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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE;
Kenya Rugby Union &
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Organizing Committee!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 15th Edition of the Safaricom Sevens and on my own behalf I welcome you all to the 2010 tournament. It has been a long journey for the tournament with humble beginnings in 1996 to what we have today

“The Premier 7s Rugby Tournament in Africa”.

Africa needs some success stories and with the World Cup 2010 in South Africa, Rugby should not be left behind in show casing what we can offer and journalists should have some positives to report instead of floods, famine, refugees and war. Rugby is undoubtedly the fastest growing sport in Kenya and with the inclusion of the sport in the 2016 Olympics, the race is definitely on for all school going children to play the game and be at the Olympics not for Athletics but Rugby.

The tournament this year is different in many respects. It has a new sponsor Safaricom following the withdrawal of the long sponsorship of the tournament by EABL, we will for the first time in many years unveil spectator stands built on the Ngong Road side of our small stadium, this is in response to the many calls by spectators for us to increase the seating capacity to provide some comfort for those that are not invited to the Corporate tents. We also recognize and salute the family concept and have reserved seating for the family another criticism we have received for many years. Please bring out the family and enjoy Rugby.

We are delighted to welcome Gordon Tietjens the legendary New Zealand Sevens Coach on his first trip to Kenya home to the many Sevens fans around the world as our Chief Guest. We hope he will have many happy memories of Kenya and its loving people.

Lastly I want to thank our title sponsors Safaricom Limited for seeing the gap and taking it to sponsor our event I hope that they will have a long and happy relationship with Kenya Rugby Union, our other support sponsors, all players taking part and my tireless team of volunteers that year in and out have committed many hours to make the event a success I am sure it will be.

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Richard Omwela,
Chairman SSOC and KRU

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Message From The Sponsor



Welcome to Safaricom Sevens 2010. Over the years, this event has earned a deserved reputation as Africa's Premier Sevens' Rugby Tournament. It has also become a fixture in the Kenyan sports' calendar and a veritable, not-to-be-missed, social event. Besides being a fitting showcase of the Kenyan spirit and character, it has also provided a platform for some of the best rugby talent from all over the world to come and hone their skills. I am sure this year's edition will be no different. Sport is a key pillar of Safaricom's corporate giving function. It is also an integral plank of our connection and communication with the market. The inclusion of the Safaricom Sevens as part of an already expansive sports portfolio this year is a natural progression and fit for us.

Our inaugural involvement in this premier tournament could not have come at a better time. Rugby is increasingly gaining ascendancy in Kenya as a people's sport and discarding its hitherto limiting class associations. The success of the Kenyan National Sevens Team, whose rather elaborate try celebrations have become a common sight on the IRB (International Rugby Board) circuit, has contributed in no small way to this status. Safaricom's title sponsorship of this year's Safaricom Sevens has not been limited to the presentation of a cheque and the entitlements that come with it. Our aim is to invest in the sport of rugby and its future in Kenya and beyond.

I note, with satisfaction that Safaricom Foundation, our long-term corporate social investment wing, has partnered with the Kenya Rugby Union to increase the seating capacity of the KRU grounds, home of the Safaricom Sevens by a further 1,500. Perhaps more satisfying, is the fact that as a result of this partnership, a portion of the revenue from ticket sales will be used in rolling out community rugby programs, especially among disadvantaged youths. No effort has been spared by the organizing committee to deliver an unforgettable Safaricom Sevens' experience. We look forward to a great tournament. We welcome all the visiting teams and match officials to enjoy the traditional Kenyan hospitality. May the best team win!
IYAA!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Joseph', written over a light grey circular graphic element.

Michael Joseph
CEO, Safaricom Limited





GORDON TIETJENS

Gordon is considered to be one of the finest coaches of any sport in the world. In the 10 years since the Rugby World Sevens Series has been run, he has won 8 World titles and 3 Commonwealth Games Gold Medals; 1998 Kuala Lumpur, 2002 Manchester and 2006 Melbourne. His coaching and motivation of the World Champion Seven's side has made him a legend in the sport.

Gordon is known for his no nonsense leadership style and his uncanny ability to spot raw new talent. In 1999 his efforts were recognized by being awarded the NZ Order of Merit in the New Years Honours List and again in 2007 he was awarded the Insignia of a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to rugby.

Whether it's the motivation he injects into his teams, his refusal to accept anything but the best from his players, or his absolute belief in his ability to pick and coach people to be the best they can be. Gordon is a remarkable man with a remarkable track record in sport and working with winning teams.

In May 2006 Gordon released his book 'Titch: Sevens is My Game.'

Please welcome Gordon Tietjens





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It provides a formal process for contributions to communities, community groups and Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Kenya who are key partners in responding to social and economic development issues in the country. The Foundation supports initiatives and projects that provide sustainable solutions to the most pressing social challenges. Its specific focus areas are Education, Health, Economic Empowerment, Environmental Conservation, Arts and Culture, Music and Sports. The Foundation also responds to disasters and humanitarian emergencies as and when they arise.

Safaricom Foundation's strategic directions contribute towards Kenya's development agenda. The Foundation seeks to make a positive contribution to communities in Kenya in direct ways, both through financial and technical support and with the participation of Safaricom Limited staff. Its activities revolve around initiatives that would impact on strengthening the social fabric of our communities and contributing towards changing lives in a sustainable way.

The Foundation is founded on the vision of a prosperous Kenya, where peoples' lives are positively transformed. It's mission to partner with local communities to address social, economic and environmental issues to foster positive and lasting change. Both the Safaricom Foundation and Safaricom Limited believe that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) goes far beyond the old model of philanthropy of donating money for a good cause. CSR is a constant responsibility for engagement with local communities to ensure that our CSR inputs make a sustainable difference to them.

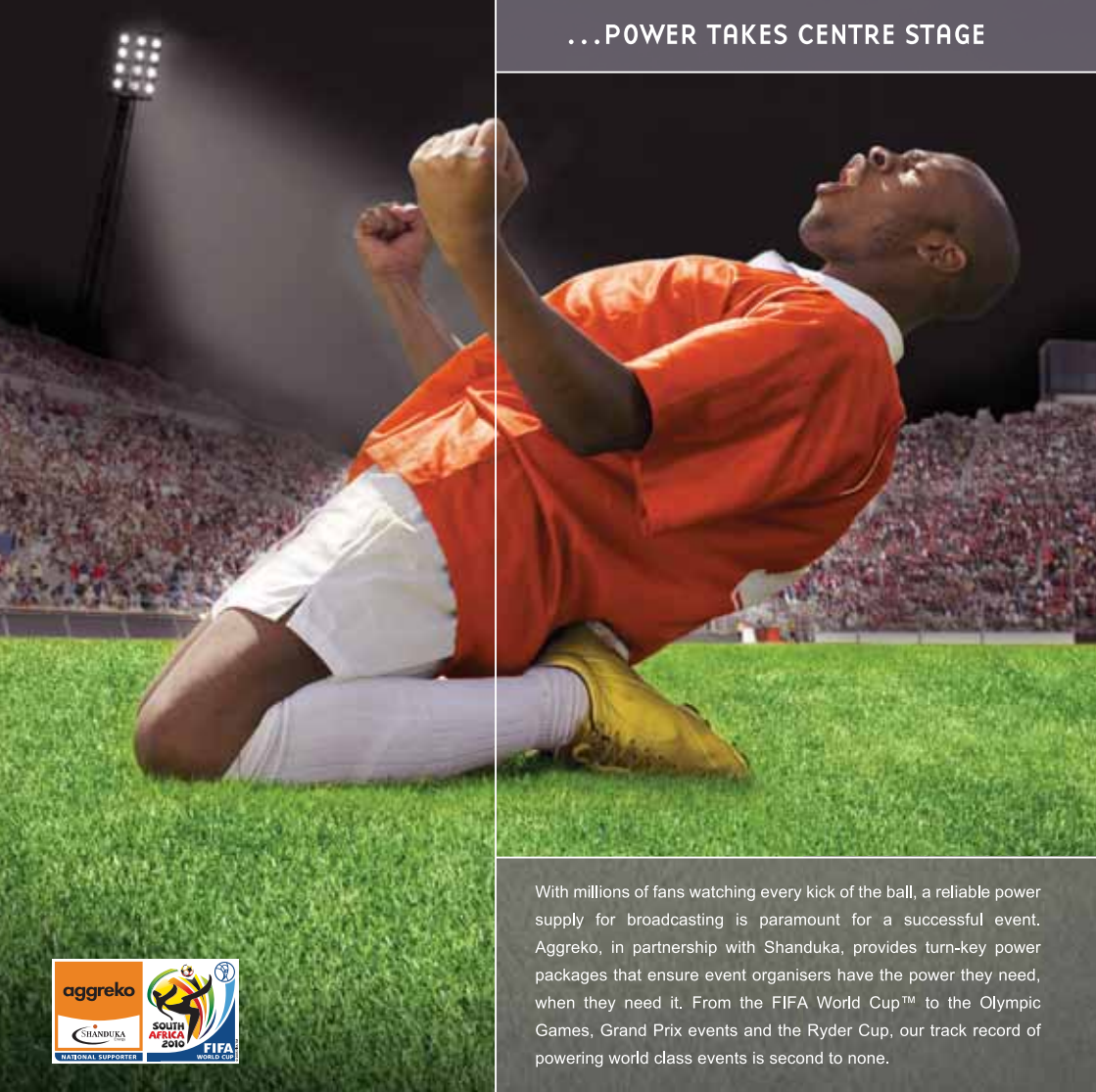
We partner with communities by sharing our expertise, financial and human resources to support initiatives that aim to bring economic, social and environmental benefits to local communities. We target the marginalized, vulnerable and less privileged in particular. This is epitomized by the award-winning World of Difference program.

The Foundation also works in partnership with community groups, civil society organizations, NGOs and other corporates whose objectives are consistent with the Foundation's vision, mission and values. We have developed strategic partnerships with a number of partners to enable us provide specialized technical support and to extend our reach to more communities.

This year the foundation has partnered with the Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) to develop community rugby. This is in line with the Foundation's commitment to support youth and sports, which is a key pillar of the Safaricom Foundation. As part of this engagement, the Foundation gave a grant to the Kenya Rugby Union to put up modular seating stands and address the perennial shortage of sitting space at the stadium and in return the KRU committed to give 10% of the proceeds from both gate entrance fees and the advertising revenue generated from selling space in the stands to developing community rugby. We believe this will go a long way in promoting the sport of rugby in the country and nurture the immense potential of this game in Kenya. The Safaricom Foundation continues to strive to be the most respected corporate Foundation in Kenya, by maintaining a broad approach towards responding to community needs as is reflected by its strategic direction. The Foundation aims to spread 'its wings' of support to all regions and locations in Kenya and therefore have a footprint throughout the country while incorporating best practice from the Vodafone group Foundation.

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RUGBY PATRONS SOCIETY

Patrons, ex-rugby players and enthusiasts, have been around since the very beginning of the game in East Africa in the 1900s. In a formal sense "The Patrons Society" was formed in 1953 with the formation of the RFUEA, when Patrons of the day contributed funds to enable the building of the Ngong Road Ground, the main stand and offices. Membership, currently totalling over 300, form a wide international network linking rugby clubs around the world, to the game in Kenya.

Support of rugby by Patrons is always unsung, largely unrecognized, and often anonymous. Over the years, there have been many ways in which the Society and Patrons individually have been able to help. Ranging from materials, funds, expertise and counsel; from referees, through mini-rugby, junior coaching, to irrigation and bricks and mortar; each has their place in the facilitation of the game.

Patrons organised the event for several years and continue to be involved in its organisation. The event has grown and now enjoys international acclaim. It is with considerable pride that Patrons congratulate KRU on maintaining the quality and spirit of the event, which has helped to project the national 7s team on its remarkably successful path to the frontline of world sevens which is evidenced in their current position of No.8 in the IRB standings.

Most recently working closely with KRU the new borehole was planned, drilled and largely funded by the patrons which included sponsorship for the provision of a pump for the borehole. 55 years later it is pleasing to see all the development and upgrading of the Ngong Road ground which will now have a greener and improved playing grounds with a reliable and independent water supply.

The Society has also turned its support towards the KRU's Age Grade Rugby Programme which involves children in the Under 10, 12, 14 and 16 age groups, drawn from four Nairobi clubs and the communities. A particular focus has been on the Community Rugby Association (CRA) for

under privileged children. CRA participate in KRU sponsored tournaments, and also run their own tournaments sponsored by Patrons. The Patrons received a major sponsorship from JW Seagon, independent insurance brokers, who provide personal and corporate life and health insurance products with both local knowledge and a wide heritage of business in Africa. Through the sponsorship from JW Seagon the Patrons have increased their support for age grade rugby development programmes.

Patrons have been successful through contacts and local sponsors to obtain a substantial amount of rugby kit from Ireland and a further consignment will soon be arriving here from Wales. It is hoped that the sourcing of kit can be considerably expanded as there is so much scope for extending this support to an enthusiastic youth who will be amongst our future internationals in both 7-a-side rugby and the wider game.



"...we are going to play for Kenya!"
Humphrey Kayange puts through their
paces the Kenya back-row for 2019

FAMILY SIDE OF RUGBY



VETERANS THOUGHTS

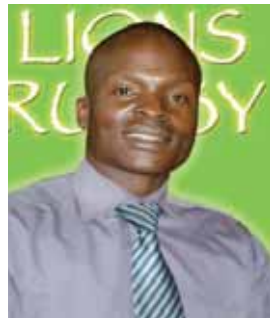
My name is John Ojara better known as Ojaj. I first played CLUB rugby in 1985 for Impala II. A Veteran player of KCB and I've also played for Quins and Blak Blad when I was in college. Am currently the Secretary of KCB Rugby Club and a Citing Officer for the Union. I was asked to jolt down a few words on the Kenyan rugby scene, so here goes....

When I sit back and watch a local game I can't help but draw parallels with the "good old days" of rugby. I played when the standard rugby ball was, I believe, a size 8 piece of leather that was almost as round as a soccer ball and equally slippery especially on a wet day. But one thing still leaves me nostalgic for the old days when I draw comparisons and that's the reduced number of fans at league matches. Despite the sacrifice of sweat and blood that the Kenya 7's team has undergone to stir interest and recognition in the sport there still isn't the expected rise in fans at local league clashes. In the olden days a match at Mwamba's Railway club would have the main stands full and no inch to stand freely round the pitch. A machine match would have a sea of fans all round the pitch chanting all kinds of lyrics in the name of songs... and the list would go on as you toured the few but well attended rugby venues. The other day I went to watch a Chairman's Cup match at my club and deep into the 2nd half as I sat on the opposite side of the main stand all I could count in terms of fans was the club house manager, a grounds man and his noisy companion who was still cutting grass at the try box area. What's happened to our fan base? What I like most is that more and more opportunities are opening up in terms of courses to ensure that the technical benches at various clubs and match officials are up to date with the current standards. The game too has been made safer with the introduction of trained citing officers. More and more people are playing the game and we need the big guns in the corporate sector to show some added interest too. It's time to take rugby to a whole new level and 7's has baked the cake already... ladies and gentlemen, some icing please. I strongly believe

that Kenya will have a 15-a-side team in one of the 2 World Cups after the 2011 Rugby World Cup... it is written.

Since I was asked to talk about the veterans too I thought it right that I should mention this. In the old days a club with a physio was either a visiting team flown in for a marathon of local friendlies or one of the teams we saw on video tape (when we could secure a video deck). The standard "physio" was a bucket of water with a sponge in it placed off pitch at the centre line. When a play went down a sub or the coach would rush to the scene bucket in hand and proceed with dubbing the affected part with sponge and water... interesting enough it seemed to work for a whole range of injuries because the players got up shoke of the limbs and resumed playing. These day we have battalions of physios on the side line and ambulances stocked up well enough to perform brain surgery... but I guess that's progress.

John Ojara (Ojaj)



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Kenya's IRB 7s World Series Campaigns

We will have to begin our review in December 2008 because the events of the opening two rounds of Kenya's 2008/2009 IRB Sevens World Series would impact heavily on what lay in store for the team.

A strong performance at the season opening Dubai Sevens saw the Kenyans; notoriously slow starters in previous editions of the IRB Sevens World Series qualify for the main cup quarter finals, bowing out 5-21 to New Zealand before losing out to Samoa in the plate semi finals following a narrow 7-12 loss.

South Africa beat England 19-12 to win the Dubai title. The lads would then head out to George, South Africa for the second leg of the series. Their performances in George left a lot to be desired, losing out to Portugal and Samoa in their group matches before falling 14-19 to France in the bowl semis. South Africa won this tournament with a 12-7 win over New Zealand. Kenya failed to collect any points from the South African mission, meaning they would head into 2009 with six points, all collected in Dubai.

When the series resumed in February 2009, Kenya claimed the scalp of their continental rivals South Africa for the very first time, beating them 22-17 during the group stages of the Wellington Sevens in New Zealand. Favourable results saw Kenya make it to the Wellington Sevens main cup quarter finals where they beat Wales 10-7 in a tightly contested semi final before losing 0-26 to eventual tournament winners England. England beat hosts New Zealand 19-17 in a thrilling final.

As if the South African scalp was not enough, Kenya would turn in a heroic display a week later in San Diego, USA when they stunned New Zealand 24-7, topping the pool en route to a quarter final match up against hosts USA. This was Kenya's first win over the Kiwis in fourteen attempts. The US Eagles would beat Kenya 14-7, sending the Kenyans to the plate where they beat Samoa 17-12 in the semis before allowing New Zealand to gain ample revenge for the previous day's loss with a 22-7 win in the plate final. Argentina would win this title with a 19-14 win over England. Meanwhile, Kenya were quietly confident going into

the IRB Rugby World Cup Sevens in Dubai.

And they did not disappoint! Qualifying second from pool C behind favourites England, Kenya had already created history by earning automatic qualification to the 2013 event courtesy of making the last eight. They went on to register that historic 26-7 win over Fiji, knocking out the Pacific islanders who were the reigning RWC Sevens champs. The physicality and hunger of the Kenyans left the Fijians, revered masters of the sevens code of rugby utterly baffled. If this was war, this would have been a crime against humanity! This result meant that the Melrose Cup would be headed to a new destination, Kenya perhaps? No! Argentina rained on the Kenyan parade, grinding out a 12-0 win over Kenya, setting up a most unlikely final with Wales. The Welsh would score a narrow 19-12 win that granted them the Melrose Cup and the RWC Sevens title.

When the IRB Sevens World Series resumed in Hong Kong, teams were wary of Kenya. Minnows West Indies restricted them to a 17-10 win. Kenya would win their remaining two pool matches, 31-7 against Scotland and 19-12 against the USA, finishing top of their pool F, setting up a quarter final tie against New Zealand. Kenya would again prevail over New Zealand, winning 10-7, a second successive win after fourteen straight losses to the Kiwis. Kenya's opponents in the semi final were Fiji, the team they had stunned at the RWC Sevens a few weeks back. The Fijians left nothing to chance, winning this one 26-7 before winning the 2009 Hong Kong title with a 26-24 win over South Africa.

Kenya's IRB 7s World Series Campaigns

Next stop was Adelaide, Australia, the sixth leg of the series. Kenya, South Africa, Cook Islands and Japan made up pool D. Kenya had yet to beat South Africa in the series but all that would change when they claimed a famous 15-14 win, only their second ever over their continental rivals. More importantly, Kenya had finally claimed all the big scalps. Two more pool D wins over Japan and the Cook Islands saw Kenya top the pool, setting up a quarter final date with Wales whom they easily dispatched 33-14. When Kenya played Argentina in the semi final, this was a repeat of the RWC Sevens semis. Kenya prevailed 17-5, making to their first ever IRB Sevens World Series main cup final. Their opponents in the title decider were a certain South African side that they had vanquished a day earlier. Many Kenyans dared to dream but the South Africans, keen to avoid a second successive loss to Kenya were all businesslike; their ruthless efficiency earned them a 26-7 win that saw them win the Adelaide Sevens.

Sometimes you do your best but lady luck deserts you. That was the story of Kenya's London campaign. London was the seventh leg of the series and Kenya failed to make the main cup quarters in London because of an inferior points difference despite a three way tie on points with Fiji and Scotland. Relegated to the bowl, Humphrey Kayange's charges conquered all before them, winning the bowl title with a 12-7 win over Wales. England would win this tournament with a 31-26 win over New Zealand.

The curtains fell on the 2008/2009 IRB Sevens

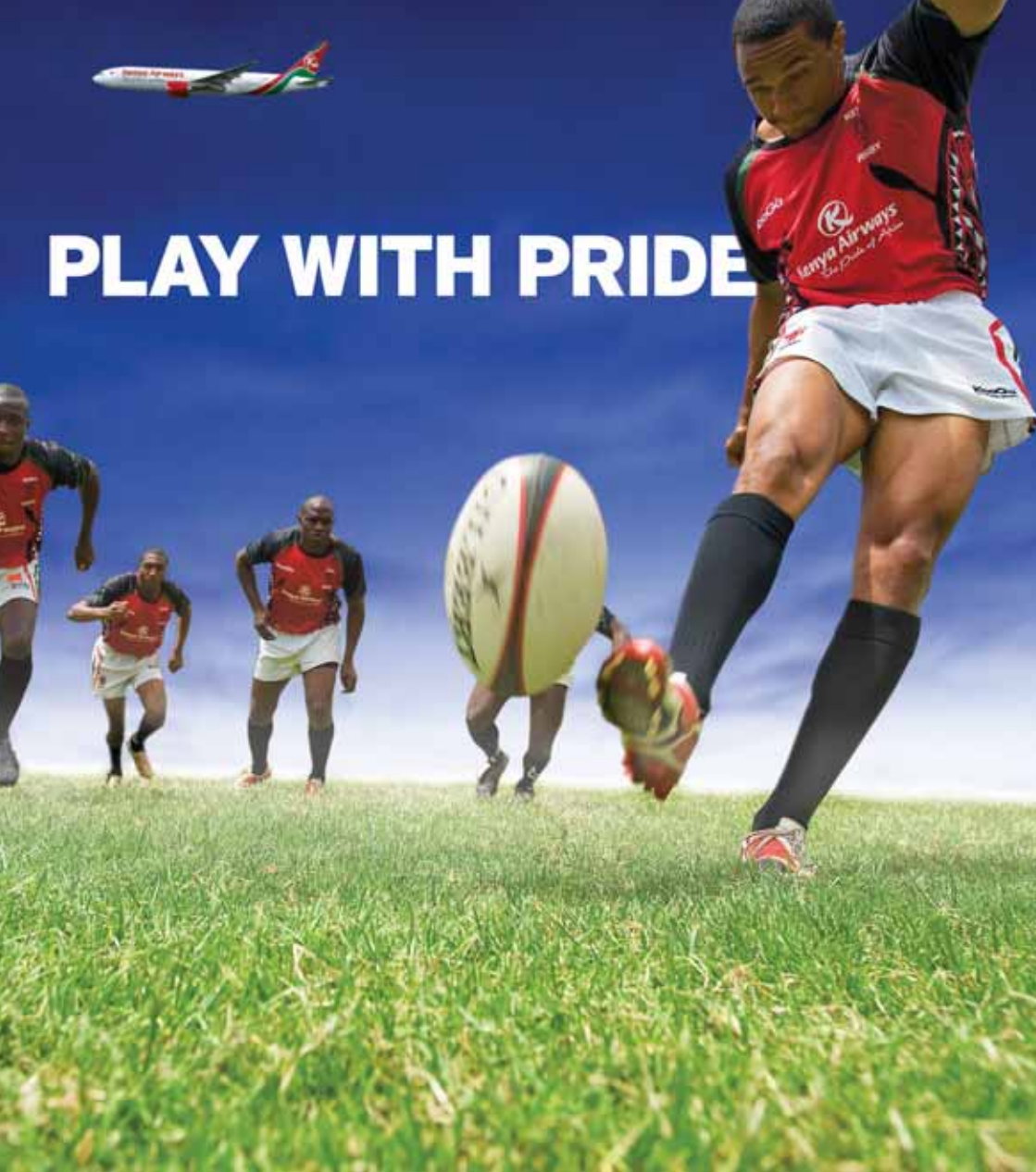
World Series in Scotland where Kenya topped pool C before losing out 7-19 to Wales in the main cup quarters. New Zealand would knock them out of the bowl courtesy of that 26-21 win while Fiji beat South Africa 20-19 to claim the Scotland leg. South Africa would be crowned 2008/2009 IRB Sevens World Series champions while Kenya finished sixth overall, their highest ever position. They accumulated 68 points. Adding more icing to the cake was ex-Vihiga High School student Collins Injera who emerged top try scorer at the end of the 2008/2009 season with 42 tries. He was also nominated alongside his elder brother and skipper Humphrey Kayange for the IRB Sevens World Series player of the year. A great year for Kenya Sevens!

Kenya would crown this successful season by retaining their home tournament, the Safari Sevens when they beat South Africa's Emerging Springboks 40-19 at the RFUEA Grounds in Nairobi in June.

By Mike Kwambo



PLAY WITH PRIDE



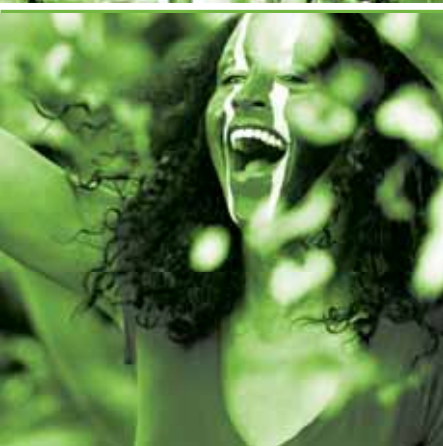
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Re-Cap of the Local 7s Circuit



When the 2009 Western Union National Sevens Circuit kicked off in Kisumu, many wondered how it would turn out to be, especially after players called up to the Kenya Sevens squad were withdrawn. Would the NSC's quality be watered down? Which teams would be dominant? Would the event be worth watching? Well, speaking with the benefit of hindsight, the 2009 Western Union National Sevens Circuit was a memorable one. There was plenty of talent that was unearthed during the five week event, there was drama right up to the last day when the overall title was decided and there was an unprecedented shift in power.

Nakuru RFC won the opening leg in Kisumu, a feat they achieved after losing a number of key players during the close season. Their young lads blended well with Simon Wariuki, running off with the Dala Sevens title after beating Kenya Harlequin 22-0 in the final. These two sides would face off at the Christie Sevens final in Nairobi a week later. Nakuru lost their playmaker Wariuki with a dislocated shoulder that ruled him out of the rest of the circuit, their young charges still made it to the final where they came unstuck against a hungry Quins side, equally young with a touch of experience. 31-17 to Quins and the buzz on everyone's lips at this point was that the NSC was going to be a Nakuru- Quins affair.

Mitch "Mojojo" Ocholla's Strathmore Leos would have different ideas. The varsity lads had been quietly going about their own business, making the semi finals in Kisumu and Nairobi before staging a come from behind 21-14 win over Quins in the Prinsloo Sevens final in Nakuru, a result that gave Quins leadership of the NSC but more importantly threw the circuit wide open. The Leos recorded a second win in Nairobi during the Kabeberi Sevens where they beat KCB 10-5 to win the event. When the teams converged in Mombasa on Jamhuri Day weekend, there was all to play for. Strathmore and Quins were tied on points, Strath just leading because of a better overall record. They would inevitably meet in the title match in Mombasa, the Leos running off 17-10 winners, claiming the 2009 Western Union National Sevens Circuit overall title. That was Kenya's international and local sevens rugby in 2009.

By Mike Kwambo



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Age-Grade Rugby

Sevens rugby has over the years been an important tool in the development of rugby in Kenya. The profile of the game has increased tremendously owing to the success of the Kenya 7s teams both locally and abroad. It is a fact that rugby is most expansive at the high school level in Kenya. It has slowly become every young man's dream to play sevens rugby for school, club and country in that order.

Having realized the popularity rugby now enjoys among Kenyan youth, the Kenya Rugby Union has now focused effort, time and resources to further grow the sport by targeting children and girls. Age Grade Rugby as it is now commonly referred to ensures children and girls new to the game are safely and gradually introduced to the game of rugby through playing non contact forms of rugby that emphasized enjoyment and participation.

Boys and girls are introduced to the game in the formal setting (primary school) at the age of 9 years thanks to the partnership between the Kenya rugby Union and the Ministry of Education. The talented and interested players from these schools are then asked to join clubs that then offer more specialized coaching to the youngsters whilst at the same time ensure their retention in the game of rugby.

Primary schools rugby culminates at age 14 after the players sit their final exams and move on to join high school where many have over the years been known to pioneer the game if and when they join schools that do not offer rugby as a sport. In recognition of the strides made to develop rugby

at the primary school level, the Safaricom 7s will have an under 14s category to showcase the talents at this age.

Having had a Kenya National women's team over the last few years, the challenge has been to keep this fire burning. KRU realized that the most potent method would be to have girls play rugby at high school level and thus introduced the game only last year. Focus was in Nairobi but success of the program is evident from the fact that 3 provinces are now actively involved in the girls' game where boys' tournaments always have girls' teams participating alongside. Nairobi, Western and Rift valley have pioneered the girls' game with distinctions. Now Coast and Nyanza are showing interest. Just like the boys, it is no surprise that western province has dominated the girls high school scene with Mukumu and Butere girls in a class of their own during the national sevens in April this year. Whether the status quo remains will be seen during the 2010 Safaricom 7s where 12 girls high schools have been invited to participate alongside boys. The development of Kenyan Rugby most definitely owes a lot to the Rugby Sevens.

By Fred Ollows & Eric Situma

Tournament Progress Schedule

DAY ONE

POOL A

A1 **Kenya**

A2 **Les Bleus**

A3 **Samurai**

A4 **Zambia**

POOL B

B1 **Emerging Boks**

B2 **Bristol**

B3 **Namibia**

B4 **Tanzania**

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Tournament Progress Schedule

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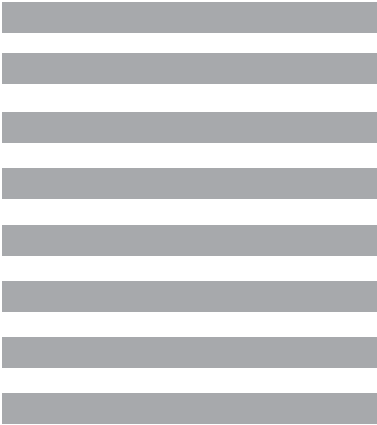
- C1 Argentina
- C2 Zimbabwe
- C3 Grenoble
- C4 Shujaa

POOL D

- D1 Hamilton Raiders
- D2 Ponsonby
- D3 Uganda
- D4 Rwanda

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GONE TOO SOON!



It is with deep sorrow that we learnt the passing on of Joshua Musau Gathumbi who turned 23 on 12th March, played for Kenya Cup side Impala RFC and featured for Nguvu Sharks in the Bamburi Rugby Super Series.

His love affair with rugby started at Mang'u High School where he quickly made a name for himself as a utility back, comfortable in a number of positions. He would continue with rugby at Strathmore University, helping them to the 2007 Eric Shirley Shield title, a victory that saw them gain promotion to the first division Kenya Cup in 2008. In 2009 he moved to Impala RFC winning the treble (Impala Floodlit, Kenya Cup and the Supremacy titles) that year. He had a great season in 2010, a season that saw his side finish third in the Kenya Cup. Joshua has also been part of the Kenya Sevens squad.

His last contribution to Kenyan rugby was that stunning try in his side's 20-30 loss to the SDV Transami Cheetahs on Saturday 8th May 2010. Knowing Rojo and true to his character, we can clearly hear his voice saying:

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way*

*I've found that peace at the close of the day. If parting has left a void, then fill it
with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.*






*Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life has been full; I savoured much
Good friends, good times, and a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now, He set me free.*

*Our memories with Rojo are forever ingrained in our hearts,
May God give his Family, and in a small way, us - his friends, brothers and team mates,
the strength to bear the loss, as we grieve our brother during this trying moment.
May God rest his Soul in Eternal Peace!*






Roll of Honour

1996 Main Cup	Public Sch. Wanderers	40	-	14	Zimbabwe
1997 Main Cup	Kenya	47	-	7	Cumbria Schoolboys
1998 Main Cup	Bristol University	33	-	7	Samurai International
1999 Main Cup	Public Sch. Wanderers	25	-	22	Bristol University
2000 Main Cup	Shujaa (Kenya)	26	-	24	Bristol University
2001 Main Cup	British Army	45	-	26	Bristol University
2002 Main Cup	British Army	40	-	7	Kenya
2003 Main Cup	Kenya	29	-	7	Emerging Boks
2004 Main Cup	Kenya	10	-	7	Emerging Boks
2005 Main Cup	Samoa	50	-	5	Western Province
2006 Main Cup	Emerging Boks	26	-	22	Zimbabwe
2006	Emerging Boks	27	-	17	Zimbabwe
2008	Kenya	31	-	12	Emerging Boks
2009	Kenya	40	-	19	Emerging Boks

Profiles; Match Officials

Given Name	Koen	
Family name	DANIEL STEPHANUS	
Date of Birth	12-Dec-80	
Union	Namibia	
International Debut	August 2008, Tunisia Morocco	
International Appearance	RWC Qualifiers 2008 Namibia Sevens 2009 IRB Nations Cup 2007 U/18 Africa Cup 2008	
National Debut	Apr-07	
National Appearance	2007 - 2010	
Occupation	Self Employed; Construction Welder	
Ambition in Rugby	To officiate higher levels in Sevens	
Given Name	David	
Family name	Rose	
Date of Birth	30-08-63	
Union	RFU	
International Debut	2002	
International Appearance	2003 under 21 RWC England, TJ Uruguay v Italy TJ Referee 6 Under 21 tests and 5 under 20 tests, 15 European matches	
National Debut	2001	
National Appearance	90 Premiership, 60 National League 1	
Occupation	Head of Development for RFUW (Rugby union for women)	
Ambition in Rugby	to be head of refereeing for RFU	
Given Name	Stuart	
Family name	Berry	
Date of Birth	10/6/82	
Union	South Africa RRU	
International Debut	IRB World 7's: Wellington 2010	
International Appearance	IRB 7's Circuit 2010	
National Debut	Currie Cup 2009	
National Appearance	N/A	
Occupation	Business Owner	
Ambition in Rugby	N/A	
Given Name	Brian	
Family name	CAMPSALL	
Date of Birth	3/7/48	
Union	RFU	
International Debut	USA V CANADA LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA 1993	
International Appearance	16 including RWC 1999	
National Debut	SEPT 1989 BEDFORD v WASPS	
National Appearance	200+	
Occupation	RFU ELITE REF DEVELOPMENT MANAGER	
Ambition in Rugby	To be EITHER IRB 7s REF MANAGER OR IRB REFEREE SELECTOR	
Given Name	Rick	
Family name	Kershaw	
Date of Birth	25-Jul-52	
Union	Zimbabwe RU	
International Debut	2000	
International Appearance	2000	
National Debut	1989	
National Appearance	7	
Occupation	General Manager Agro- Hort Business	
Ambition in Rugby	To add value to Zimbabwe rugby	

Profiles; Match Officials

Given Name	Constant	
Family name	CAP	
Date of Birth	21/11/1981	
Union	Kenya RU	
International Debut	2008	
International Appearance	JUNIOR Internationals: 7, SENIOR INT: 2	
National Debut	2003	
National Appearance	50+	
Occupation	FACULTY ADMINISTRATOR, STRATHMORE UNIVERSITY	
Ambition in Rugby	To become a member of IRB panel	
Given Name	Jason	
Family name	Jaftha	
Date of Birth	4/5/85	
Union	South Africa RU	
International Debut	IRB 7s 2008	
International Appearance	15 IRB 7s	
National Debut	2004	
National Appearance	50+	
Occupation		
Ambition in Rugby	To become a regular member of the IRB Panel of Match Officials	
Given Name	Godwin	
Family name	Karuga	
Date of Birth	19/06/72	
Union	Kenya RFU	
International Debut	2003	
International Appearance	7	
National Debut	2000	
National Appearance	150+	
Occupation	Insurance Executive	
Ambition in Rugby	To referee in the Rugby World Cup	
Given Name	John	
Family name	Kagagi	
Date of Birth	9/5/71	
Union	Kenya RU	
International Debut	MR 2007	
International Appearance	3	
National Debut	2005	
National Appearance	50+	
Occupation	Accountant	
Ambition in Rugby	To chaperone Kenyan referees into the IRB Panel	
Given Name	SIMBARASHE MANDLA	
Family name	DANGAH	
Date of Birth	30-May-79	
Union	Zimbabwe rugby referees Union	
International Debut	Zambia Castle Sevens June 2009	
International Appearance	Zambia & Namibia	
National Debut	2005	
National Appearance	several	
Occupation	Teacher,	
Ambition in Rugby	to be a very successful referee of international repute and recognition	

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KENYA

The defending champions will be looking to retain the title they won last year after blasting through the opposition. The 2009 Rugby Sevens World Cup Semi finalists will be seeking to atone for a topsy turvy 2009/2010 IRB Sevens season by winning on home soil to reassure their band of cheery fans that travel the world with them. The tournament is an important plank in the efforts to chase the Commonwealth Games title in India later in the year. Men to watch include 2008/2009 IRB Sevens Top Try Scorer Collins Injera, Skipper Humphrey Kayange, mercurial Innocent Simiyu and Mr. Magic Hands Lavin Asego.



ARGENTINA

Los Pumas will take part in this year's event as the first South American team to grace the Safari Sevens, now in its 15th Edition. Feted for their dazzling display of open, exciting rugby, the Pumas have a respectable record on the sevens platform, having won the US of the IRB Sevens in the recent past. They are definitely a team to be taken seriously and are not keen on mere idle talk! Argentina will be drawing a bulk of their team from the U20 side that participated in the Junior World Championships. Karibuni Kenya Los Pumas!!!



PONSONBY

Ponsonby DRFC will make history as the first New Zealand team to take part in the Safari Sevens tournament. The team, which has been a breeding ground for famous All Blacks such as Carlos Spencer and Ben Atiga, will bring a very competitive outfit for the tournament in Nairobi that will have the likes of New Zealand 7s player Edwin Cocker, Rocky Khan who was the MVP at the Darwin Sevens in Australia early in the year. They will definitely be tournament dark horses and their mystery is bound to be their trump card!



RWANDA

Making their second appearance at the tournament, the central African country is keen on improving their level of play in rugby and will use the Safaricom Sevens as a stepping stone in their rugby development plans! They come set to claim a scalp to boost the morale of their stated plans.



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LES BLEUS



Les bleus will make their third appearance at this Rugby Safari. The Blues will look to atone for the disappointment of taking part in the bowl event in 2009. With seasoned sevens internationals within their ranks such as Nicolas Kraska, Yohan da la Riva and Virgine Lacombe (Stade Toulouse Hooker and 2010 Heineken Cup champion) Les Bleus are expected to perform much better than last year.

UNIVERSITE DE GRENOBLE - PARIS



In their fourth appearance at the event, Grenoble has indeed shown that they are keen competitors in their last three editions. Having scalped Fiji in the pool stage in 2008, the French students managed to showcase a brand of free flowing high octane rugby that endeared the fans to them. They are definite crowd favourites and it is good to see them back at the tournament!

BRISTOL



Bristol, other than Kenya, are the only side to have taken part in more than 13 Safari Sevens tournaments, etching a lasting legacy on the tournament. Under the keen tutelage of Bob Reeves, the men from border of England and Wales, Bristol has remained a highly competitive side and has always appealed to the Kenyan fans with their highly structured sevens play. Bristol has, on another note, struck a keen rugby development partnership with the Kenya Rugby Union by participating in rugby development initiatives thus forging a strong bond with the Kenyan counterparts. Currently, there is a plan mooted by Bob Reeves and aptly named 'Bristol -Kenya', to champion for high level sporting interactions between Bristol and Kenya that is bound to open more avenues for development of not only rugby as a sport, but hockey and athletics too!

HAMILTON RAIDERS



Fresh from winning the 2010 Melrose Sevens tournament, the men from Cape Town will be looking to improve on their Plate Final victory last year by gunning for the main cup trophy. Last year they had the closest score versus the eventual winners, Kenya, who were in imperious form. The strong side boasts of strong runners, gritty tacklers and nippy match winners. Raiders will indeed make a Raid and steal the hearts of many at the tournament! Karibuni tena Raiders!



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EMERGING BOKS

Last year's finalists return to Nairobi to atone for their 2009 final white wash against Kenya. Current South Africa Sevens players Mzwandile Stick, Cecil Afrika, Frankie Horne and Vuyo Zanja are some of the players who have participated at the Safari Sevens tournament for the Emerging Boks with their coach Denver Wannies, current coach of South Africa Women's national team. The Emerging Boks always brings to Kenya some of the most talented Sevens players in the world: And, they always start as favourites to reach the main cup final!



UGANDA

Uganda, who have slowly been improving, will be looking to assert their presence at this year's tournament, and with the Commonwealth Games later on, they will bring their best side out to Nairobi to gauge their overall strength.



TANZANIA

Straight from taking part in the Rugby Super Series, the Twigas return to Nairobi fitter, stronger and wiser and will be looking to scalp some teams. It will be interesting to see whether multi talented back row, John Lloyd will make the team to Nairobi and as such make his 15th appearance in the tournament.



SAMURAI

Terry Sands returns to Nairobi with his band of merry 'Samurais'. Not much is known about the team that Terry will be bringing over to Nairobi, but if it is anything to go by the class of players who have represented the outfit in the previous tournaments, then expect some moments of sheer class from this world class invitational outfit!



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NAMIBIA

Having missed the event last year as they were preparing for their 2011 Rugby World Cup African Qualifier Semi Final match against Cote d'Ivoire, the Namibian team return to Nairobi with the goal of gauging their sevens structure as they seek to grab the single African qualification spot for the Commonwealth games that will be held in India. Melrick Africa, who has played at wing in two Rugby World Cup tournaments (2003 and 2007) plus four Safari Sevens tournaments returns to Nairobi to do duty for the Well-wishers.



SHUJAA

The Kenyan second side and year 2000 tournament champions are always popular due to their free flowing and energetic champagne brand of rugby. This team has a lot of youthful vibrance, flair and speed, indeed Kenya's budding talent set to explode on the global scene in the next couple of years.



ZAMBIA

Owen Busange and Alex Mwila have been darlings of Zambian Rugby for a long time and their on the pitch partnership can only be described as magical if not legendary. Busange has since hang his boots up. Last year travelled to Nairobi as the coach of a very young and energetic Zambian team. This is the youthful team expected to travel to Nairobi and seek to become icons of Zambian rugby, and this should indeed serve as adequate notice to any team that believes that the lads from the copper belt are pushovers!



ZIMBABWE

The 2008 finalists return to Nairobi with high ambitions of winning the event. On a good day, Zimbabwe can match any team pound for pound, speed for speed and their never say die attitude strengthens the near mystical resolve that they vehemently possess. Zim has had a good run in the last two years and always make no secret of their intention to become a core team of the IRB Sevens Series.

By Hilary Itela

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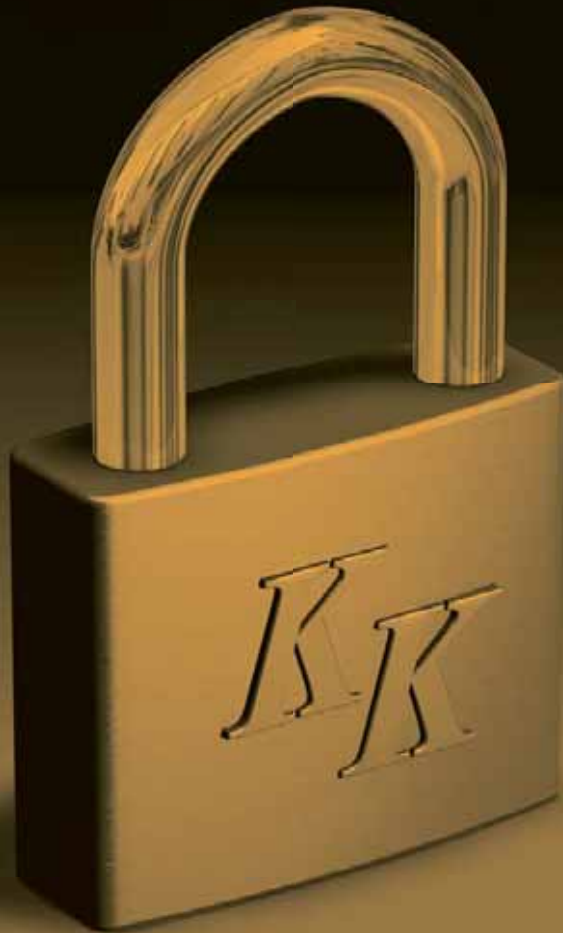
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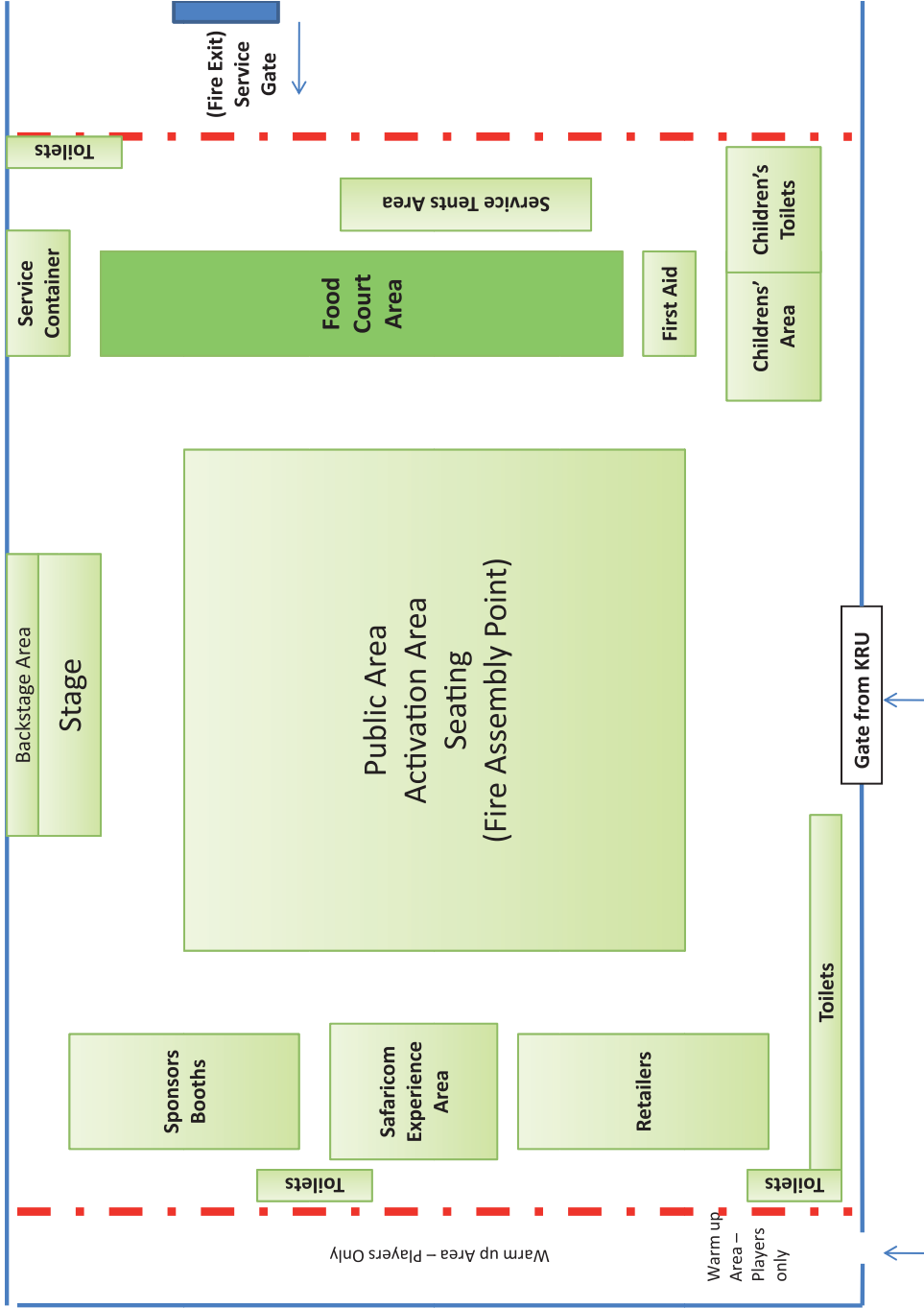
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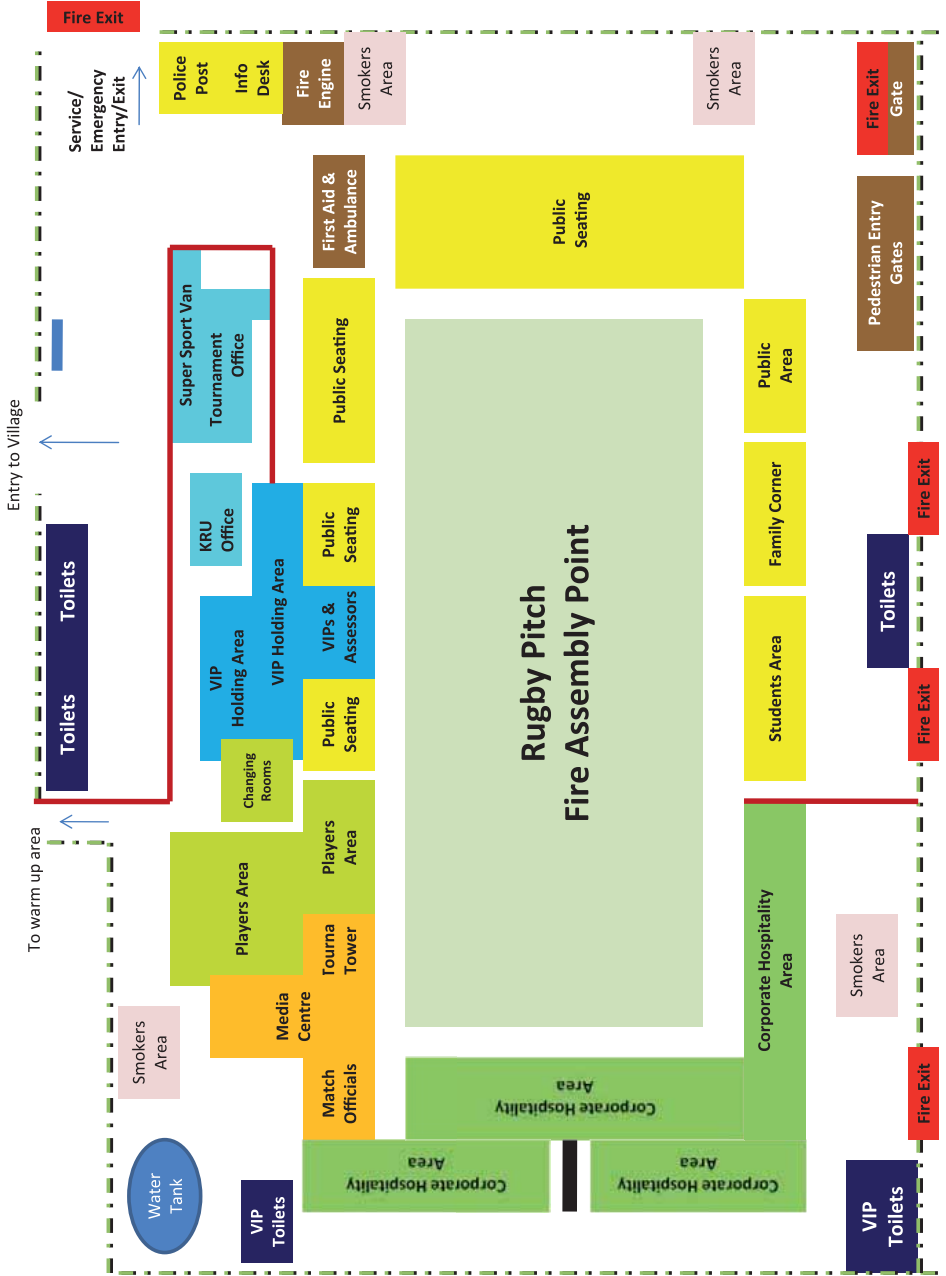
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Asanteni,

On behalf of the Safaricom Sevens Organizing Committee and the Media Management Committee, I wish to thank you all for joining us once again this year. Over the past 15 years, the three day tournament has grown in stature with the quality of organization, competition and fan numbers growing immensely. And to attest to this, the legendary New Zealand coach, Gordon Tietjens, graced the tournament this year as well as a surprise visit by the South African Rugby World Cup winner, Chester Williams who was the guest of honour in 1995, lead the Samurai Barracudas charge.

We trust you enjoyed this year's Africa's Premier Tournament, the Safaricom 7s!

Let's do this again next year.

Kwaherini!

Wanjiku Wairia-LUMULA,
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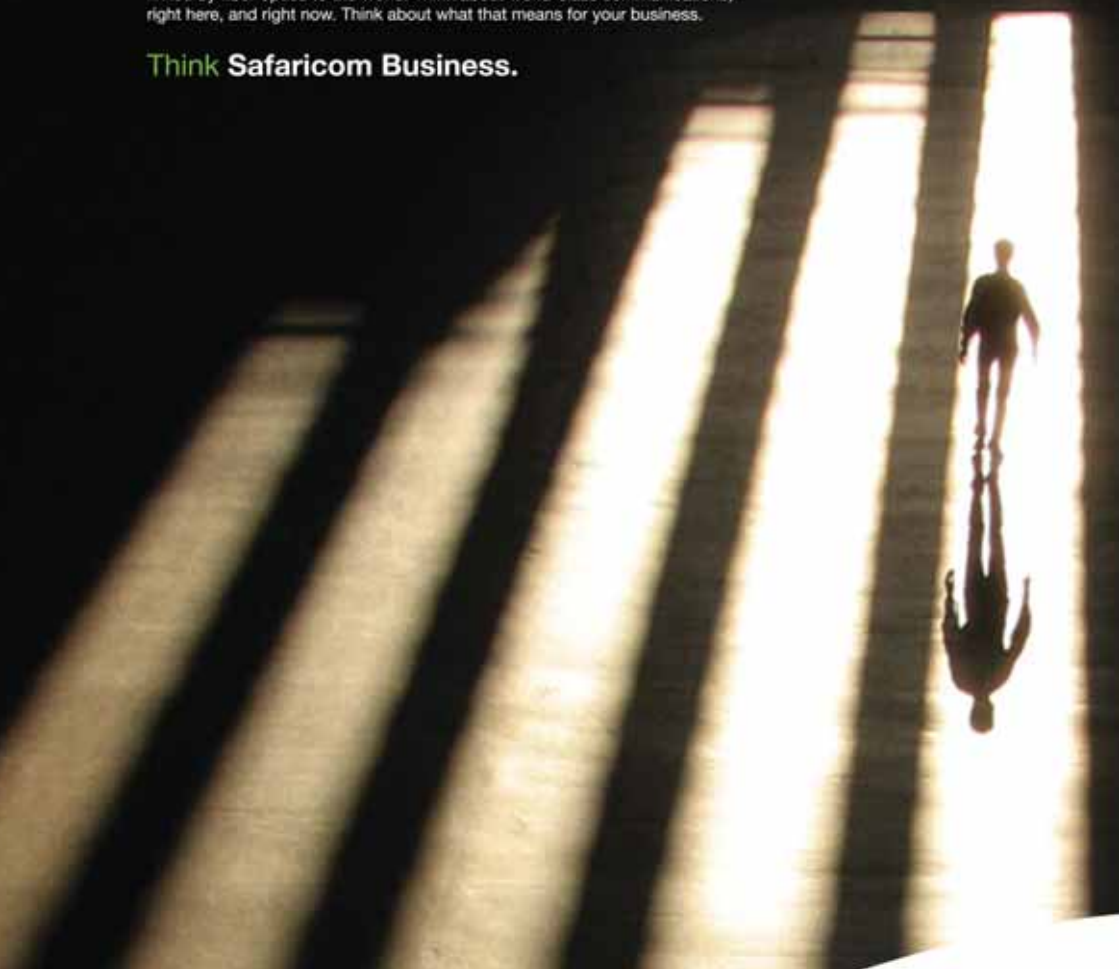
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