

Spin Queen. Kibuli SS's Judith Parvin Nangonzi in action during the 2026 Kateregga Open at Lugogo Arena. PHOTO/JOHN BATANUDDE

Table Tennis: Kibuli SS dominate Kateregga Memorial

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KAMPALA. After three gruelling match days, Kibuli Secondary School emerged the most dominant side at the Kateregga Memorial Schools' and Institutions Table Tennis Championship claiming a lion's share of team and individual accolades.

Powered by the graduates of Nakasero Table Tennis Club, Kibuli bagged four gold medals: two in singles and two in team events. They added a singles silver and bronze to cap a bumper harvest at a tournament that also brought university and primary school teams to the Lugogo Arena.

The girls' secondary school singles final was an all-Kibuli affair between 2025 African silver medallists Parvin Judith Nangonzi and Jemimah Nakawala, who are prepping for the World Championship in London in April. Nangonzi won the first two games: 11-8, 11-8 but Nakawala fought back with a 17-15 victory in the third. But Nangonzi returned ruthless, winning the fourth game 11-6 to clinch gold 3-1.

In the boys' singles, Seroma Christian High School's Imran Luwooza eliminated Joshua Magaya 3-2 in the semis to rule out another all-Kibuli final after Sam Ankunda defeated Kibuli teammate Phillip Napokooli 3-1 in the other semifinal.

Rivalry renewed

But before the singles final, which capped the tournament, familiar foes Luwooza and Ankunda first met in the secondary school boys' team events final. Seroma was leading Kibuli 2-1. Ankunda won 3-0 to level the series 2-2 before Magaya beat left-handed prospect Mark Bagambe 3-0 to seal it 3-2 for Kibuli. He also won the boys' MVP gong.

Meanwhile, Kibuli's Nangonzi, Nakawala and Patra Nasirumbi defeated Mbogo High's Judith Mirembe, Judith Kirabira and Patricia Nabwire 3-0 to win girls secondary school team gold. Here, Nangonzi was the girls' MVP.

Finally, Ankunda and Luwooza played the singles final but it lacked the fire that drives rivalries. Ankunda won 3-0, to cap an emphatic return to the top. Elsewhere, Mbogo Junior's Rahim Masolo beat Nakasero Primary School's Ali Kaliisa to win primary school boys singles gold.

THE GOLD MEDALLISTS

Primary School Girls Team: Nakasero Primary School

Primary School Boys Team: Mbogo Junior School

Primary School Girls Singles: Patience Anyango

Primary School Boys Singles: Rahim Masolo

Secondary School Girls Team: Kibuli SS

Secondary School Boys Team: Kibuli SS

Secondary School Girls Singles: Parvin Nangonzi

Secondary School Boys Singles: Sam Ankunda

University Women's Team: Uganda Christian University

University Men's Team: Kampala International University

University Women's Singles: Isbat University's Shanita Naamala

University Men's Singles: Benjamin Acuma

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