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tournaments on the local circuit.

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Jinja Comprehensive end Jipra-Jinja SSS duopoly

USSSA FOOTBALL

FINAL BOYS:

Jinja SS 0-2 Jinja Comprehensive

FINAL GIRLS:

Jipra 1-0 Jinja Comprehensive

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KAMPALA. For the past decade, the Jinja District Schools football games have largely been dominated by Jinja Senior Secondary School (Jinja SSS) and Jinja Progressive Academy (Jipra). The two schools have consistently shared both district and Busoga Regional titles, with little competition from others. Their clashes often created intense, city-stopping moments whenever they faced off.



However, there is a new force in the mix. Jinja Comprehensive has announced its arrival in style, living up to its name with a commanding performance to dethrone the long-standing giants. They defeated Jinja SSS 2-0 in Wednesday's final at

Kyabazinga Stadium in Bugembe.

Striker Hassan Waiswa emerged as the hero, scoring the decisive goal, while Comprehensive had already made a strong statement earlier by stunning JIPRA in the semifinal.

On the other hand, Jinja SSS had

Crown Claim.

From dream to scene, Jinja Comprehensive show off their 'Holy Grail' after they upstaged the usual suspects to become champions. PHOTO/FRED MWAMBU

to rely on penalty shootouts for the second consecutive match, edging Lakeside SS 4-1 after a 1-1 draw. Lakeside SS is Jipra's sister school.

Pre-match drama

The buildup to the final was not without drama. Jinja SSS initially pushed for the match to be played at Kakindu Stadium, but Comprehensive stood firm, insisting on Bugembe as the venue. Their delayed arrival by two hours further heightened tensions. After consultations with security personnel, organisers, who had briefly considered Gaddafi Barracks, ultimately settled on Bugembe.

When kickoff finally came, Comprehensive were ready for their moment. Waiswa and Reagan Ssekajja

struck in quick succession in the 35th and 38th minutes, stunning the large crowd of Jinja SSS supporters and alumni. Jinja SSS struggled to respond, appearing out of ideas as Comprehensive controlled.

While some observers point to a decline in Jinja SSS's football standards, Comprehensive head coach Isaac "Ozi" Kitakule credited the victory to deliberate investment and long-term planning. "We have been a work in progress, reaching the semifinals in three consecutive years, but they have been beating us," Kitakule said after the match.

"Some people might think we've risen because others are dropping, but you need to see the investment the school is making in sports to understand this progress. Now that we've won the district, our focus shifts to the region because we want to qualify for the nationals and perform even better."