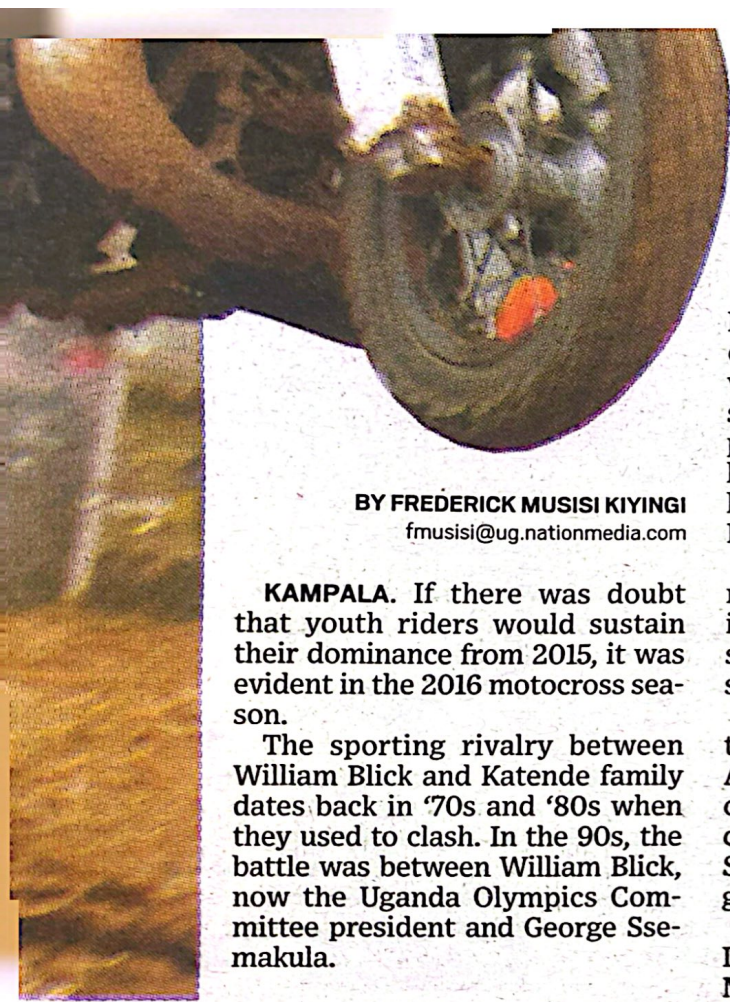




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KAMPALA. If there was doubt that youth riders would sustain their dominance from 2015, it was evident in the 2016 motocross season.

The sporting rivalry between William Blick and Katende family dates back in '70s and '80s when they used to clash. In the 90s, the battle was between William Blick, now the Uganda Olympics Committee president and George Ssemakula.

Sons take the baton

Nowadays, as seen in 2016, the rivalry shifted to their respective

youthful Hassan
Alwi Jnr and Enock

drivers, administrators and the whole
rally fraternity still divided on the out-

were put in the cupboard.

Youth dominate motocross season

sons William Blick Jr and Miguel Katende, who flashed their budding potential in the MC50cc Pee-wee category. Both parents were satisfied with their children's performances and progress. "William's main objective was to retain his title which he did," a delighted Blick Snr said.

In winning the title, William Jr made history by winning all races in the entire season. Though he lost some heats, overall he won all the six rounds on points.

"It was sad we lost the national title, but winning the regional and Africa titles left Miguel satisfied, considering this was his first full competitive year in the sport," said Ssemakula, who is also a top navigator.

The Blick family was not done as Isabella retained the MX50 senior. Meanwhile, comeback kid Imran Nkurunziza came out top in MX65 having spent the whole of 2015 recovering from a broken leg.

How good is Fortune Ssentamu? Has he gone stale? We did not have the answers this season as he had no regular challenger in 85cc to push him. He has dominated on the local scene but struggled at international events. The few times he was challenged by the Orland siblings, Stav and Aviv he came out

a broken arm, while Alister finished third behind 'reborn' Fathu Kiggundu who swept MX2 and Ali 'Bobo' Omar.

Like his sons, Arthur Blick Jr, a 10-time national champion, himself did not do much to challenge Maxime van Pee, throughout the season.

Veteran driver Asaf Natan was not competitive either.

Maxime, the crowd darling added the regional and Enduro titles to his national honours without much hustle. He has now won the regional MX1 title three times.

However, while there was excitement that motocross is growing by leaps and bounds, tragedy struck when Maj. Muhammad Kiggundu was brutally shot dead in November. Kiggundu was the father of rally siblings Talha (MX1), Fathu (MX2) and Habib Kiggundu (MX50).

They will forever miss his inspiration, guidance and passionate support.

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NUMBER OF REGION MX1
TITLES WON BY MAXIME
VAN PEE

second best.

While William Blick's family went places the same cannot be said about that of his cousin Arthur Blick Jr and his sons. Paddy spent most of the year recovering from