

Kawempe nick FWSL title

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Last laugh. Having trailed for most of the season, few would have backed Kawempe Muslim to find a way when it mattered but they did on the final to clinch yet another league title which got a proper celebration at their homeground the Valley. PHOTO: JACKSON KAYIIRA

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FTBFWSL RESULTS

Kawempe	3-1	Olila HS
She Corporate	0-0	She Maroons
Makerere	0-0	KQ
Asubo Ladies	1-2	Rines SS
Amus College	2-0	UMHS

Kawempe Muslim beat Olila High School 3-1 in the Valley on Sunday to be crowned Finance Trust Bank Fufa Women Super League (FTBFWSL) champions.

The new champions had come on the final day needing to beat an already relegated Olila but even more importantly, for She Corporate to drop points at home to a She Maroons side that also had nothing to play for.

"Honestly, we were low on expectation and it showed in how we played," Kawempe coach Ayub Khalifa, said in the aftermath of a match where Jovia Nakagolo opened the scoring in the 11th minute but failed to calm nerves of the crowd.

Olila equalized in the 22nd minute and the home fans thought fate had it against them. However, 11 minutes later Agnes Nabukenya ensured Kawempe go into the halftime break leading 2-1. A late second half goal from Latifah Nakasi allowed the Valley Warriors win 3-1.

Our goals

"It was not the usual energy but we got our goals. Then we heard the news of what happened elsewhere," he added.

That news was that She Corporate had drawn 0-0 with the Prison Wardresses to

end their season on 50 points - one behind Kawempe after 22 games.

"We can only thank God for this one because it was out of our hands after last weekend (when Kawempe drew 1-1 with Kampala Queens and failed to overtake She Corporate which had lost 1-0 to Uganda Martyrs High School (UMHS) Lubaga on the same day," Khalifa added.

Many will feel Kawempe, which was awarded later in the evening - hours after the final whistle, nicked it but they are worthy champions. They led the FWSL for majority of the season. They have scored the most goals - 43 and conceded the least - 13.

More importantly, they turned up when the pressure told. Their 1-1 draw with a KQ side that had nothing to play for now feels like a point earned while She Corporate will look back at hav-

ing 11 clean sheets going into the last two games of the seasons and wonder how they let a UMHS side that blows hot and cold score from distance to beat them 1-0 on the penultimate weekend.

Turned cold

They will wonder, how their top scorer Jesca Namanda (15 goals) turned cold in the decisive phase of the season. In the end, they failed to score in the last 180 minutes of the season.

The end will leave a bitter taste in the mouth of coach Belyse Ininahazwe, who was crowned FTB coach of the month four times this season.

While for Khalifa, the end justifies the means. He will know that this is the sweetest of the six titles he has won since the women's league was re-established in 2015.