



Dear friends and colleagues in the beautiful game, March was a momentous month for the game of football in Malawi after our beloved Flames qualified for the AFCON finals for only the third time in the country's history.

As you may be aware, we went into the last two matches that decided our qualification with a collar of underdogs in our neck.

We were not given a chance that we would collect the maximum six points that we needed to qualify. We were betted out of AFCON finals.

However, these boys just proved that they are never scared of battle. They knew that the pride of the nation was at stake. They knew that the nation was looking up to them to deliver.

And as Flames, they were fired up to get the result we all needed. Throughout the last two games, they fought with courage. Throughout the last two games, they fought with resilience. And we are witness to how they have burnt their way through doubt to the Africa Cup of Nations—to the surprise of the world.

We at FAM and the world of football in Malawi salute these heroes and wish them the best of luck in Cameroon.

We thank government for the firm moral and material support they have given us as we prepared for the games in the campaign. That support you gave us was the charcoal that kept us burning with desire.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you will, let me bring to your attention another interesting thing about the importance of us looking within for solutions to our development needs. You may wish to know that the team has qualified under the guidance of a local coach in former captain Meck Mwase.

Meck is an illustration that we have adequate talent and skills in the country that can deliver to us the Malawi we all want.

This qualification to AFCON fulfils the vision of FAM as articulated by the current FAM Executive Committee in 2019.

In keeping with that vision, FAM worked so hard and invested significant amounts of resources to ensure that the Flames prepare well and fulfil all their assignments.



WALTER NYAMILANDU-MANDA



Flames line for the national anthem



Khuda Muyaba in the thick of things



Charles Petro and Peter Banda in action



John Banda beats a Uganda defender



Charles Petro chases down a Uganda striker



Flames players and officials celebrate beating South Sudan



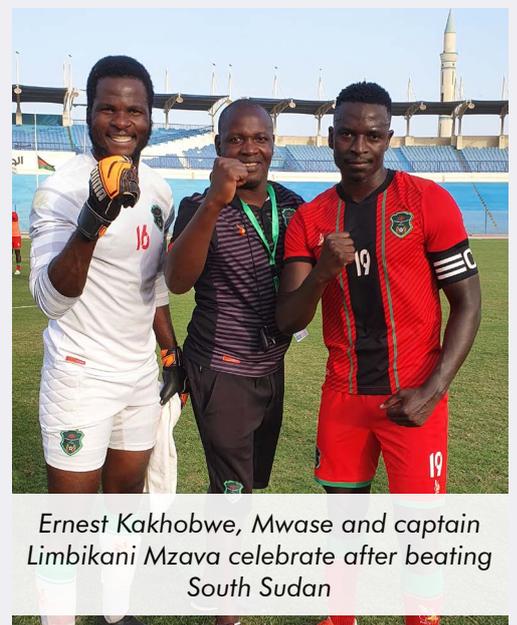
Meck Mwase celebrates with his backroom staff



President Walter Nyamilandu hugs Richard Mbulu after the South Sudan match



Flames players celebrate the team's AFCON qualification



Ernest Kakhobwe, Mwase and captain Limbikani Mzava celebrate after beating South Sudan

NYAMILANDU CHALLENGES YOUTHS TO ASPIRE FOR GREATNESS

Football Association of Malawi (FAM) President Walter Nyamilandu has challenged Malawian youths to desist from giving up and aspire for greatness.

Nyamilandu said this on his return from Rabat, Morocco where he lost his FIFA Council seat to Nigeria's Amaju Melvin Pinnick who got 43 votes over Nyamilandu's eight on March 20.

The FAM President said although he has lost, he is happy to have represented Malawi at a global level, saying he has set the pace for more Malawians to have more global positions.

"Even though I have lost, I have bowed out gratefully because I fought and sweated to the last minute.

"I showed the spirit and character of every Malawian in this country. I am proud to have

represented Malawi at FIFA and we have made history and left a mark in the world that there is leadership in the country.

"As such, I would like to challenge the youths in Malawi and all the citizens that they must not settle for less. The reason I went for FIFA is because I was bold and dared everyone around the world. So, I want the same spirit to be ingrained among Malawians, we must not be afraid to aspire for greatness.

"This is a testimony that all things are possible and that Malawians have a capability to stand a global level. I am sure I have opened doors for Malawians to aspire for greatness, not only in football, but in all sectors," he said.

Nyamilandu has since committed to continue with his raising the bar manifesto to improve the game.



Nyamilandu

HUMBA, AJAWA RETAIN SEATS AS REGIONAL HEADS

Raphael Humba and Austin Ajawa were reelected chairpersons for the Southern and Central Region Football Associations, respectively during elections held on March 13.

Patrick Mbalata retained his position as vice chairperson for SRFA after going unopposed just like Dyles Kachala and Kingsley Simbeye who will continue as general secretary and vice general secretary.

The treasurer's position went to Pharaoh Phiri while Rajab Phiri is his vice after both positions went unopposed.

The only competition in SRFA's elections was on the position of committee members which had eight people competing for six slots and William Gowelo, Anderson Chuma, Francis Malunguza, Daniel Mbetewa, Evance Sulani and Tizona

Banda were elected as office bearers.

In the Central Region, Goodall Chonjoka was unopposed elected as Ajawa's vice just like Bernard Chiwiriwiri Harawa and Antonio Manda who were re-elected as general secretary and vice general secretary, respectively.

Charles Majid Seleman was elected treasurer with 18 votes after defeating Mwera Gondwe who got 15 votes while Mike Tembo received no vote. Hastings Chilunga is CRFA's new vice treasurer after amassing 21 votes against Bwanali Missi and Andrew Chisale who got eight votes and four votes, respectively.

Wales Kazonde, Gresham Gwaza, Paul Kampira, Charles Chimanjamanja, Felix Kholowa and Kondwani Kandiado were elected as committee members.



Ajawa



Humba



FAM Executive Member Muhammad Solemani and Khonje at the budget meeting

MA's HEADS NOD TO FAM 2021 BUDGET

FAM Member Associations heads gave their seal of approval to the FAM 2021 budget during a consultative meeting held in Salima.

The meeting was initially adjourned three weeks ago in Lilongwe after Member Associations advised FAM secretariat to provide supplementary information on the previous year's expenditure.

During the Salima meeting, the Member Associations contributed to the budget which is expected to be approved by the association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April.

Speaking on behalf of the associations, Northern Region Football Association chairperson Lameck Khonje said the budget is inclusive and has prioritised important projects that will help football development in the country.

"The FAM secretariat came well prepared and we are satisfied with all the documentation

they presented today. The expenditure report from last year shows that they did a good job in implementing the budget. So, we have made our comments and we now own the budget. After it has been updated, it should be ready for the congress," said Khonje.

FAM 2nd Vice President and Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee Othniel Hara described the exercise as fruitful.

"After the meeting was curtailed three weeks ago, we promised to provide the information they requested and today they were satisfied. We are a listening association and this process is collective and this is why we rescheduled the meeting so that everyone one should be aligned and own this document," said Hara.

FAM has, from this year, changed its financial year from the July-June circle to January-December.



Mbulu trying to beat a Uganda defender

MBULU BREAKS AFCON JINX WITH HISTORIC HEADER

Flames' striker Richard Mbulu scored his first ever AFCON qualifying goal to lead the Flames to a third AFCON qualification.

Mbulu, who had only scored three Flames goals, one in a friendly and two in COSAFA matches, scored the lone goal in the 16th minute as Flames beat Uganda on March 29 to seal a place at the continental biannual competition to take place in Cameroun next year.

The former MAFCO striker said he felt relieved to score the goal as many people were questioning his qualities for failing to score in major competitions.

"It feels good to score this important goal that will go down in the history of Malawi football. I feel relieved to have scored this goal. I would like to thank coach Meck Mwase for continuing believing in me when people were saying I didn't

deserve a place in the team.

"This is not about me but the team and the country. I will continue to work hard for the Flames so that we should do well at the AFCON; it's every player's dream to play at the big stage," he said. Mwase said despite not scoring more goals, Mbulu is an important player for the Flames.

"He may not score goals but he does a lot of dirty work that help create chances for others. Even at club level, you see he doesn't score a lot of goals but he plays more matches because he adds a lot of value. But I am happy for him for having scored that goal," said Mwase.

Until the Uganda game, Mbulu had scored three goals including one against Togo in a friendly match in Morocco in 2017 and two at the 2019 COSAFA Cup against Seychelles and Comoros.

MWASE CONTINUES LOCAL COACHES' LEGACY

The Flames qualification for the 2021 AFCON under local coach Meck Mwase continues the legacy of local coaches who are the only ones to have guided the team to the continental finals.

Malawi beat Uganda to qualify for their third AFCON with the last two coming in 2010 and 1984.

Ironically the two previous AFCON qualifications were achieved under local coaches; Henry Moyo in 1984 and Kinnah Phiri in 2010.

Despite employing a number of expatriate coaches in the past, none of them has taken the Flames to the final of any major event.

Mwase has qualified the Flames without conceding at home and with an impressive 10 points.

"I am happy to have achieved this feat I owe it to the players, FAM and all other stakeholders who

gave us support. This is not about me but the boys, they worked hard and deserved it.

"Like I always say everything is possible in football and its unbelievable that a local coach like me has led the team to AFCON. It just shows we have potential," said Mwase.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu said Mwase, whose contract expires this month, has shown that local coaches have the expertise to lead the Flames.

"We have in the past gone for foreign coaches but we did not get the desired results. But Mwase, just like Kinnah and Moyo before him, has delivered the goods. Maybe its high time we invested in local coaches because they are the real deal.

"Now that we have qualified, we can't break what is not broken and I will recommend for Mwase's contract renewal," said Nyamilandu.



Mwase

FLAMES ROAD TO CAMEROUN

How the Flames qualified

19th July 2019

The 2021 AFCON Qualifying draw is made in Cairo, Egypt and the Flames are pitted against Uganda, Burkina Faso and South Sudan in Group B

13th November 2019

Kamuzu Stadium, Blantyre

Malawi 1 (Gabadinho Mhango 68') South Sudan 0

Flames Line-Up

Munthali, Sanudi, Cholopi, Malata, Chirwa, Idana, CJ Banda, Phiri Jnr (Chimango Kayira 67'), Mhango, Chester (Robin Ngalande 90'+4'), Mbulu

17th November 2019

Mandela Stadium- Kampala

Uganda 2 (Okwi 29', Aziz 67') Malawi 0

Flames Line Up

Brighton Munthali, Stanely Sanudi, Peter Cholopi, Lucky Malata, Gomezgani Chirwa, Yamikani Chester, Chimwemwe Idana (Kayira 45'), Gabadinho Mhango (Kajoke 83'), John Banda (C), Gerald Jnr Phiri (Ngalande 68'), Richard Mbulu

13th November 2020

Stade du 4 Aout in Ouagadougou

Burkina Faso 3 (Lassina Troure 2', 26', Dabo Bryn 87') Malawi 1 (Gerald Phiri Jnr 80')

Flames line-up: Brighton Munthali, Stanley Sanudi, Peter Cholopi, Charles Petro, Chikoti Chirwa (Duncain Nyoni 65'), John Banda, Chimwemwe

Idana (Rafiq Namwera 45'), Schumacher Kuwali (Micium Mhone 45'), Yamikani Chester (Gerald Phiri 65'), Richard Mbulu

16th November 2021

Kamuzu Stadium, Blantyre

Malawi 0: Burkina Faso 0

Flames Line Up

Ernest Kakhobwe, Nickson Nyasulu (Raffick Namwera 70'), Dennis Chembezi, Peter Cholopi, Precious Sambani, Charles Petro (Chimwemwe Idana 81'), Gerald Phiri, John Banda (Yamikani Chester 56'), Peter Banda (Vincent Nyangulu 56'), Hassan Kajoke (Duncan Nyoni 56') Richard Mbulu.

24th March 2021

El Hilal Stadium, Khartoum

South Sudan 0 Malawi 1 (OG 47')

Flames Line Up

Ernest Kakhobwe (GK), Stanley Sanudi, Charles Petro, Limbikani Mzava (C), Precious Sambani (Dennis Chembezi 86'), John CJ Banda, Gerald Phiri, Peter Banda (Robin Ngalande 92'), Gabadinho Mhango, Richard Mbulu (Rafik Namwela 83'), Khuda Muyaba (Francisco Madinga 83').

29th March 2021

Kamuzu Stadium, Blantyre

Malawi 1 (Mbulu 16') Uganda 0

Flames Line Up

Ernest Kakhobwe (GK), Stanley Sanudi, Charles Petro, Limbikani Mzava (C), Precious Sambani, John Banda, Gerald Phiri, Peter Banda (Dennis Chembezi 74'), Robin Ngalande (Francisco Madinga 31'), Richard Mbulu, Khuda Muyaba (Rafiq Namwera 67')

Pos	Group B	PL	GD	Pts
1	Burkina Faso	6	4	12
2	Malawi	6	-1	10
3	Uganda	6	1	8
4	South Sudan	6	-4	3



Mzava back as Flames captain



I NEVER IGNORED FLAMES—MZAVA

Flames captain Limbikani Mzava said he did not ignore Flames call-ups last year as he had valid reasons for not turning up for assignments.

Mzava missed friendly matches against Zambia and Zimbabwe in October last year and failed to turn up for back-to-back AFCON qualifying matches against Burkina Faso in November.

He last played for the Flames in September 2018 and only returned for the last two AFCON qualifying matches against South Sudan and Uganda last month.

The Amazulu defender put up a solid show in both matches as the Flames kept clean sheets to collect six points and qualify for the AFCON finals.

"I want to put the record straight that after the Kenya game in September 2018, I got injured and then I missed the two Cameroon matches and the Comoros one.

"I was not called for the Morocco home game as well as the World Cup matches against Botswana. "Last year when I was called for the Zimbabwe and Zambia matches, I was jobless and it was risky for me to come for friendly matches when I was looking for a club. For the Burkina Faso, I was willing to come but I tested positive to Covid-19 and could not travel. It was beyond my control. "I am always willing to come and represent my country and I am happy that I finally came and we did well and qualified," said Mzava.

The former Escom United defender, who captained the Malawi Under-17 at their only AFCON appearance in 2009, says he is looking forward to play at the AFCON which is the highest level for African football.

"I have been to the junior AFCON and it is a great experience and I can't wait to return now at the higher level. It is every player's dream to play at such competitions and we must work hard to do well as this is a big platform for our career growth," he said.

PRESIDENT CHAKWERA CHALLENGES FLAMES

President Dr Lazarus Chakwera has challenged the Malawi Men's Senior National Football team to aim higher and scale new heights at the Africa Cup of Nations finals in Cameroun next year.

Dr Chakwera made the remarks when he hosted the Flames at the Kamuzu Palace in Lilongwe on April 1 following the team's qualification for the AFCON.

He said the Flames have been to AFCON before and this time they should aim going further.

"It's not about celebrating for just qualifying. We have been there before. It's not just a win or scoring, we have done that before. Aim higher and aim to go further. So, it is not enough to just participate, aim for something that has never happened before.

"People had no faith in us. We were being treated as underdogs for a long time. But what our opponents didn't know is that it's not about the size of the dog but the fight in the dog. Now that we have again qualified, we should not rest on our laurels but aim for the main thing. We have

shown that we are achievers and we can do it," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the players, captain John Banda expressed gratitude to the President for hosting them.

"We thank you for hosting us. This win is a gift to you. As players, we are facing so many challenges, and we would be very grateful if you help us," he said.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu Manda thanked government for its support which has enabled the team to qualify.

He said FAM is confident government will continue to support the Flames in upcoming assignments and appealed for the Flames to have own funding bill from Parliament.

"However, we would like to request for a change in the Flames funding strategy to allow for direct funding from the Parliament vote allocation which shall ensure that activities and programs of the national team are undertaken without interruptions," said Nyamilandu.



Chakwera pose with the Flames



Flames players sing National Anthem at the State House



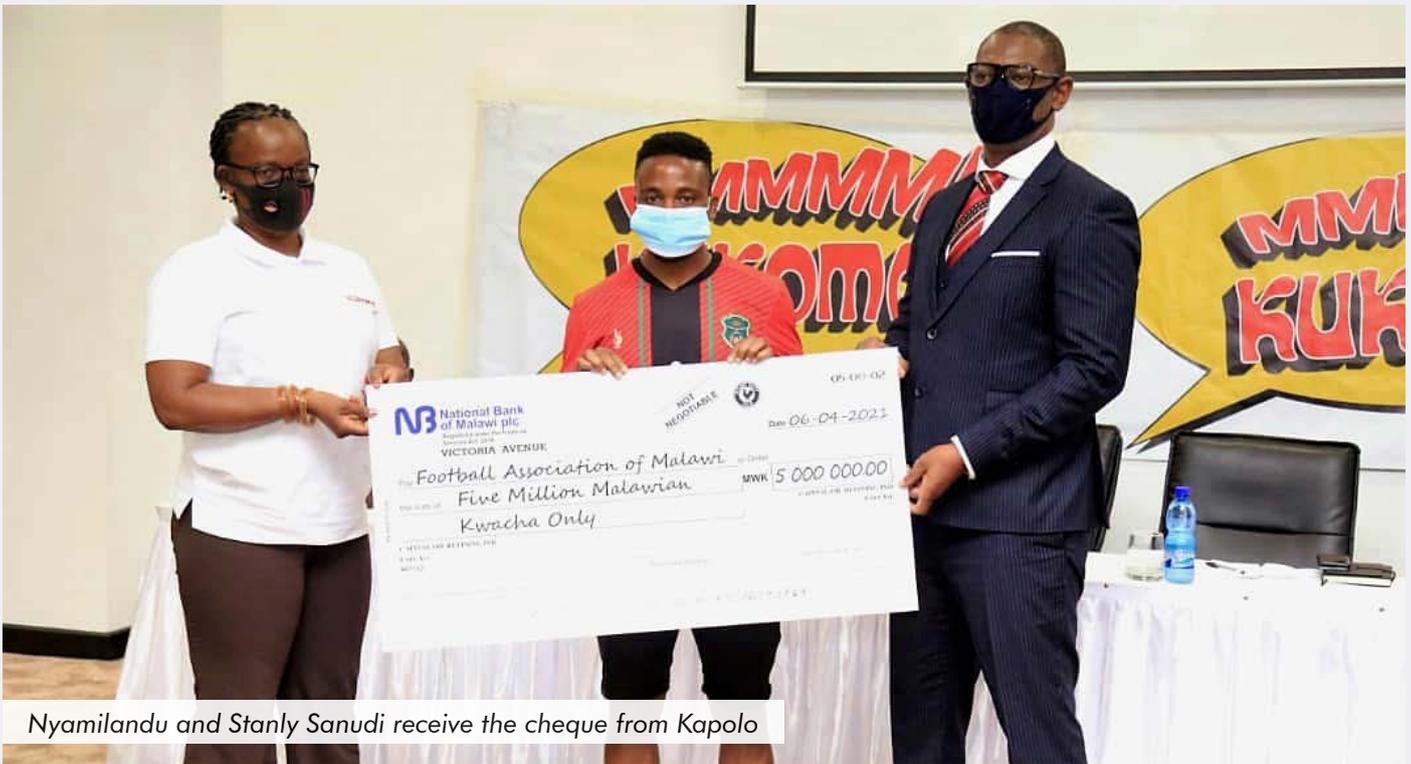
Chakwera in Flames jersey



Chakwera greets FAM President Nyamilandu



Flames technical panel



Nyamilandu and Stanly Sanudi receive the cheque from Kapolo

CORI HONOURS FLAMES PLEDGE

Capital Oil Refining Industries (Cori), through its Kukoma Cooking Oil product, fulfilled its K5 million pledge to the Malawi National Football Team, the Flames, for beating Uganda and qualifying for the Africa Cup of Nations Finals.

Prior to the Flames' last AFCON qualifying match against Uganda last month, Cori promised to give the Flames K5 Million if they beat Uganda and qualify for the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations.

The Flames went on to beat Uganda 1-0 at Kamuzu Stadium on March 29, courtesy of a Richard Mbulu's 15th-minute header to qualify for continental biannual competition which will take place in Cameroun next January.

Speaking during a cheque presentation ceremony at Amaryllis Hotel in Blantyre, Cori Sponsorship Coordinator Violet Kapolo said her company is excited to be associated with the Flames and pledged continued support to the team.

"As Cori, we are very excited with the Flames' win and the AFCON qualification. We support sports and have a netball team that we sponsor and now we are into football. We believe that coming into football is a good venture for us because the Flames have delivered what we wanted. So, we

will be there for the Flames as they prepare for both 2021 AFCON finals as well as the 2022 World Cup qualifiers," she said.

The company also gave goal-scorer Mbulu K500,000.

In his remarks, FAM President Walter Nyamilandu Manda hailed Cori for fulfilling their promise saying FAM wants to go into a long-term partnership with the company.

"What Cori has done is a very recommendable gesture and this will go a long way in motivating the players. It is also encouraging to us that we have partners that are watching the game.

"There is a lot of money at stake before the Flames play in the AFCON finals as well as the World Cup qualifiers so we are appealing to both the government and the corporate world for assistance. We are happy that Cori has come forward and opened the door for us," said Nyamilandu.

Vice-captain Stanley Sanudi said the Flames appreciate the motivation package and appealed to Cori to continue supporting the team ahead of upcoming assignments.

FLAMES START WC CAMPAIGN AWAY TO CAMEROUN

The Flames will start their 2022 FIFA World Cup group stage qualifiers with an away fixture against Cameroun between 5-8 June 2021.

This follows CAF's release of the full fixture for the Africa group stages which were shelved last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Flames are in Group D alongside Cameroun, Ivory Coast and Mozambique.

Malawi will then host Mozambique on Match Day 2 between 11-14 June 2021.

Three months later, the Flames will play Ivory Coast back-to-back starting at home between 1-4 September and away between 5-8 September.

The Flames' last home match will be against Cameroun between 6-9 October 2021 and they will wind up the campaign away in Mozambique between 10-12 October.

The winners of the 10 groups will qualify for the next round where they will face-off to identify the five teams that will qualify for the World Cup to take place in Qatar next year.



Flames' John Banda chase a Cameroun player during an AFCON qualifier in 2018

MADINGA, BANDA, NDLOBVU EXCITED WITH FLAMES DEBUTS

Flames trio of midfielders Francisco Madinga and Patrick Banda and defender Paul Ndlobvu say they are excited to have donned the country's colours for the first-time.

Madinga made his long-awaited debut for the Flames as a second half substitute in Flames 1-0 win over South Sudan in an AFCON qualifier away in Khartoum in Sudan on March 25.

He played his second match five days later as a first half substitute when he replaced injured Robin Ngalande in an AFCON qualifier against Uganda at the Kamuzu Stadium in Blantyre.

Flames coach Meck Mwase handed Banda and Ndlobvu their debuts as second half substitutes in an international friendly match against Ethiopia which the Flames lost 4-0 at Bahir Dar Stadium in Bahir Dar City on March 17.

Madinga, who plays his club football in Georgia, said he was happy to have played his first matches in famous wins that have taken the Flames to their third AFCON.

"I made a lot of camps but never made it into the final squad. Last year I failed to join the camp due Covid-19 travel restrictions.

"I am happy that finally I made and was able to play in two historic matches. It doesn't get sweeter than playing your first match in a tie that decided Malawi's qualification to AFCON.

"I am just bitter that I did not score in the first game as I had great opportunity but I squandered it. But I will cherish this for the rest of my life," said Madinga.

Banda and Ndlobvu said, although they did not play in the South Sudan and Uganda matches, being part of the squad and playing the Ethiopia match meant a lot to their careers.

"In the first place it was an honour to be part of the final squad and playing 45 minutes in Ethiopia was so great. I am motivated and will work hard to break into the first team," said Ndlobvu.

Banda said: "It was an amazing experience and big achievement to make the final squad in my first time in camp. I would like to thank the coach for the opportunity. I am still learning and I will work hard to become a regular."

Mwase said the three have performed well and have vindicated him for including them.

"Ndlobvu and Banda did well in Ethiopia just like Madinga rose to the occasion on both occasions that he came on as a substitute.

"Our aim has always been to have a pool of top talent in all positions for easy back up and these three have integrated themselves well into the system," said Mwase.



Banda making his debut



Panungwe and Somba Banda signing the contract

OLD MUTUAL TO AWARD SUPER LEAGUE STAR PLAYERS

Super League of Malawi has clinched a deal with Old Mutual Life Insurance Company for the sponsorship of TNM Super League Man of the Match, Player of the Week and Player of the Month awards for the remainder of the 2020-2021 season.

Sulom and Old Mutual sealed the deal on April 7 at the league offices in Chilomoni.

The insurance company's managing director Roy Punungwe said: "We saw an opportunity for a win-win situation for us as sponsors, players, Sulom as well as the football fans. These awards have not been there for this season and we are very sure that awarding the players is a motivation to perform well because they will be fighting to win the award. This also creates an anticipation and excitement for the fans because they will be participating in voting for the Player of the Week and Player of the Month awardees and have an opportunity to win cash prizes amounting to K10,000," said Punungwe.

Punungwe added that Old Mutual will, apart from the financial sponsorship, equip players with financial management trainings to help them save for life after football.

"Through our Old Mutual Timba Family Plan sponsorship, we will additionally conduct Financial Education trainings to football players to equip them with the knowledge which will help

them to be saving for their future. Football is a short-term career and we want to take part in training football players to make sure they plan for their future," he said.

Sulom President Tiya Somba Banda said he is delighted with the agreement as it falls within the body's plans to uplift the players' welfare and encourage competitiveness in the league.

"Football is a competitive game and we need competitive players and officials for it to grow. We are very grateful to Old Mutual for coming in to sponsor star players and we believe that this partnership will harness a high performance and competitive culture among teams and players.

"Covid-19 has hit a lot of industries with football heavily affected as we are playing without fans. This means that teams that rely on gate collections have been hit hard in as far as financial motivation for the players is concerned. So, the coming in of the awards through Old Mutual will help alleviate the stress that teams are going through as well as motivate players to work hard," said Somba Banda.

The sponsorship will see the Man of the Match for every Super League game going out with locally produced miniatures while Player of the Week and Player of the Month will be getting K50,000 and K200,000, respectively.

MPIRA TV SWITCHES ON

FAM finally switched on its newly-established football dedicated television channel, Mpira TV

The pay television, which airs on Kiliye Kiliye's channel 122, switched its signal on March 29 with the test viewing until it is officially launched in few weeks' time.

The channel debuted with the live beaming of the Flames 2021 AFCON Qualifier against Uganda at the Kamuzu Stadium.

Four days later, the channel broadcast the first ever local game between Nyasa Big Bullets and Azam Tigers at the Kamuzu Stadium followed by another Super League encounter between Bullets and Ntopwa United on April 5.

FAM marketing director Limbani Matola said the channel will strive to provide predictable content for its viewers.

He said: "For a long time, viewers have been kept guessing on what they will watch on television. Mpira TV wants to bring predictable content through its consistent schedule."

Matola also invited the corporate world to utilise the channel to market their brands.

"To those that had been wondering how to expose their brand during matches since supporters are not allowed at stadiums, Mpira TV is the answer. Millions will be watching the channel unlike at the stadium."

In February, FAM and Malawi Digital Broadcast Network Limited (MDBNL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the establishment of football dedicated television channel.

FAM has engaged Mibawa Television and MBC to produce content.



Matola



Sanudi

STANLEY SANUDI HITS 50 CAPS

On March 24, Flames duo of striker Gabadinho Mhango and defender Stanly Sanudi earned their 50th caps in Malawi's 1-0 win over South Sudan in an AFCON Qualifier away in Khartoum.

Sanudi went to add one more cap five days later as Flames beat Uganda 1-0 while Mhango missed the match due to suspension.

In this edition, courtesy of our researcher Mario Antoine weighs Stanly Flames career while in the next edition we will look Mhango's.

Sanudi who was born in Dedza in 1995. He made his debut against Uganda at the age of 20 in a friendly 1-0 victory fixture in Blantyre on the 51st Independence Anniversary in 2015 under Ernest Mtawali.

His first appearance as a substitute came in his 15th appearance against Swaziland, winner by 1-0 on September 4, 2016 under caretaker Ramadhan Nsanzurwimo.

He was featured in all the eight games that Malawi played in 2016, a feat that was repeated in 2019 when Malawi played 14 games.

He became the 45th player to win 50 International caps for the Flames on 24 March 2021 in a crucial 1-0 win against South Sudan in Omdurman, gaining it in five years 261 days.

He has played against 25 different countries with Eswatini and Uganda, his debutant opponent as well as his glorious moment with four games each.

Has played under five different coaches and enjoyed success under current coach Meck Mwase as he was a member of the losing COSAFA Plate Finals in 2019 and as well as qualifying for the Flames third AFCON Finals to be held in Cameroon in 2022 after defeating Uganda by 1-0 on March 29 in Blantyre, the same country he faced at the same venue for his debut with a similar score.

All the matches Sanudi has played

Caps	Date	Venue	Opponent	Score	Competition
1	06 Jul 2015	Blantyre	Uganda	1 - 0	Friendly
2	06 Sep 2015	Lobamba	Swaziland	2 - 2	ACN Qual Grp
3	07 Oct 2015	Dar es Salaam	Tanzania	0 - 2	WC Qual R1 L1
4	11 Oct 2015	Blantyre	Tanzania	1 - 0	WC Qual R1 L2
5	23 Nov 2015	Bahir Dar	Sudan	2 - 1	CECAFA Grp
6	25 Nov 2015	Bahir Dar	Djibouti	3 - 0	CECAFA Grp
7	30 Nov 2015	Addis Ababa	Uganda	0 - 2	CECAFA Grp
8	25 Mar 2016	Conakry	Guinea	0 - 0	ACN Qual Grp
9	29 Mar 2016	Blantyre	Guinea	1 - 2	ACN Qual Grp
10	05 Jun 2016	Harare	Zimbabwe	0 - 3	ACN Qual Grp
11	08 Jun 2016	Windhoek	Namibia	0 - 0	Friendly
12	12 Jun 2016	Windhoek	Angola	3 - 0	COSAFA Grp
13	14 Jun 2016	Windhoek	Mauritius	1 - 0	COSAFA Grp
14	16 Jun 2016	Windhoek	Lesotho	0 - 1	COSAFA Grp
15	04 Sep 2016	Blantyre	Swaziland (sub)	1 - 0	ACN Qual Grp
16	18 Apr 2017	Nairobi	Kenya	0 - 0	Friendly
17	22 Apr 2017	Antananarivo	Madagascar	0 - 1	CHAN Qual R1 L1
18	29 Apr 2017	Lilongwe	Madagascar	0 - 1	CHAN Qual R1 L2
19	10 Jun 2017	Lilongwe	Comoros	1 - 0	ACN Qual Grp
20	25 Jun 2017	Moruleng	Tanzania	0 - 2	COSAFA Grp
21	27 Jun 2017	Phokeng	Mauritius	0 - 0	COSAFA Grp
22	29 Jun 2017	Phokeng	Angola	0 - 0	COSAFA Grp
23	04 Sep 2017	Agadir	Togo	1 - 0	Friendly
24	11 Nov 2017	Lilongwe	Lesotho (sub)	1 - 1	Friendly
25	01 Jun 2018	Polokwane	Angola	0 - 0	COSAFA Grp
26	08 Sep 2018	Casablanca	Morocco	0 - 3	ACN Qual Grp
27	11 Sep 2018	Nairobi	Kenya	0 - 1	Friendly
28	12 Oct 2018	Yaounde	Cameroon	0 - 1	ACN Qual Grp
29	16 Oct 2018	Blantyre	Cameroon	0 - 0	ACN Qual Grp
30	17 Nov 2018	Mitsamiouli	Comoros	1 - 2	ACN Qual Grp
31	22 Mar 2019	Lilongwe	Morocco	0 - 0	ACN Qual Grp
32	20 Apr 2019	Manzini	Eswatini	0 - 0	CHAN Qual R1 L1
33	11 May 2019	Lilongwe	Eswatini (1)	1 - 1	CHAN Qual R1 L1
34	26 May 2019	Durban	Seychelles	3 - 0	COSAFA Grp
35	28 May 2019	Durban	Namibia	2 - 1	COSAFA Grp
36	30 May 2019	Durban	Mozambique (sub)	1 - 1	COSAFA Grp
37	02 Jun 2019	Durban	Zambia (2)	2 - 2	COSAFA QF
38	04 Jun 2019	Durban	Comoros	2 - 1	COSAFA Plate SF
39	07 Jun 2019	Durban	South Africa (3)	0 - 0	COSAFA Plate F
40	07 Sep 2019	Francistown	Botswana	0 - 0	WC Qual R1 L1
41	10 Sep 2019	Blantyre	Botswana	1 - 0	WC Qual R1 L2
42	13 Oct 2019	Maseru	Lesotho	1 - 1	Friendly
43	13 Nov 2019	Blantyre	South Sudan	1 - 0	ACN Qual Grp
44	17 Nov 2019	Kampala	Uganda	0 - 2	ACN Qual Grp

Caps	Date	Venue	Opponent	Score	Competition
45	12 Mar 2020	Lusaka	Zambia	0 - 1	Friendly
46	07 Oct 2020	Lusaka	Zambia	0 - 1	Friendly
47	11 Oct 2020	Blantyre	Zimbabwe	0 - 0	Friendly
48	12 Nov 2020	Ouagadougou	Burkina Faso	1 - 3	ACN Qual Grp
49	17 Mar 2021	Addis Ababa	Ethiopia	0 - 4	Friendly
50	24 Mar 2021	Omdurman	South Sudan	1 - 0	ACN Qual Grp
51	29 Mar 2021	Blantyre	Uganda	1 - 0	ACN Qual Grp

Total Record

Matches	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Points	Percentage
51	16	18	17	36	43	66	31.4%

Events analysis

No	Events	P	W	D	L	F	A	W %	P %
1	Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers	16	5	4	7	10	18	31.3%	39.6%
2	COSAFA	13	5	6	2	14	8	38.5%	53.8%
3	Friendlies	11	2	5	4	4	9	18.2%	33.3%
4	CHAN Qualifiers	4	0	2	2	1	3	0%	16.7%
5	World Cup Qualifiers	4	2	1	1	2	2	50%	58.3%
6	CECAFA	3	2	0	1	5	3	66.7%	66.7%
	Total	51	16	18	17	36	43	31.4%	



FAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO MANFRED HOENER

FAM has paid tribute to former Technical Director late Manfred Horner, describing him as one of the outstanding pioneers of Malawi football with an exceptional eye for spotting talent.

Hoener died on March 6 due to heart failure at the age of 79.

FAM President Walter Nyamilandu Manda said that the Malawi football fraternity will always remember Hoener for his excellence in building youthful teams for the future.

“We had exciting and successful national youth teams during his time. Over and above that, he worked very hard to expose talented players in Europe to give them a brighter future. If he had been around for long, Malawi football would have immensely benefitted from his expertise and we would have been miles away.

“Personally, I will remember him for opening my doors to the national team when Rueben Malola was coach. He also offered me special training sessions with Chimwemwe Gadi when we were going for trials overseas. He did the same with all players who went for trails outside the country. He is probably one of the best expatriates we have had in terms of youth football technical development. May his soul rest in peace,” said Nyamilandu.

During his eight-year stay in Malawi, Hoener dedicated most of his efforts to youth development programmes, which he successfully executed.

His first notable achievement was when he guided the Malawi Under-18 National team to a Dana Cup title in Denmark and a third finish at the Gonthia Cup in Sweden during the team’s European tour in 1997.

The same year, he led the Malawi Under-20 National team to a bronze medal at the COSAFA Under-20 Youth Championship in Botswana.

In 1998, the same squad qualified for their maiden and to-date only appearance at the 1999

CAF AFCON Under-20 tournament that was held in Ghana.

Before he left in 2000, he led the foundation for the Under-17 national team that went on to win the COSAFA Under-17 Championship in 2001. Former Flames captain Peter Mponda, who was part of the Dana Cup winning team and captained the U-20 in Ghana said Hoener played a big role in laying the foundation for the team that qualified for AFCON 2010.

“Most of the players who played in those 2010 qualifiers like myself, Esau Kanyenda, Moses Chavula, Swadik Sanudi, Robert Ng’ambi, Jimmy Zakazaka, Fischer Kondowe, Peter Mgangira, Allan Kamanga, Dan Chitsulo and Clement Kafwafwa worked with Horner at junior national teams as well as junior leagues between 1997 and 2000. He instilled that dream and mentality that made us develop into that formidable side. He demanded a lot on the pitch while outside he was a father figure,” said Mponda.



Horner with U-20 players in 1997

COVID-19 UPDATE

AS OF 08/04/2021

33738 TOTAL
CONFIRMED
CASES

TOTAL
ACTIVE
CASES **1339**

31140(144 NEW) TOTAL
RECOVERED

TOTAL NUMBER
OF TESTS
CONDUCTED **221996**(523 NEW)

1125(0 NEW) TOTAL
DEATHS



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