullets, Silver Strikers (1 goal)*
- ✓ Goals scores in first 45: 13
- ✓ Goals scored in last 45: 15
- ✓ Goalless matches: 2
- ✓ Ties decided on post-match penalties: 2
- ✓ Ties decided on away goal rule: 0
- ✓ Winners: *Silver Strikers*
- ✓ Runners Up: *Be Forward Wanderers*
- ✓ Semifinalists: *Kamuzu Barracks and Moyale Barracks*
- ✓ Quarterfinalist: *MAFCO, Mighty Tigers, Blue Eagles and Nyasa Big Bullets.*
- ✓ *Player of the tournament Nominees: Brighton Munthali ( Silver Strikers), Blessings Tembo ( Silver Strikers) , Khumbo Ng'ambi (Silver Strikers)*
- ✓ Winner player of the tournament- *Brighton Munthali (Silver Strikers)*
- ✓ Goalkeeper with most clean sheets- *Brighton Munthali (3 clean sheets)*

### **Scorers chart**

3 goals: *Khumbo Ngambi (Be Forward Wanderers)- Top Goal scorer*

2 Goals: *Boy Boy Chima, Khuda Muyaba, Dan Katunga ( Moyale Barracks) Ndaona Daisi, Manase Chiyesa ( Kamuzu Barracks)*

1 goal: *Joseph Kamwendo, Jaffali Chande, Lucky Malata ( Be Forward Wanderers) Victor Limbani, Mathews Sibale ( Silver Strikers) Wiseman Kamanga, Zondiwe Munthali ( Moyale Barracks) Diouf Simaone, Kelvin Hang'anda, Dan Ziba ( Kamuzu Barracks) Peter Cholopi (Mighty Tigers) Victor Mpinganjira, Ranken Mwale ( Mafco)*



## **All Matches**

### **Final**

Saturday 3rd June 2017, Lilongwe ( Bingu National Stadium)

*BE FORWARD Wanderers 0 - 0 Silver Strikers*

(Silver Won 10-9 on post-match penalties)

Man of the match : Thuso Paipi

### **Semifinal 1**

Sunday, 28 May 2017 , Lilongwe ( Civo Stadium)

*Kamuzu Barracks 1 ( Dan Ziba 75')*

*Silver Strikers 1 (Matthews Sibale 23')*

Man of the Match: Dan Ziba

### **Semifinal 2**

Saturday, 27 May 2017, Lilongwe ( Bingu National Stadium)

*BE Forward Wanderers 3 ( Khumbo Ngambi 45',50',66')*

*Moyale Barracks 2 (Boyiboyi Chima 27', Dan Katunga 36')*

Man of the match: Khumbo Ng'ambi

### **Quarterfinals Return Leg**

Sunday, 21 May 2017, Mulanje ( Mulanje Stadium)

*Nyasa Big Bullets 0 - 0 Silver Strikers*

Man of the Match: Blessings Tembo

Saturday, 20 May 2017, Nchalo ( Kalulu Stadium)

*Mighty Tigers 1 ( Peter Katsonga 77')*

*Be Forward Wanderers 1 ( Lucky Malata 77')*

Man of the Match: Peter Cholopi

Saturday 20 May 2017, Mzuzu ( Mzuzu Stadium)

*Moyale Barracks 4 ( Khuda Muyaba 14',43', Wisemana Kamanga 78', Zondiwe Munthali 85')*

*MAFCO 2 (Victor Mpinganjira 13', Ranken Mwal3 52')*

Man of the match: Khuda Muyaba

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Lilongwe ( Nankhaka Stadium)

*Blue Eagles 0*

*Kamuzu Barracks 2 ( Manase Chiyesa 47', Ndaona Daisi 75')*

(Kamuzu Barracks win 6-2 on aggregate)

Man of the match: Micium Mhone

### **Quarterfinal First Leg**

Sunday, 14 May 2017, Balaka ( Balaka Stadium)  
*Be Forward Wanderers 2 ( Jaffali Chande 10', Joseph Kamwendo 13')*  
*Mighty Tigers 0*  
Man of the match: Joseph Kamwendo

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Lilongwe ( Civo Stadium)  
*Kamuzu Barracks 4 ( Diouf Simaone 27', Ndaona Daisi 35', Manase Chiyesa 37', Kelvin Hang'anda 45')*  
*Blue Eagles 2 ( Mphatso Philemon 54', Phillip Masiye 67')*  
Man of the match: Stuart Mbunge

Saturday, 13 May 2017, Lilongwe ( Bingu National Stadium)  
*Silver Strikers 1 ( Victor Limbani 86')*  
*Nyasa Big Bullets 0*  
Man of the match: Brighton Munthali

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Dwangwa ( Chitowe Stadium)  
*MAFCO 0*  
*Moyale Barracks 2 ( Dan Katunga 16', Boy Boy Chima 89')*  
Man, of the match: Timothy Nyirenda