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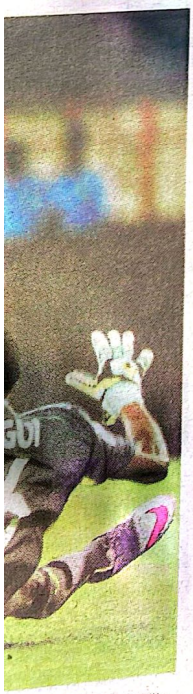

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Kobs bring Pirates back to earth in 'ugly' derby

Rugby. Pirates were left clueless and glum-faced after their play maker Magomu was sent off for allegedly using abusive language. *Daily Monitor* has learnt that the club executive is going to contest the red card decision.

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KAMPALA. BetWay Kobs handed Black Pirates their first loss of the season at Legends RFC in a game that was marred by scuffles and mediocre officiating.

The build-up to the game hinted that Pirates had a chance to beat Kobs, for the first time since 2011, considering their early season form. And true to form, Pirates enjoyed a perfect start when Ivan Magomu swung a long ball to Baron Kasozi for a try that sent nerves through Kobs' spines.

With Pirates piling all the pressure, Kobs were living on the edge when Conrad Wanyama extended the lead to 8-0 with a penalty.

But when it seemed like Anthony Kinene's boy would carry the day, they instead shot themselves in the foot with indiscipline at the breakdown; something that helped Kobs creep back into the game with four James Ijongat penalties .

"The game was hard and that is why we opted to build a lead by going for points every time we got a penalty," said James Ijongat.

With Kobs back in the game, things could not get any better for them when referee Dennis Anguyo 'dubiously' sent off Ivan Magomu for allegedly using abusive language. That avoidable decision from the man in the middle was the genesis of a series of brawls.

Kobs hooker Cyrus Wathum was also sent off for launching punches to Haruna Mohammed, who himself was lucky to last 80 minutes on pitch.

"It was sad," said Pirates wing Dennis Etuket. "Indiscipline from both sides took the game out of our favour. "But as Pirates we don't condone any form of indiscipline and the culprits will be dealt with internally.

"We shall regroup as a team and prepare for the next game. The league is still long so there's no time to put our heads down," he added.

Pirates notified *Daily Monitor* that they will also appeal Magomu's red card as a sin bin would have been more appropriate.

WEEKEND RESULTS - RUGBY

Kobs	23-8	Pirates
Mongers	10-33	Heathens
Rhinos	28-17	Rams
Gulu	9-15	Buffaloes
Impis	0-10	Warriors

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