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FATHER GRIMES NATIONAL SCHOOLS TEAM CHESS CHAMPION EVENT REPORT

HELD AT

KINGS COLLEGE BUDO
(WAKISO, UGANDA)



EVENT THEME: CHESS FOR FINANCIAL LITERACY

SPONSORED BY: BANK OF UGANDA

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2019 edition of the National schools chess championship was held at Kings College Budo located on the Nagalabbi Hill, Wakiso district of Uganda. The event was played in both the ladies and open categories from the 5th to the 12th May 2019 and 52 teams were present. Event administration was handled by the Chess in Schools Committee Chairman Kimera Innocent in conjunction with a local organizing committee led by Muwanguzi David the UCF publicity secretary.

Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni was the invited guest of honor at the opening ceremony and was represented by the permanent secretary Ministry of Education and sports Mr. Alex Kakooza.



The invited guest of honor at the closing ceremony was H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni the President of the Republic of Uganda and was represented by the RT. Hon. Dr. Ruhankana Rugunda. Prime minister of the Republic of Uganda.

Chess is a great tool for social transformation and therefore The 2019 edition was held under the theme Chess For financial Literacy.

The event further recognized the great contribution of the Ministry of Education and Sports in the Support of Univesal Primary Education (UPE) and also focused on the H.E the President of the Republic of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni who championed the UPE program that provides an enabling environment for chess to flourish.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE Fr. GRIMES NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The National schools chess championship dates back to the early 1980s when it was mainly played at Namasagali college in Kamuli district of Uganda. The event was a brain child of Fr. Damain Grimes a Christian white man from Great Britain who also doubled as the Head Master of Namasagali College. The event has evolved to be called the Fr. Grimes Chess Championship to recognize the contribution of Fr. Damian Grimes.

1.2 WHO IS FATHER DAMIAN GRIMES?

The name Fr. Grimes is well recognized in the Uganda Chess community and today refers to the biggest schools chess competition in Uganda. Although the name is popular, very few players are aware of Father Grimes as the former Headmaster of the great Namasagali College located in Kamuli District. In a bid to make the National schools event great again, UCF started a purposeful search to profile and appreciate all efforts of the great man in 2017 together with many others. All information leading to the whereabouts of the great man are highly appreciated and UCF continues to write and document the great contribution of Fr. Damian Grimes..

However a visit to the once great school shocked the UCF president Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel in 2017, as it is now an absurd sight and operates as a boat landing site. Although chess in Uganda dates back to the 1950s, with UCF created in 1972, it is important to note that grass root development of chess started formally through the well -organized chess events like the Fr. Grimes chess championship in the early 1980s. As UCF continues to document the contribution of several persons in Ugandan chess, several memories are shared by enthusiasts about how they were ferried by school trucks to Kamuli district annually every end of first term to compete in inter school chess competitions and all this was under the patronage of Fr. Grimes. The early information that Eng. Mwaka has about the great man is he is of advanced age and lives in London, England and insists that all his efforts should not go to waste. Uganda is currently a continental giant because of the great sacrifice of such people. The cornerstone of grassroot chess development in Uganda is Fr. Grimes and UCF continues to celebrate his unwavering contribution by renaming the schools event as the Father Grimes National schools chess championship.

An old girl (O.G) of the school indicated that they referred to the college as “Namusagali” instead of “Namasagali”, a Lusoga word to literally mean a place where one meets the train. It is also rumored that Fr. Grimes was made a Knight by the Queen of England and therefore we hope to update the chess community in Uganda in 2020 of the possible developments as we attempt to document several contributions of different personalities and aim to dominate African Chess.



Participants at the 2019 edition of the Father Grimes National Schools Chess Championship. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty.

1.2 HISTORICAL LEADERS NURTURED THROUGH THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

It is impossible to ascend into top leadership without strategy or key tactical manouvers and chess as a game that thrives on strategy and tactics, has helped shape the leadership of Uganda, by imparting analytical, strategic and critical thinking attributes to top leaders. The event is responsible for introducing chess to several leaders in Uganda including the Rt. Hon speaker of parliament Rebecca Kadaga, Rt. Hon Prime minister of Uganda Ruhankana Rugunda, Stephen Opio a manager in ABSA bank, Prof. Kakumba Umar the current Vice Chancellor of Makerere University, Dr. Mpairwe a former president of Uganda Chess Federation and Dr. Eng Naimanye Andrew among others.

1.3 STRONG CHESS PLAYERS GROOMED THROUGH THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The event is also responsible for the deep chess culture in Uganda and has produced several players strong players including IM Elijah Emojong the first IM in East Africa, IM Arthur Ssegwanyi the first player in East Africa and only player so far to have participated at a chess World cup, Godfrey Makumbi the first Chess Olympiad gold medalist (1996) in Africa, FM Stephen Kawuma, WFM Ivy Amoko the first Ugandan lady to win the Zone 4.2 Chess championship, WCM Muteesi Phiona and WFM Nansubuga Gloria who starred in Disney movie "Queen of Katwe", WCM Nakanyike Maria (Uganda Sports and Press

Association Player of the year 2017 at 11year) and WCM Nabuyondo a record youngest title holder in Uganda at 9 years of age.

1.4 HOPE RESTORATION FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS

Today through playing chess, several players are able to pursue education through bursaries. Players including WFM Nansubuga Gloria(50 million sponsorship from ECO Bank), WFM Maria Nakanyike 2018 Africa Juniors chess championship Silver medalist (studies at st. Marcelino primary school in Matugga), Victor Kanyike 2019 Team Uganda U16 zone 4.4 gold medalist (student at Spring field Secondary School) among others. The 2019 edition continued to support some teams that could not afford the registration costs and allowed them to participate in the championship . Chess is used to restore hope to the junior players and ensure social transformation for players as we see holistic development of our children today. UCF is continuously seeking partners and sponsors and is optimistic that in 2020 several teams will be sponsored to attend the competition.

1.5 HISTORICAL EVENT HOSTS

In the early 1980s the event was mainly played at Namasagali college however in the recent past it is hosted by different schools including;

Mount of Olives College kakiri in 2017

Bishops' Senior School Mukono in 2018 and

Kings College Budo in 2019

1.6 KING'S COLLEGE BUDO.

Kings College Budo is located on Naggalabi Hill in the southern Wakiso District, off the Kampala- Masaka Road. Alumni of the school are known as Old Budonians. The school is one of the very best and a re-known academic giant in Uganda. Several kingdom heads and re-known personalities in Uganda studied in the king's college Budo and therefore has an impeccable reputation.



The magnificent administration block showing monuments of different former head teachers of the School. Photo credit: Chess Dynasty.



UCF President shares a picture moment with the Sivakumar family who visited the school in 2019.



The Motto , Vision and mission of King’s College Budo. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty

2.1 CONTEXT OF REPORT

This report covers the event proceedings before and during the 2019 Fr. Grimes national schools chess championship , focusing on pre-event proceedings, round proceedings, closing ceremony and awards.

2.2 PRE-EVENT PROCEEDINGS



UCF members share a picture moment with Springfield high school students while at the school premises. Photo credit: Chess Dynasty



The kyadondo secondary school was one of the several visited by UCF prior to the national schools chess championship.

NORTHERN UGANDA

Prior to the 2019 edition of the Fr. Grimes chess Championship, UCF purposefully continued to promote, introduce and invite several persons to join chess in northern Uganda. Under the theme "one million chess players one million Smart minds", several schools in northern Uganda were visited and the game taught, promoted and in some instances introduced. The players and school administrators were welcoming and eager to join forces with UCF to promote the Chess Game.



Players training at sacred heart secondary school in Gulu, Northern Uganda. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty.

Some of the schools visited include Sacred heart secondary school, Gulu High School, Sir Samuel Baker Secondary school, Gulu Public School and St Joseph College Layibi. Several schools got chess equipment, several school children were introduced to the game and



Gulu Senior secondary school share a picture moment with UCF president as they receive some chess equipment. Photo credit: chess dynasty



Gulu public school students receiving chess equipment Photo Credit : Chess Dynasty



Sir. Samuel Baker school chess patron receives chess equipment. Photo Credit: chess Dynasty



Head teacher of Koro P.7 Primary school in Gulu receiving chess equipment.



Head teacher of Seeta high School in Mukono having a discussion with UCF president. Photo Credit Chess Dynasty.

2.3 SCHOOL INSPECTION AND CHECK LISTS

Prior to naming a host school for the games a check list is generated to guide the inspection and clearance process.

King's College Budo was visited by the Technical Director UCF Mr. Teeba Jordan , the Chess in Schools Executive Chairman Mr. Kimera Innocent and the UCF Publicity Secretary Mr. Muwanguzi David. The trio inspected and cleared the premises as sufficient and fit for hosting the 2019 Fr. Grimes national schools' Chess Championship.



The great ambiance of Kings College Budo as an excellent atmosphere for chess events and education/reading environment.

The checklist items included but were not limited to;

1. State of the hostels
2. Security
3. Playing area
4. Toilets and wash rooms
5. Ease of access to the school
6. Meals and the staff
7. Entertainment and games
8. Medical support and ease of referral services
9. Other incentives that could make the hosting of the games memorable.



Great compound at the king's College Budo.

2.4 EVENT PLAYING SCHEDULE

The event schedule as captured in the event brochure was indicated below.

Date	Activity	Time
Friday , 3rd May 2019	Official Arrival Day	14:00hrs
Saturday 4 th May 2019	Opening ceremony	9:00hrs to 10:00hrs
Saturday 4 th May 2019	Technical meeting	10:00hrs
Saturday 4 th May 2019	Round 1	11:00hrs
Saturday 4 th May 2019	Round 2	15:30hrs
Sunday 5 th May 2019	Round 3	09:00hrs
Sunday 5 th May 2019	Recreation/Fun trip	14:00hrs
Monday 6 th May 2019	Round 4	09:00hrs
Monday 6 th May 2019	Round 5	14:00hrs

Tuesday 7 th May 2019	Round 6	9:00hrs
Tuesday 7 th May 2019	Round 7	14:00hrs
Wednesday 8 th May 2019	Round 8	09:00hrs
Wednesday 8 th May 2019	Closing ceremony/departure/awards ceremony	14:00hrs

2.5 OBJECTIVES OF EVENT

UCF had several objectives including;

1. Identify talented players for future international events with particular focus on the 2019 African Individual Schools Chess that was due to be hosted in Uganda from 26th June 2019 to 4th July 2019.
2. Equip the players with soft skills and financial literacy skills.
3. Promote the spirit of sportsmanship in a competitive environment to ensure holistic development of the chess players.
4. Align UCF activities with government and appreciate government initiatives with particular focus on the Universal Primary Education.

2.6 TEAM TRAINING AND CONDITIONING

Several teams were mainly under the training of senior chess players, School patrons, old boys and girls of the schools, sports teachers at different schools and certified FIDE instructors. Different teams are selected based on the schools selection criteria. The teams that normally emerge Champions have qualified FIDE trainers, committed chess patrons , follow the FIDE chess syllabus and those that have players who attend UCF activities as indicated on the UCF calendar



Students of Kisubi High training. Photo Credit Chess Dynasty



Students of Springfield undergoing training. Photo Credit Chess dynasty



Training at the verandah of some buildings.





Chess instructor guiding students during a training session. Photo Credit Chess Dynasty.

3.0 SPONSORSHIP

Initially the tournament was entirely free when it was first played in Namasagali college in Kamuli district, thanks to the funding through Fr. Grimes. Free transport was also availed from particular collection points to participants from the different regions of Uganda.

The times have however changed and schools now meet their participation fees of 400,000 Uganda shillings which has continuously proved to be insufficient to meet the current demands

4.0 THE EVENT PROCEEDINGS

4.1 PLAYING AREA

The playing area refers to the playing hall, analysis room and restrooms. Chess is usually played in hotels round the world but this particular competition in Uganda has existed in schools since the early 1980s. It would be a great effort to have the event upgraded to a hotel however the associated costs would require a sponsor and suitable host.. The biggest challenge is the cost implication associated with the hotels setting.



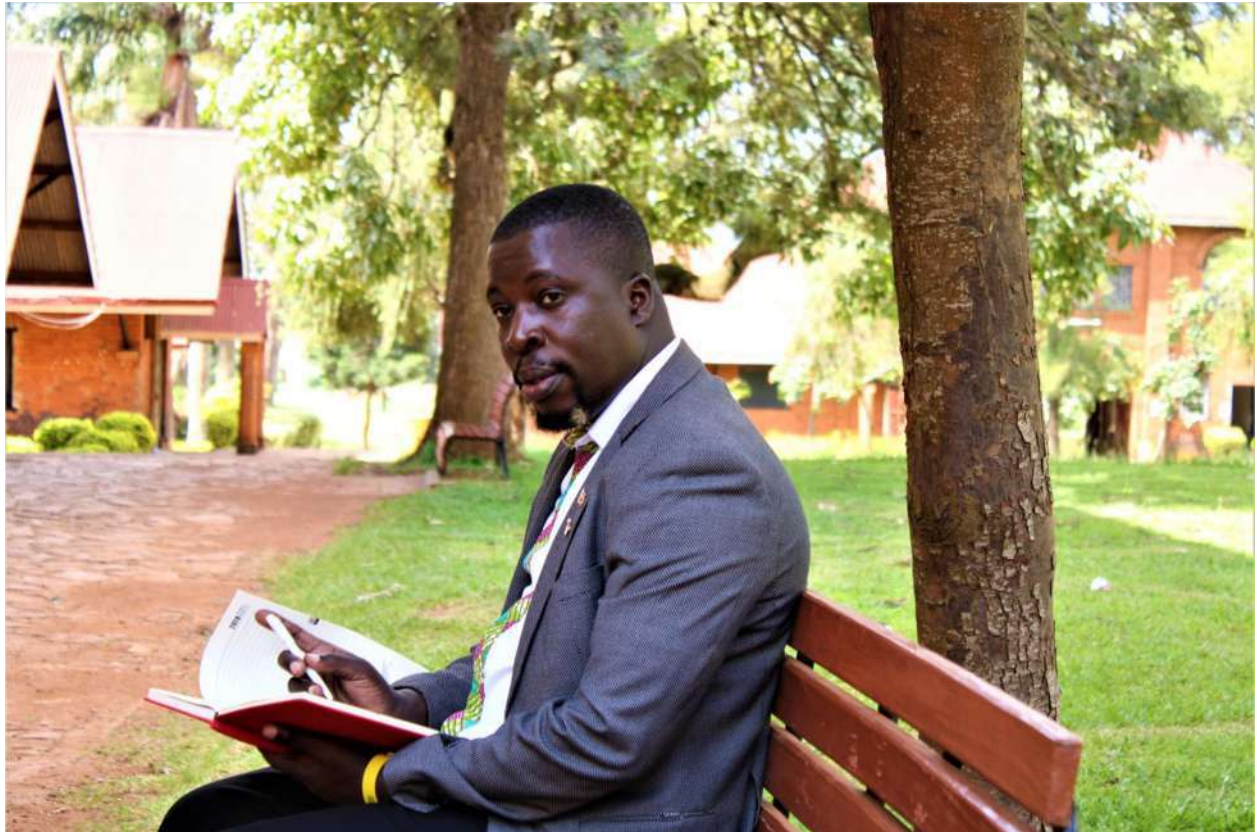
The playing area in King's College Budo. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty



The playing area in King's College Budo. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty

4.2 STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

UCF President Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel has constantly been providing strategic leadership to the Uganda chess Community as guided by the constitution. Together with other executive members have implemented Several transformations that have been evidenced since 2017 and the National schools chess championship that started in Namasagali College with about 30 schools in the early 1980s is back to its glory days.



UCF president. Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel at King's college Budo providing oversight roles as a strategicpolitical leader at the chess championship. Photo Cedit : chess Dynasty.

4.3 THE OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was held in the beautiful Hall located at the administration building in King's College Budo. The event hosts led by the Deputy Head teacher Mr. Ssenyimba, UCF executive led By Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel and the guest of Honor. Mr. Alex Kakooza the Permanent secretary of Ministry of Education and Sports (MOE&S) were present at the opening ceremony. I. The several teams assembled in the hall to mark the commencement of the games.



The opening ceremony was fully packed. Photo credit: Chess Dynasty



Prayer and the national anthem kicked off the opening ceremony.

4.4. GUEST OF HONOR

Mr. Alex Kakooza the permanent secretary Ministry of Education and sports represented Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni Minister of Education and Sports who was the invited Guest of honor at the opening ceremony and delivered her message well to the awe of several in attendance. UCF is affiliated to National Council of Sports and is the official umbrella organization that runs chess and all chess related activities in Uganda. .UCF is proud to align with National Development Program II (NDPII) of government to ensure development of Uganda



*Mr. Alex Kakooza addressing the crowds at the opening ceremony of the 2019 Fr. Grimes competition.
Photo credit: Chess Dynasty.*

The guest of honor further delivered three million Uganda shillings to UCF and proceeded to open the games by making a move for white that declared the games open. The function was colourful and several were eager to get started with play.



*Mr. Alex Kakooza Making the ceremonial Opening chess move by white to declare the games open.
Photo credit: Chess Dynasty.*



*The multitude of participants at the 2019 edition of the Fr. Grimes national school chess championship.
Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty.*

4.5 A GIFT TO THE GUEST OF HONOR AT OPENING CEREMONY

UCF is committed to development of all Ugandans through the game chess and is proud to be aligned with the government programs. UCF is at the helm of social transformation and thrives on core governance principles of transparency, integrity and accountability as they meet the objectives of the federation. Given the huge number of national sports federations, UCF distinguishes itself by delivering results through the use of cutting edge innovative technology that allows the UCF executive members and chess community to operate as a unified team to deliver set objectives



A glass Knight (chess piece) was offered as a gift to the invited guest of honor Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni Minister of Education and Sports as a token of appreciation for the support to UCF. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty.

4.6 CHAIRMAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Muwanguzi David UCF publicity Secretary was Chairman of the local organizing committee and was instrumental in event coordination between the hosts and UCF executive ,technical team on the ground and this ensured the smooth running of the 2019 edition of the Father grimes national school chess championship.



Muwanguzi David addressing participants at the opening ceremony of the fr. Grimes event





Muwanguzi David addressing participants at the closing ceremony of the 2019 Fr. Grimes event.

4.7 THE ROUND PROCEEDINGS



Primary section



Primary section



Open section secondary school



Open section secondary school



The primary section



Primary section

4.8 ANALYSIS AREA

The dining area together with the compound and the some Verandahs within the school were used as the analysis areas. During times when meals were served players would mainly use the verandah or the compound areas for analysis.

The tree shade provided sufficient cover from the sun and in case of bad weather, players reverted to the dining area.



Players analyzing chess positions in the dining area. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty

4.9 SOME SCHOOLS AT THE EVENT

From western Uganda, Mary Hill High school, Ntare School and Mbarara Preparatory school were the main representatives at the 2019 edition of Fr. Grimes National Schools chess Championship.



Students of Mary Hill High School undergoing a chess training session with their patron. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty

TRINITY COLLEGE NABBINGO

Trinity College Nabbingo is one of the ladies schools that always participate in the Fr. Grimes National schools chess championship and have a great potential to perform better. Today in Uganda players in primary school are already masters in chess like Maria Nakanyike and 9 year old Nbuyondo peace Naomi.



Students of trinity College Nabbingo Share a picture moment with their captain.

Results.

5.0 STRATEGIC PARTNERS AND SUPPORT

5.1 THE CHESS PATRONS AND CHESS CAPTAINS.

The chess patrons and team captains offer leadership to the several individual teams. Several chess patrons pay the registration fees of the teams and sacrifice their individual time to train and accompany the teams to the national school chess championships annually.

The teachers have been great partners with UCF and this has seen ensured survival of the national school chess championship.

The event convenes annually as it has been in the past since the early 1980s and several team captains and patrons are now seniors (50+ years). It is interesting when the senior patrons compete against each other as it renews their old rivalries.

5.2 THE WORLD CHESS FEDERATION (FIDE) AND THE FIDE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC).

FIDE through the PDC supports UCF activities with grants that enable meaningful development of chess in Uganda. The 2019 edition goes down in history as the most covered event by the media as UCF successfully held the national schools event and was graced by the presence of the Permanent secretary of Ministry of Education and Sports Mr. Kakooza Alex at the opening ceremony and the Hon, Dr. Ruhankana Rugunda the prime minister of the Republic of Uganda at the closing ceremony.

5.3 UGANDA PRESS AND MEDIA TEAM

The press and media teams have been very supportive as they publicized the 2019 edition of the national schools chess championship. This put chess in the spot light and lightens the burden as UCF continues to look for partners and sponsors.





5.4 TECHNICAL TEAM

Chess always has a technical team prior to the start of the rounds and they aim at clarifying the rules, setting the appeals committee and making any alterations to the set regulations during a technical meeting. The technical team was led by UCF technical Director Teeba Jordan and it consisted of arbiters, volunteers and the appeals committee.



UCF technical team members enjoy a meal during the 2019 edition of the national schools chess championship. Photo Credit Chess Dynasty.



L-R Teeba Jordan UCF Technical director, Kimera Innocent UCF executive chairman chess in schools, Muke Bright Deputy General Secretary, Kanounya Micheal UCF finance committee member and Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel President: UCF

5.5 TROPHIES AND AWARDS



Trophies for the overall winners in the different categories.



Medals



Teeba Jordan (Left) and Victoria Nakirya preparing materials from Bank of Uganda.

5.6 CLOSING CEREMONY

5.6.1 PRE CLOSING CEREMONY PREPARATIONS

Prior to the closing ceremony UCF convened a final routine meeting to assess event progress and prepare the participants to receive the guest of honor H.E the president of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. The high level of efficiency, high level of organisation and professionalism is what enables the small team of 10 people to execute tasks to ner perfection.



UCF team members as they have a closed meeting with some coordinators.

5.6.2 ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony had curtain raisers to keep the participants entertained. The service was offered by students from SIIMA international school.



5.7 ARRIVAL OF GUEST OF HONOR

The long wait was over when Rt Hon. Dr. Ruhankana Rugunda the prime minister of the republic of Uganda arrived at Kings college Budo amid tight security. UCF executive members and Leadership from the hosts King's College Budo paraded to receive the guest of honor.



Arrival of Guest of honor in the parking area of the administration building in King's college Budo. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty.



Parade to receive the guest of honor.

5.8 RECEIVING THE GUEST OF HONOR

This was a historical moment for Uganda Chess Federation as UCF president Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel received the guest of honor on behalf of the Uganda Chess community before introducing the other members on the team. The Deputy Headmaster of King's College Budo received the guest of honor on behalf of the school. The pictures below went viral on the UCF social media platforms



L-R Rt. Hon. Dr. Ruhankana Rugunda prime minister of the republic of Uganda shaking hands with UCF president Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel at 2019 edition of Fr. Grimes National Schools Chess Championship.

5.9 INTRODUCTION OF OTHER UCF MEMBERS

The joy of the arrival of the guest of honor was evident as other UCF executive members were introduced to the guest of honor. first in line was UCF Vice president Otim Isaac Jonathan, then Muwanguzi David, UCF Publicity Secretary, Kanounya Micheal UCF finance committee member, Teeba Jordan UCF technical director, Sierra Leone based Ugandan chess player CM Lwebuga Ronald and Olga Robinah Namwanje UCF Development Director among others.



L- R Guest of honor shakes hand with UCF vice president Otim Isaac Jonathan.



L- R Guest of honor shakes hands with Muwanguzi David UCF publicity Secretary.



L-R Guest of honor shakes hands with Micheal Kanounya UCF finance committee member.



L- R Guest of honor shakes hands with UCF technical director Teeba Jordan



L-R Guest of honor shakes hands with Sierra Leone based Ugandan Lwebuga Ronald



L-R Guest of honor shakes hands Olga Robona Namwanje UCF Development director.



Guest of Honor ushered to the high table.



5.10 PROCEEDINGS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY

Almost all events in UCF begin and end with Prayer. It is not a mistake that the UCF slogan” come let’s reason together” is from the book of Isaiah in the Bible. UCF is therefore founded on a religious background and at the closing ceremony MC Muke Bright begun by inviting someone to say a word of prayer



Muke Bright thereafter started proceedings with the both the East African Anthem and the National Anthem.



Muke bright (left) leading the participants through the East African Anthem and National anthem.

5.11 KING'S COLLEGE BUDO PRESENTATION

Mr. Ssenyimba H. the deputy headmaster of King's college Budo made a fine presentation at the closing ceremony where he educated several on lookers about the culture and values of King's College budo. He thanked UCF for availing an opportunity to the school to host the games and promised that in future if a host is needed, they were always ready to host the games. He later proceeded to introduce other staff members and award some gifts to the prime Minister.





5.12 ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY







5.13 OTHER PRESENTATION AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY

UCF president introduced all executive members, thanked the hosts King's College Budo, introduced several personalities who have excelled or supported UCF, invited the guest of honor to play some chess games, WCM nakanyike Maria to say a word and present some gifts to the guest of honor and invited Mr. Herbert Kateega to give a word of thanks on behalf of the teachers, patrons and team captains.

He further emphasized the importance of chess to the Ugandan society , thanked the prime minister for the government support to sports, indicated the need for funding to the chess federation and presented some gifts to the guest of honor as a token of appreciation

5.13.2 WOMAN CANDIDATE MASTER (WCM) MARIA NAKANYIKE PRESENTATION TO THE GUEST OF HONOR

Maria Nakanyike was the reigning Uganda Sports and Press association (USPA) female chess player of the year and spoke on behalf of chess players at the games. Maria was also a silver medalist at the Africa Juniors chess championship where she won a conditional Woman FIDE Master title and A woman IM norm in January 2019. Together with Vincent Buwule, Maria and on behalf of many who were absent ,was recognized for her effort when they represented Uganda at the 2018 Africa youth chess championship in Kisumu, Kenya.

She thanked the Guest of honor for the support to chess from the government and highlighted challenges and the need for more support to UCF. She presented a chess board (autographed by FIDE vice President Nigel Short) on behalf of UCF to the guest of honor..



Nakanyike maria and Vincent Buwule Share a picture moment with the guest of honor.

Victor Kanyike shared a picture moment with the guest of honor in recognition for his achievement when he won a silver medal at the 2018 Africa youth chess championship in



Victor Kanyike Shares a picture moment with the guest of honor.



Mr. Kateega Herbert from Kiira College Butiki gave a vote of thanks to the guest of honor on behalf of teachers, patrons and team captains present at the closing ceremony. Photo credit: Chess Dynasty.



Maria Nakanyike speaking on behalf of the players. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty



Maria Nakanyike presents Chess board to guest of honor



UCF president Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel Presents a gift to the Guest of honor in recognition of the contribution of H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni's contribution to UPE.

5.13.4 THE PRIME MINISTER PLAYS CHESS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY TO THE JOY OF SEVERAL ON LOOKERS

This was one of the great points when the guest of honor was requested by UCF president Eng. Mwaka Emmanuel to play some chess games. Many were amazed at the deep knowledge and wide opening repertior that was exhibited by the guest of honor, before he told the on lookers that he plays chess and learnt the game a long time ago while a student at Busoga College Mwiri located in Jinja district of Uganda. Several onlookers wanted to play against the Prime minister but a few were give an opportunity due to the limited time available for the closing ceremony.



Guest of honor plays against Namirimu Happy of King's College Budo. Photot Credit Chess Dynasty



Guest of honor was impressed by the level of play of the young stars in Uganda were playing



UCF vice president Otim Isaac Jonathan(right) played against the guest of honor. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty.

6.0 THE GUEST OF HONOR

The guest of honor was invited by UCF president to speak to the crowd. He thanked UCF for embracing and aligning with government programs. He further hinted that he was a chess player while at school in Busoga college Mwiri. Rt. Hon. Prime minister of Uganda pledged that government would continue to support UCF and thanked UCF for maintaining the name of Fr. Grimes as the name of the national schools chess championship. He finalized by reading out the message from his excellency the president of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

6.1 PICTURE MOMENT WITH THE GUEST OF HONOUR

Several





7.0 AWARDING WINNERS











ACCOMMODATION AND ATHLETES WELL-BEING.

All athletes were accommodated and had meals at King's College Budo. Their meals were served each day and drinking water was always available in Mackay hall for all participants.

7.0 BRANDING

The event was in support of the contribution made by different personalities to Universal Primary Education which is part of the national program to avail affordable education to all Ugandans. The T-shirts were therefore branded with the names of the people who are at the helm of the program.



UCF PLAYERS REPRESENTATIVE.

All executive members have a keen interest in the national schools chess championship. Other than providing the much needed technical support, such events with several persons provide an opportunity to excute constitutional mandate. Often challenges encountered by the young players are also evidenced and these statistics when captured help the federation know what remedies to provide. Player development is a process and requires constant monitoring Mr. Okas Walter UCF players representative was in constant interaction with the players at the national schools chess championship



Players representative Okas walter giving some playing tips to and Bitarinsa Arthur an Old boy of Seeta High school. Photo Credit: Chess Dynasty.

MEDICAL TEAM

Stand by medical staff of Kings College Budo were available at the school and did not register any serious case that required medical attention.

8.0 BOU FINANCIAL LITERACY MATERIAL

The participants at the National schools chess championship benefited from the financial literacy lectures and took materials to their schools to help pass on the knowledge to those who stayed at school. Long queues were evident at the distribution center.



9.0 OBSERVATIONS CHALLENGES CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 OBSERVATIONS AND CHALLENGES

Some key schools missed the 2019 edition and the financial literacy program as well. Thenotable names included Namilyango College and St. Mbuga Vocational School.

Offsetting event costs is a huge challenge for UCF and therefore UCF is continuously searching for a sponsor to enable the event meet the current demands of the chess game..

9.2 CONCLUSION

The event was very successful and goes down one of the most memorable in the history of the championship.

9.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

Partnerships with several stake holders are required to ensure sustainability of the Fr. Grimes chess Championshi

10. THE MEET AND GREET SESSION AND PHOTO GALLERY

UCF chose the dining area for a meet and greet session. The meals were served in the Mackay building that was built in 1908. This could be one of the oldest buildings in the school and surprisingly, it is still in good shape despite over 110 years of existence. This is an engineering challenge as many buildings constructed today can stand the 100 years test. Meals were served at this place and it was easy to meet and greet participants at this point. Almost every one visited the Mackay building to get a cup of tea or a meal.



During the meet and greet sessions, children ask several interesting question

Are you a grandmaster?

Is Kasparov coming back to Uganda?

Will the president of the country come to see us?

Is it true I will pass my exams if I play good chess?

Where is Father Grimes? Is he a grand master? Is there any other Father who plays chess?

Why is this school called king's College Budo?

Is phiona mutesi the strongest chess player in the world? And so many other questions













FINAL WORDS OF WISDOM AND FAREWELL REMARKS FROM THE GUEST OF HONOR



Dr. Ruhankana Rugunda bids the UCF president farewell before departing King's college Budo

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOSTS AND UCF FOR PULLING OFF A SUCCESSFUL EVENT



Deputy HM of King's college Budo Together with his staff Thank and bid farewell UCF president on the closing day of the Chess Championship.



APPENDIX D – REPORT ON FUNDING

NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (UCF):

CONTINENT: AFRICA

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL:

Please complete ALL requested fields in this report.

1. Programme/Project Name:

Growth and development

2. Programme/Project Dates:

Accounting period 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

3. Summary of Project Outcomes:

Uganda had the most successful year since existence .Refer to the 2019 UCF highlights Pdf document and the KPIs document

4. Breakdown of Funding Usage (Please provide supporting documents as far as possible):

The income and expenditure breakdown is attached Refer to income and expenditure document.

5. Any funds not yet used? No

If No, please provide reasons and details on how and when the funds will be utilized:

All funds were utilized

6. Lessons Learned/Future Improvements:

- Uganda missed out on a chess in schools seminar in 2019 due to restructuring at EDU commission which we hope to have in 2019

On behalf of FEDERATION



Mwaka Emmanuel
President: UCF

Date: 17/01/2020

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2018 ¹	Expected at End of Period	actual	Comments
No of rated player	200	300	350	
Certified Arbiters	4	8	10	
Certified Trainers	4	8	4	No trainers seminar held as Event was rescheduled to 2020
Average rating of top 10 players	2219	2230	2214	
Average no. of rated games by top 10 players	30	40	50	
No. of participants in international chess tournaments	25	35	50	
No. of Players on FIDE List	200	300	350	
No. of Affiliated clubs	20	35	36	
No. of School Chess Teachers	0	10	11	
No. of schools with chess programmes	0	20	22	
No. of students in chess in school programmes	0	1500	1600	
No. of Positive or neutral articles & media coverage incl. social media	6	20	25	
No. of chess sponsors	3	8	8	

No. Of Strategic Partners e.g. NOC	2	5	5	
OTHER-Please specify(no of international tournaments organized by Uganda)	1	1	2	
OTHER-Please specify(Fide Arbiters seminar)	1	0	1	
Others specify(Fide trainers seminar)	0	1	0	