Race for serie B promotion intensifies

By Gabriel Esiku

Anticipation is rising across the Teso sub-region as clubs fine-tune preparations for the Upper Eastern volleyball league, set for March 21 at Kumi University grounds.

The competition, operates as Serie C under the Uganda Volleyball Federation structure. It serves as a crucial pathway for emerging men's and women's teams seeking promotion to Serie B.

Upper Eastern Volleyball Association General Secretary Emmanuel Ekarac confirmed that eleven clubs have registered for the seventh edition, reflecting steady growth in participation and competitiveness.

Among the teams confirmed are Okouba, Kumi University, Bukedea Mission, Amus College, Kumi Northern Division, UCU Mbale, Ngora Fighters, Nyero Rock Painters and Mbale City, among others.

Organising committee secretary Moses Okello Perez noted that this year's entry list surpasses previous editions, highlighting the league's expanding appeal.

Amus College coach Jonathan Oumo expressed confidence that his side can finally secure promotion after narrowly missing out in past campaigns.

Meanwhile, Okouba coach Charles Opolot acknowledged the challenge ahead in his team's return to the competition but remains optimistic about making an impact.

Association chairperson Stephen Onyait reiterated that both men's and women's categories will compete, emphasising that the regional league continues to produce clubs capable of advancing to higher national tiers.

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Teams taking part in the Upper Eastern Volleyball League