# Stallions and HDF celebrate back-to-back triumphs

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HDF team (L) and Stallions players pose with their shields

**Hockey Memorial Shield**

**Women**

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| Swans | 1 | HDF | 2 |

**Men**

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| Stallions | 2 | Wananchi | 1 |

Kampala Stallions demonstrated composure and resilience as they successfully defended the annual Hockey Memorial Shield, edging Wananchi 2-1 at Lugogo Hockey Grounds on Sunday.

The victory marks the Stallions' second consecutive triumph over Wananchi, following a tense 5-4 shootout win in last month's Rockets Open, signaling that the team is emerging as a serious contender against Wananchi's historical dominance.

Goals from Stewart Ssempebwa and Ian Green in each half gave the Stallions control, before Shafik Byamukama pulled one back for Wananchi in the final minutes. Stallions captain Michael Mpiima praised the tactical approach: "Defending the shield has motivated us as we head into the new league season. We focused on defence and counter-attacks, which paid off."

In the women's category, Hockey Development Foundation (HDF) also celebrated consecutive wins over Kampala Swans, following a 1-0 victory in the Rockets Open. Nelly Nalima and Janet Babirye found the net for HDF, while Winnie Alali scored for the Swans. Captain Jackline Iramirya highlighted the team's preparation.