Mayende shines

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Junior golf star Peter Mayende from Lugazi continued his dominance by winning the sixth round of the second season of the NCBA–US Kids Golf Series with a 75 gross in the 18-hole tournament played at Uganda Golf Club on Sunday. The competition on the final day ended in a tie between Mayende and Elvis Mugunditi of Namulonge, forcing a sudden-death playoff on hole 18.

The decider had to be replayed after both players again tied with one-over shots on the par-4 hole. In the second playoff attempt, Mayende made par while Mugunditi shot a bogey, giving Mayende victory in the final outing.

Despite finishing second in the last round, Mugunditi placed fourth overall in the season standings after collecting 101 points. Mayende, like last year, topped the second season standings after accumulating 155 points in the boys' 15–18 years category. He came into the tournament fresh from national team duty at the Victoria Cup held in Entebbe last week.

"I played my golf irrespective of what happened last week. I thank my mentors, NCBA Bank for facilitating the tournament, the Uganda Golf Union and all the clubs that host this junior tournament," noted Mayende.

Coinciding with the International Women day celebrations, Mayende dedicated the victory to his mother and family, especially his sister Winnie Musuya who introduced him to the game of golf.

