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A WORD FROM ZESCO UNITED FC

CHAIRMAN

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to our third edition of the ZESCO United football club newsletter, MyUnited.

First and foremost, may I take this opportunity to thank the ZESCO United Board for offering me an opportunity to serve this great football club as Chairman. It is a great honour to be bestowed with this responsibility.

ZESCO United is one of the biggest club sides in the country and an emerging continental powerhouse. This club has for the last two decades played a significant role in raising the profile of the country especially at continental level.

The club has maintained its strong profile and legacy as a breeding ground for the country's National Team players in line with our mandate to contribute to the development of Zambian football.

Today I am particularly excited to note that we have sustained our engagement with all our relevant stakeholders especially our fans and sponsors through various communication channels including MyUnited.

It is our aim to continue investing in effective communication channels that will constantly keep everyone abreast with developments taking shape at the club aimed at improving football standards in Zambia.

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity to urge ZESCO United players, the technical bench and club secretariat not to relent in their pursuit of success both at domestic and international level.

Zufc Chairman
Maxwell Saya



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WELCOME

Milupi Libi



Welcome to the third edition of the ZESCO United Football Club newsletter for, and from Zambia. This publication brings you news and information on latest developments taking shape at the club as spearheaded by ZESCO United management.

My United is above all a platform for sharing information related to ZESCO United's work in growing the club and contributing to the growth of the Zambian game through the promotion of good governance, transparency, and fair play.

Every month, we will share what we consider some of the best, most important and interesting stories emerging from the club. We will also highlight some of our favorite stories and update our broad network of partners within and outside the country on developments taking place at the club as our team participates in both local and international games.

We will be dipping into our rich trove of initiatives and stories emerging from the on-going work at ZESCO United and bringing you news of upcoming football events and reports from past ones, as well as providing in-depth feature articles generated by our communications team.

In this edition, we bring you special updates around ZESCO United's activities in the January transfer window, we also say goodbye to the club's CEO, Richard Kabwe Mulenga who served at the helm of the institution for 4-years.

Last but not the least, ZESCO United Media Officer, Desmond Katongo shares with us his experience at the just ended Cameroun TotalEnergies Africa Cup where he served as CAF Media Officer. We further bring you a special review of ZESCO United's performance between January and February.

Lastly, we share with you our upcoming fixtures for the month of February and March. We welcome your questions, suggestions and ideas that could help us tailor this newsletter to make it even more meaningful to you our audience.

ZUFC
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Milupi Libi



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RETURN HOME AS ZESCO UNITED
CLOSE TRANSFER WINDOW
ON A HIGH

ZESCO United ended the January transfer window beaming with confidence of returning the MTN 2021/22 league campaign.

The opening of the January transfer window saw the champions release legendary goal scorer, Jesse Were after spending five years at ZESCO United.

Zimbabwean international midfielder, Tafadzwa Rusike also left the league defending champions after his contract came to an end.

The departure of Rusike and Were opened doors for ZESCO United to make additions to the squad.

Angolan and Trident Football Club striker, Pedro Miguel made a dream move to the league champions.

Miguel penned a 2-year contract agreement with the Zambian Super League defending champions and is expected to play a huge role in leading the club's frontline.

The biggest coup of this window for ZESCO United was the signing of Zambian International attacking Midfielder, Collins Sikombe.

Sikombe is one of those talents that slipped through the ZESCO United system having found his feet at ZESCO Malaiti Rangers a few years ago.

He has been one of the rising stars of the Zambian game in the last five-years becoming a star player at Napsa Stars before being prized away to Lusaka Dynamos.

ZESCO United will be hoping that he brings the same character and ingredients to the squad that made him a star player at both Napsa Stars and

Lusaka Dynamos.

The coming of Sikombe was followed by the return of former 2017 U-20 Africa Cup of Nations winning defender Shemy Mayembe from Minaji football club.

ZESCO United further captured the signature of former City of Lusaka attacking midfielder, Francis Banda.

Banda who signed a 3-year contract for the MTN league defending champions is expected to bring speed and creativity in the middle of the park.



RICHARD MULENGA BIDS FAREWELL



The month of February started with the departure of ZESCO United Chief Executive Officer, Richard Kabwe Mulenga.

Mulenga left his post after serving at the helm of the Zambian Super League giants for 4-years, managing to steer the club to three league titles, one Absa Cup trophy and one Charity honour.

In his farewell message, Mulenga thanked the ZESCO United Board and Management for having accorded him the opportunity to serve the club.

“Managing the biggest football club in the country is one of the greatest honours of my lifetime. As an avid reader and a football fanatic, managing this institution was a dream come true.

“I would like to thank management for having given me the opportunity to head the club for 4-years. I learnt a lot

from those I found at the club, and I hope that I have helped mentor others. Its only through such capacity building can we help develop administrators of the sport in Zambia.

“I wish to thank the entire ZESCO United family for their support. I also wish the club continued success,” Mulenga said.

Meanwhile ZESCO United Board has with immediate effect appointed Club Finance Manager, Milupi Libi acting Chief Executive Officer.



ZESCO UNITED CONTRIBUTE TO 2021 AFCON SUCCESS



Zambia may have failed to qualify for the CAF Africa Cup of Nations tournament for a third consecutive time. This misfortune however, didn't stop the country from playing a critical role in the successful hosting of the continents most coveted competition.

The 2021 TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations held in the Central African Country, Cameroun was home to several CAF delegates selected from different parts of the World to help manage the event successfully.

ZESCO United Media and Public Relations

Officer, Desmond Katongo was part of the 11 CAF Media Officers appointed by the continents football governing body to manage media operations during the event.

Katongo partnered with Egyptian veteran journalist, Inas Mazhar administered over the tournaments Group D matches staged in Garoua which included Nigeria, Egypt, Guinea Bissau, and Sudan.

The ZESCO United Media Officer was also on show during the Round of 16 match and quarter final game between Nigeria and Tunisia and Tunisia against Burkina Faso respectively.

And ZESCO United Media and Public Relations Officer Desmond Katongo hopes to share the lessons learnt in Cameroun with Zambian club's media officers.

"This is a lifetime experience for me which I believe will enhance my professional skills and help shape and enhance media operations at ZESCO United Football Club.

"I am grateful to the CAF especially their



Media team for this remarkable recognition that the Southern region, and particularly Zambia has the men and women with the capacity to contribute to the growth of the African game.

“My responsibility now is to ensure that this knowledge is evenly shared with my fellow media officers who are working in Zambia and the region,” Katongo said.

Apart from Katongo, veteran CAF Medical Doctor, Joseph Kabungo and FIFA Referee, Janny Sikazwe made their presence at the competition which was eventually won by the Teranga Lions of Senegal.

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UNDERSTANDING THE GAME FROM THE TOP

Timothy Bowa



Timothy Bowa is a member of the current ZESCO United Football Club Executive Committee who has great passion for soccer development in Zambia besides his rich Basketball playing and coaching skills.

Bowa who also trades as ZESCO Limited Industrial Relations Manager, has seen his professional lenses widen from keeping tabs on the welfare of ZESCO Limited employees to making critical decisions off the pitch.

Football has evolved over the years with the games administrators often required to understand the intricacies of the game.

As an executive member, Bowa's resolution to expand his knowledge in the game on and off the pitch is undeterred.

Last year, August 2021, the club executive member, completed and attained the FAZ 'E' License coaching course.

The aim of the 'E' Licence coaching program was to prepare coaches for the CAF License Course; to share experiences in order to influence the development of players; to help improve the football standards in Zambia; to help trainees understand how football knowledge and skills are supposed

to be taught to the footballers from the Coach's point of view.

Bowa described the training as enriching especially in understanding how the game of football is played.

“This training has enlightened me to understand the science of football, how it is supposed to be played with the aim to win games. You understand the philosophy behind coaching and training.

The ZESCO United executive member hopes to contribute effectively to the development of football in Zambia.

“After this, one wants to contribute to the game especially in ensuring that coaches have the right football knowledge and skills at all levels of football. Secondly, provide football analytical services to Zambian Coaches to help coaches develop football in Zambia.”

With the hope of one day obtaining a CAF coaching course, Bowa is currently critically studying the science of football through various forms of literature, platforms and helping some academy teams in Lusaka.

RACE FOR TOP SLOT HEATS UP AS ZESCO UNITED AIM TO DISLODGE LEAGUE LEADERS



With only 10 games to go before the MTN Zambia Super League concludes, the race for the top slot remains undecided.

Red Arrows, Zambia's envoy in this season CAF Confederations Cup, have stubbornly maintained their grasp at the summit of the league table amassing 46 points from 24 games thus far played.

Zambia National Service sponsored Green Eagles continues to make their case known that they are in the race for the title having uprooted ZESCO United from second position, collecting 42 points from 24 games so far.

League defending champions, ZESCO United have had a rollercoaster of a season in which consistency in getting results has frustrated their hopes of running away with the title like they did last season.

ZESCO United currently sit in 3rd position having accumulated 41 points from 24 games.

The Zambia Army sponsored Green Buffaloes is another surprise side which like the wild beast, has repeatedly refused to surrender its turf among the top boys, gaining 38 points from 24 games.

As the Zambian Super League slowly approaches its final hour, ZESCO United have in the recent past found the oomph that carried them to a 9th league title last season.

ZESCO United have in the last six matches won four games, drew one and lost one. A 2-0 loss to Kansanshi Dynamos in the MTN week 23 match destabilized the teams title ambitions following their back-to-back games without a loss.

Undeterred from the Kansanshi Dynamos

loss, ZESCO United came back floating like butterfly when they faced Nkana the MTN Super League week 23 fixture played at the Levy Mwanawasa stadium.

A highly hyped and hotly contested fixture saw ZESCO United dispatch the Wusakile Boys with a 2-1 victory which gave the champions high hopes of winning a 10th league title.

ZESCO United will be hoping to mount consecutive victories and hope to dislodge Arrows from the summit of the league table.



FIXTURES MARCH / APRIL

1. Green Eagles	vs	ZUFC (Week 27)
2. Zufc	vs	Prison Leopards (Week 28)
3. Forest Rangers	vs	ZUFC (Week 29)
4. ZUFC	Vs	Buildcon (Week 30)
5. Power Dynamos	vs	ZUFC (Week 31)

