Opio confident

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Emmanuel Opio, the coach of Soroti Municipal Secondary School, is determined to defend his team's title at the USSSA Soroti District qualifiers, which climax on Saturday at Soroti Sports Ground.

Soroti Municipal SS, winners of the 2025 district qualifiers, have been registering impressive victories in the group stages, showcasing their potential early in the championship. On the second day of the qualifiers, the team defeated Jaressar High School 1-0, Gweri SS 2-0, and Crane High [illegible]hool 2-0, signaling their readiness to compete for another title.

"With meticulous training sessions, strategic planning, and unwavering determination, I believe my team is well-positioned not only to defend the trophy but also to target zonal and national honours," Opio said. The Soroti West-based institution, seeded alongside Jerressar, Dakabela Comprehensive, Cornerstone, and Aloet Parents, has demonstrated consistency in its performances, making a strong case for back-to-back championships.

Opio acknowledged the unpredictable nature of football but expressed confidence that his side has an advantage, noting that the core team that played in last year's final remains intact and committed to the school. This continuity, he believes, gives Soroti Municipal a competitive edge as the tournament progresses. The qualifiers are structured into several groups. In Group A, Soroti Municipal SS competes alongside Jerressar, Gweri SS, Crane High School, and Asuret. Group B features Soroti High School, Halcyon High School, Kamuda Parents, Erimu College, Dakabela Comprehensive, and Cornerstone.

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