

Championship held at Kampala Parents School, Naguru

28 micros ahead of Dolphins' Reuben Ssekabembe – to beat the boys

intono, Natabi, Musoke, and Kabogoza topped the girls' 4x50m

(19.18), plus Dolphins

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Sport-S results

Sport-S 0-3 Al Ahly

Kepler 3-0 Sport-S

Sport-S 3-1 Equity

KIGALI, RWANDA. Everyone in the Sport-S camp talk about experience as the best takeaway they will appreciate at the end of their CAVB Men's Club Championship debut outing.

The Ugandan champions have been in existence for 30 years and won seven league titles. But the tournament happening in Kigali, Rwanda is their first test of continental volleyball.

And despite starting the competition with jitters that saw them lose the first set to Kenya's Equity in their first match, Sport-S regrouped for victory in the end.

"It is a good feeling. You know this is

Sport-S happy to take lessons at first outing

the biggest platform on the continent of Africa, I am grateful to be here, being my first time, that is ok, the CV has improved," Sport-S captain Dickens Otim told *Daily Monitor*.

Otim is the most experienced player in the Sport-S squad and has come off the bench on several occasions to provide the much-needed leadership.

Speaking about the team's start to the tournament, the middle blocker admitted there was lack of confidence in the team at the start.

"In the first set, the boys had not yet gotten their confidence, you know when you are playing a new team and on such a platform, it can be tough. We kept building slowly and eventually battled and got the result," the former Volleyball Cranes captain revealed.

After the win against Equity, Sport-S continued to compete but fell in straight sets to Rwanda's Kepler and



Need More. Sport-S players go for a block against Al Ahly on Saturday. This was the champions' first continental engagement. PHOTO/COURTESY

Egyptian giants Al Ahly. Duke Kyomukama is among the players who have impressed at the tournament and scored 16 points against Equity.

He believes the experience the team is getting will be important in the future.

"What we came for is what we are getting, the exposure, and we want to thank the management for granting us an opportunity on this platform," Kyomukama said after the loss to Kepler.

"I believe that when you come to such an event, you have to be open, especially playing against a tougher opponent. You just have to open up and play the best you can," he added.

Pooled in Group B alongside giants Al Ahly, home team Kepler, Equity and AS INJS and Cameroon Sports, the Ugandan side have competed well despite missing key players in the squad.

Setter Moses Odeke, opposite Gum Malil and middle blocker Ian Akampa are all out of the tournament.

But the team remains in contention for a place in the Round of 16.