

BUSITEMA STORMS UNIVERSITY QUIZ QUARTERS

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Busitema University has secured a place in the quarter-finals of the Ultimate University Quiz Season Four with 330 points, against Kyambogo University's 270.

The Sunday contest, game eight of the competition, tested the students on taxation, world conflicts, African affairs and scientific inventions, with Busitema maintaining the advantage in navigating a series of questions that demanded speed, precision and breadth of knowledge.

As quiz mistress Lydia Lakwonyero read the rules, the pressure was palpable, and contestants braced for a race in which every correct answer in the opening rounds earned 10 points, while a wrong response gave the opposing team a chance to claim the points.

Kyambogo fielded Herbert Alemi Asiki, Christopher Nure, Abdul Rashid Kizito and Prim Tusingwire, while Busitema was represented by Innocent Walimbwa, Alex Debongo, Aggrey Joshua Sekoria and Mercy Ashaba.

The opening category, taxation,



From left: Kyambogo University students; Tusingwire, Alemi Asiki, Nure and Kizito pose for a group photo with the quiz mistress, Lydia Lakwonyero (centre), and Busitema University students; Walimbwa, Sekoria, Debongo and Ashaba during the Ultimate University Quiz Season Four on Sunday

quickly exposed the fine margins between knowing an answer and delivering it precisely.

Busitema correctly identified a "bill of lading" as the document issued by a carrier to a shipper as a contract for transporting goods. Kyambogo, meanwhile, correctly named income tax as the tax levied directly on an individual's annual earnings or profits.

The round also produced costly misses. Asked to identify the historical figure who famously declared that nothing was certain except death

and taxes, both missed Benjamin Franklin, whose answer was revealed by the quiz mistress.

However, Busitema emerged from the opening round with 100 points against Kyambogo's 40.

The second round, themed *World Conflicts*, brought another test of precision. A question about Swiss mercenary soldiers, famed for their use of pikes and halberds during Renaissance Europe, drew an incorrect response before the correct answer was revealed.

Kyambogo found its footing on other questions, identifying mustard gas as the chemical warfare agent extensively used during the First World War and Agent Orange as the herbicide deployed by the US military during the Vietnam War.

Kyambogo also had moments of accuracy, including identifying Nigeria as the country that moved its federal capital from Lagos to Abuja in 1991 but Busitema's lead remained difficult to erase.

The quiz mistress also tested the teams on the microwave oven, the safety elevator, vaccination against smallpox and the invention of the World Wide Web.

A WIN FOR BUSITEMA

Announcing final scores, Busitema had accumulated 330 points against Kyambogo's 270. The champions will receive a trophy and university equipment worth sh25m, while each contestant and coach will receive a laptop and sh1m.

STRONG PERFORMANCE

University Quiz project lead Maxi Adii described the contest as a strong performance by both teams, noting that Busitema University's early advantage made it difficult for Kyambogo University to catch up.

Organised by Vision Group, the competition is sponsored by Bank of Uganda as platinum sponsors, alongside the Uganda Communications Commission, Uganda Revenue Authority, Capital Markets Authority, Turkish Airlines and the Parliament of Uganda.

The games are broadcast on Bukedde TV, TV West and Wan Luo TV on the Vision Digital Experience app. With the grand finale scheduled for November 26, the stakes remain high.