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## **BUILDING MOMENTUM: A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO**

*As we close the first quarter of 2026, we are proud of our progress as a unified Zanaco family. This period has shown what is possible when purpose, talent, and teamwork align, both on and off the pitch.*

*The Board's approval of the 2026–2030 Strategic Plan marks a key milestone. Built on five pillars, Football Excellence, Professionalization, Financial Sustainability, Brand and Digital Growth, and Infrastructure, this plan guides our vision to inspire excellence and uplift our community.*

*Our senior team's ABSA Cup qualification highlights a strong quarter, with all four Zanaco FC teams currently ranked in the top four, reflecting our investment in talent and player development.*

*As we enter the business end of the season, our focus is to convert this momentum into lasting impact while strengthening community engagement through football.*

*We thank Zanaco Bank, the Board, and our loyal fans, whose support remains the foundation of our success.*



**Owen Chansa Chipimpinde**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Zanaco Football Club**

*Let us build on this momentum and move forward together with purpose and excellence.*

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# EDITORIAL COMMENT

## Momentum, Milestones, and the Road Ahead



Welcome to the first edition of the 2026 Zanaco FC Newsletter. As we close the first quarter, the club stands at a crossroads of tradition and transformation, united under the theme **“Progress through Purpose.”** This publication connects the pitch and the terrace, keeping our stakeholders and loyal “12th man” aligned with our journey to restore glory to the Bankers.



**Beene M Nkulukusa**

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The Senior Men’s Team set the tone with qualification for the ABSA Cup, while the Round of 16 clash against Kafue Celtic tested our competitive depth and reaffirmed our place among elite competition. Beyond the senior squad, the Sensational DNA extends across the club, as the Ladies Team continue to exemplify consistency and excellence, while the rise of Young Zanaco and the Academy proves our investment in youth is shaping the club’s future.

Our ambition for 2026 is clear: to become the gold standard of football performance and management in Zambia. With steady progress across all levels, we thank our sponsors, partners, and fans for their unwavering support as we build this legacy together. See you at Sunset Stadium.



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# NUMBA OPTIMISTIC AS TEAM PUSHES TOWARD SEASON OBJECTIVE

Zanaco FC head coach, Mumamba Numba has expressed confidence in his side's progress this season, noting clear improvements in performance and a strong recovery following a challenging period.

Speaking on the team's campaign so far, Numba said the squad has shown noticeable growth compared to last season, particularly in consistency and overall output. Although the team went through a difficult patch, he praised the players for their resilience and response.

*"So far, everything has been going well. We have made significant strides in improving our performance. We did go through a bad patch at some point, but we have recovered, and we are moving forward towards our objective."* Numba said.

He added that the team is currently in a better position than earlier in the season and remains on course to achieve its goals.

According to the coach, sustained hard work and focus will be key as the season progresses.



Looking ahead, Numba stressed the importance of finishing the campaign strongly, noting that the objectives set at the start of the season, including qualifying for the Absa Cup after five years should continue to motivate both the technical bench and the players.

*"We aim to finish on a high note. We have targets that we want to meet, and that should push us. It is up to us and the players to do what is required so that we meet our objectives and are happy at the end of the season."* Numba said.

With renewed confidence and momentum, the team will be aiming to maintain its upward trajectory and close the season on a positive note.

# QUARTER IN NUMBERS

**ZANACO 0-2 NAPSA STARS**

**NCHANGA RANGERS 0-0 ZANACO**

**ZANACO 0-1 MUZA**

**KANSANSHI DYNAMOS 1-0 ZANACO**

**ZANACO 3-0 PRISON LEOPARDS**

**ZANACO 2-1 ZESCO UNITED**

**NKWAZI 0-1 ZANACO**

**ZANACO 2-0 NKANA**

**GREEN BUFFALOES 1-1 ZANACO**

**KONKOLA BLADES 1-1 NKANA**

**MUTONDO STARS 0-2 ZANACO**

## MTN SUPER LEAGUE

2025/26 Season Week 26 Standings



Pos.	Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Power Dynamos	23	15	6	2	35	14	21	51	● ● ● ● ●
2	Red Arrows	26	13	9	4	34	17	17	48	● ● ● ● ●
3	Nchanga Rangers	25	12	7	6	25	16	9	43	● ● ● ● ●
4	Zanaco	25	12	6	7	25	16	9	42	● ● ● ● ●
5	Mufulira Wanderers	26	12	6	8	19	16	3	42	● ● ● ● ●
6	Kabwe Warriors	25	11	7	7	23	15	8	40	● ● ● ● ●
7	FC MUZA	26	10	7	9	27	23	4	37	● ● ● ● ●
8	Green Eagles	25	9	10	6	21	18	3	37	● ● ● ● ●
9	Konkola Blades	25	8	11	6	22	20	2	35	● ● ● ● ●
10	Green Buffaloes	26	7	12	7	24	28	-4	33	● ● ● ● ●
11	Nkana FC	26	7	10	9	16	22	-6	31	● ● ● ● ●
12	Kansanshi Dynamos	25	5	11	9	18	21	-3	26	● ● ● ● ●
13	Mutondo Stars	26	5	11	10	15	26	-11	26	● ● ● ● ●
14	Zesco United	22	7	4	11	24	23	1	25	● ● ● ● ●
15	Napsa Stars	25	5	9	11	16	25	-9	24	● ● ● ● ●
16	Nkwazi FC	25	3	12	10	14	23	-9	21	● ● ● ● ●
17	FC Leopards	25	3	11	11	17	31	-14	20	● ● ● ● ●
18	Mines United	24	2	9	13	14	35	-21	15	● ● ● ● ●

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# MWILA HAILS TEAM SPIRIT

## AS ZANACO LADIES PUSH FOR TOP-THREE FINISH

Coach Florence Mwila has praised her side's unity, resilience, and youthful ambition after what she described as a "very good season" so far, with the team Zanaco Ladies sitting in the league's top four.

Reflecting on the campaign, Mwila highlighted a dramatic turnaround from last season, when the club finished ninth after a difficult run. This year, however, the team enjoyed a remarkable first round, going 12 matches unbeaten and laying a strong foundation for a top-three push.

*"The team spirit has been very good; there's cohesion, oneness, love, and unity. Football is a team sport; if you're not together, you won't achieve much. The girls have really pushed."* Mwila said.

While the second round began shakily in January, Mwila pointed to key reinforcements as a turning point.



Individual performances have also stood out. Mwila singled out Lubasi Pumulo for rediscovering her best form and returning to star status. At the same time, Regina has enjoyed a standout season as one of the league's top scorers with over 15 goals scored.

Regina's form earned her a senior national team call-up at the recent COSAFA Cup women's tournament, where she started in the match against Namibia and scored, further raising the club's profile.



## ZANACO LADIES



### ZPL WOMEN SUPER LEAGUE

2025/26 Season Week 29 Standings

P	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Green Buffaloes Women	28	23	2	3	77	16	61	71
2	Zesco Ndola Girls	28	22	4	2	85	13	72	70
3	Indeni Roses	29	20	5	4	57	20	37	65
4	Zanaco Ladies	29	18	6	5	61	19	42	60
5	Red Arrows Women	29	16	9	4	49	26	23	57
6	Green Eagles Women	29	16	5	8	37	27	10	53
7	Nchanga Rangers Queens	29	14	6	9	54	29	25	48
8	Konkola Blades Queens	29	14	6	9	41	31	10	48
9	Trident Queens	29	10	7	12	38	33	5	37
10	The Elite Ladies	29	10	5	14	29	49	-20	35
11	Kamfinza Blue Eagles Queens	29	7	9	13	24	37	-13	30
12	YASA Queens	29	6	9	14	26	48	-22	27
13	Luyando Foundation Girls	29	6	7	16	19	42	-23	25
14	National Assembly Women	29	5	8	16	19	41	-22	23
15	Nkwazi Queens	29	4	9	16	16	51	-35	21
16	Amazing Grace FC	29	5	5	19	27	61	-34	20
17	ZISD FC	29	4	7	18	20	71	-51	19
18	Chipata Girls	29	2	7	20	18	83	-65	13

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*"We are proud she has put Zanaco Ladies on the map,"* Mwila said.

The coach also revealed that between January and now, seven players have represented the national teams. three at senior level and four with the Under-20s, an achievement she believes reflects the club's progress and development model.

Mwila emphasized that the squad is deliberately youthful, part of a long-term vision to build a team that grows together and fully embraces the club's philosophy.

Despite expressing disappointment over dropped points against Zesco Ndola Girls and Indeni Roses,

Mwila remains confident her side can compete with the league's heavyweights. She also pointed to the season's biggest win, a 9-0 commanding victory over Chipata Girls, as a major morale booster that reignited the players' hunger for goals. With five matches remaining and a narrow points gap between first and fourth place, Mwila is optimistic.

*"All in all, the season has been good. We are still pushing and are very hopeful we can even get into the top three. With the remaining games, we are aiming for maximum points."* Mwila Concluded.

# ZANACO FC NATIONAL TEAMS CALL UPS



During the international break, Zanaco FC continued to add value to the national teams, with six players and two coaches called up by their respective countries. In March, the Zambia national football team played a high-profile international friendly against Argentina, the world champions.

Zanaco defenders Tinkler Sinkala, Fredrick Mwimanzi, and midfielder Wilson Chisala were named in the starting line-up as Zambia suffered a 5–0 defeat. Zanaco assistant coach Noel Mwandila also served as an assistant coach during the assignment.

During the same international window, Zambia took part in the Four Nations Tournament in Botswana alongside Malawi and Zimbabwe. Zanaco midfielders Ian Sindaye and Dominic Kanda, as well as striker Eliya Mandanji, featured for Zambia, while Robert Saizi represented Malawi. Zanaco head coach Mumamba Numba was part of the Zambia technical bench as an assistant coach. Reflecting on the international assignments, the players and coaches shared their experiences and emotions following the tournaments.



Zanaco FC defender, Tinkler Sinkala fights for the with Lionel Messi of Argentina last march

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***It was a very big experience playing against Argentina. Knowing that, they are the World Champions. And rubbing shoulders with Lionel Messi, it was like a dream come true.***

**Tinkler Sinkala**

”

**“ Playing Argentina is one of the best feelings ever and a dream come true. It is every player’s wish to play the World champions. I look forward to more.**

**Wilson Chisala**

”



Zanaco FC midfielder, Wilson Chisala tries to win the ball against Mac Allister of Argentina

***Featuring against Argentina was a moment that I will treasure in life. It was a good opportunity also for me and the team to get that level of exposure***

**Fredrick Mwimanzi**

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***It was a privilege and a moment that I think only comes once in a lifetime. It was a moment every coach would want in their career. playing against the World Champions. It was a good learning point, and we took it with both hands.***

”

**Coach Noel Mwandila**



*Zanaco FC assistant coach in Argentina with the National team for a friendly match*



“

***I felt good to be part of the four nations . It was good to play all the games. I played for the badge.***

”

**Eiya Mandanji**



*Eliya Mandanji (Right) fights for the ball with a player from Malawi*



Ian Sindaye

“  
**Coming from Kalingalinga, it was always a dream to play for the national team.**”  
**Ian Sindaye**

“  
**It is an honor to always play for the national team of Malawi.**”

**Robert Saizi**



“  
**As a boy coming from Chifubu, it will always be a proud moment to feature for the national team.**”  
**Dominic Kanda Jr**

“  
**It was another good experience looking at the team that we went with to Botswana. it will help us mold the young players who have a chance to be the future of Zambia.**”

**Coach Numba Mumamba**





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# ZANACO FC STRENGTHENS SQUAD WITH KEY SIGNINGS

Zanaco Football Club reinforced its squad during the mid-season transfer window with the addition of three key players, underlining the club's ambition to compete strongly in the second half of the season.

In January, the Bankers secured the signatures of defensive midfielder Collins Makungu from Mufulira Wanderers and Congolese forward Ange Sama Luzeka from Nchanga Rangers. The duo brought balance to the squad, with Makungu adding leadership, composure, and stability in midfield, while Luzeka introduced pace, movement, and a clinical edge in attack.

Makungu, a former captain at Mufulira Wanderers, is widely regarded for his tactical discipline and ability to control the tempo of

the game, offering vital protection to the backline. Luzeka, on the other hand, has quickly established himself as an exciting attacking option, with his intelligent movement and finishing ability providing a new dimension in the final third.

The club further boosted its attacking options in February with the signing of Nigerian striker Williams Abor Obande on a two-year deal. Arriving with experience from both the United Arab Emirates and Nigerian side Rivers United, Obande adds proven goal-scoring ability and strength to Zanaco's frontline.

Zanaco FC Technical Director, Linos Chalwe said that the signings reflect Zanaco FC's clear intent to build a competitive and well-balanced squad capable of delivering strong performances and challenging for honors as the season progresses.



*Ange Luzeka (left) and Collins Makungu (right) with club CEO, Owen Chimpinde after signing their new contracts*



*Striker Williams Obande (left) with Technical Director, Linos Chalwe (right)*



*Zanaco FC striker, Araina Lambert (Left) holds his renewed contract with club CEO, Owen Chansa Chimpinde*

Zanaco Football Club striker, Araina Lambert signed a two-year contract extension, committing his future to the club as it continues to strengthen its squad for upcoming competitions.

The extension reflects the club's confidence in the Cameroonian's abilities and his importance to the team's attacking force.

Since joining the Bankers, the forward has shown consistency, determination, and a strong work ethic, qualities that have earned him the trust of the technical bench and management. Lambert has registered 13 goals since joining the bankers two seasons ago.

Speaking on the development, the club's Chief Executive Officer, Owen Chimpinde expressed confidence in Lambert's continued growth and contribution to the team.

He encouraged the striker to maintain his focus and discipline, emphasizing that his hard work plays a crucial role in the club's broader ambitions.

*He has shown great commitment, and we expect him to continue working hard. His contribution is key to our ambitions, especially as we aim to compete strongly in CAF competitions." The CEO said.*

Zanaco Football Club remains focused on building a competitive squad capable of performing at both domestic and continental level, with the CAF stage firmly in sight.

With this extension, Lambert is expected to play an even bigger role as the Bankers push to reclaim domestic dominance and secure qualification for continental football.

# ELIYA MANDANJI

## THE 18-YEAR-OLD WONDER BOY GOAL POACHER



Eliya Mandanji has emerged as one of the standout performers in the domestic league this season, having scored **10 goals** as of week 26, making him Zanaco's top scorer.

The impressive tally underlines a remarkable rise for a player whose journey to top-flight football has been shaped by perseverance, faith, and talent forged in one of Lusaka's most challenging communities.

Born into a family of six as the fourth child, Mandanji grew up in Kanyama, a densely populated township where opportunities are scarce, and distractions are many.

He began his football journey at the age of 10, starting with Kanyama Youngsters before progressing to Kanyama Lions.

His development continued with a move to Kafue Celtic, and today he features for Zanaco Football Club on loan from Kafue Celtic.



Mandanji started his career as a central defender, known for his solidity at the back. However, his ability to push forward and score goals caught the attention of coach Elijah Majola, who encouraged him to transition into a more attacking role. That shift would prove pivotal, unlocking a new dimension in his game and accelerating his progress.

*“Kanyama is a tight compound, with so many things happening, but we chose football,” Mandanji said.*

Mandanji says. That choice kept him focused amid the pressures of his environment and helped him rise through the ranks through discipline and faith.

Watching local tournaments in Kanyama, he saw players such as Kings Kangwa and Charles Zulu excel.

Meeting Kangwa during one of those tournaments left a lasting impression and strengthened his belief that success was possible.

Representing Zambia at the Africa Cup of Nations was a defining milestone in his career.

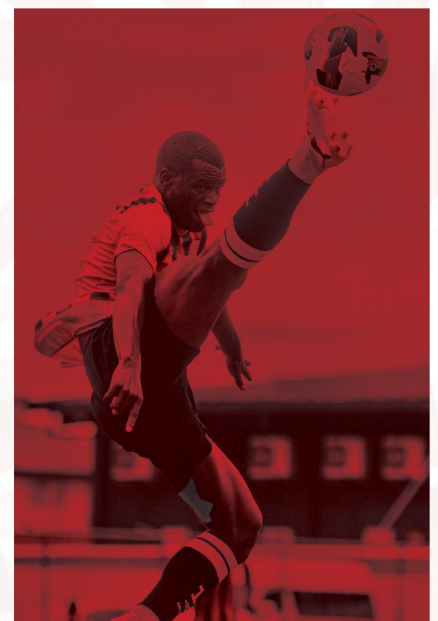
Mandanji featured for 45 minutes in the tournament, an experience he describes as both challenging and deeply fulfilling.

*“It was not easy for a young player to go into such a big tournament, but I feel proud to represent my country,” he said.*

Looking ahead, Mandanji has clear ambitions. With 10 goals already to his name, he has set himself a target of finishing the campaign with more than 15 goals as he continues to push himself and help the team achieve its objectives.

Away from football, Mandanji leads a grounded life. He spends his free time going to church,

From the narrow streets of Kanyama to the national flag on his chest, Eliya Mandanji’s story is one of steady progress, shaped by hard choices, strong influences, and an unwavering belief in where football could take him.





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# REGINA CHANDA

## A RISING FORCE LEADING ZANACO LADIES' ATTACK

Zanaco Ladies striker Regina Chanda continues to establish herself as one of the most exciting attacking talents in Zambian women's football, combining natural goal-scoring ability with resilience and steady growth at both club and international levels.

Chanda has this season scored 16 goals, making her one of the top four top scorers in the Zambian Women's League

Regina's football journey began at Munali Ground, where her passion for the game was first nurtured. From those humble beginnings, she has steadily risen through the ranks to become a key figure for Zanaco Ladies.

*"I started playing football at Munali Ground. That is where everything began for me."* Chanda said.



She completed her secondary education at Munali Secondary School, balancing academics with her growing commitment to football. Her journey has not been without personal challenges, which have shaped her strength and determination.





*"We are four in the family, but I lost my sister in 2024. It has not been easy, but it has made me stronger."* Chanda said.

Football runs in the family, with her elder brother also playing the sport, further fueling her passion and competitive spirit.

Regina joined Zanaco Ladies in 2020 from BUSA Queens, a move that marked a turning point in her career. Since then, she has developed into a reliable and clinical forward, consistently delivering when it matters most.

*"I joined Zanaco in 2020*

*from BUSA Queens, and since then I have been working hard to improve my game."*

Her performances have not gone unnoticed on the international stage. Regina has represented Zambia more than five times, beginning with the U20 national team in 2019 before earning a call-up to the senior team in 2023.

*"I have been to the national team more than five times. I started with the Under-20 in 2019 and was introduced to the senior team in 2023."*

Since her introduction to the senior setup, she has been part of the COSAFA Women's Championship squad, contributing to Zambia's success, winning bronze in 2023, gold in 2024, and bronze again in 2025.

She was also included in the provisional squad for the FIFA Women's World Cup, further underlining her growing reputation. More recently, she fea-

growing reputation. More recently, she featured in international friendly matches against South Africa and was part of the Zambian squad that won the Three Nations Tournament in Malawi in December last year.

At club level, Regina is enjoying an outstanding season. She has netted 16 goals and provided 10 assists in 25 matches in the FAZ Women's Super League, demonstrating both her finishing ability and creativity in attack.

*"This season I have 16 goals, and I just want to keep pushing and helping the team as much as I can."*

Inspired by Chipolopolo star Klings Kangwa, Regina continues to push herself to reach greater heights.

*"My idol and inspiration is Klings Kangwa. I look up to him and the way he plays."*



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# FROM NDOLA'S CHIFUBU TO LIVING THE DREAM

## THE RISE OF DOMINIC KANDA JR



From the dusty pitches of Chifubu in Ndola to Zambia's top-flight football, Dominic Kanda Jr is steadily carving out a name for himself with determination, talent, and resilience.

Born and raised in Ndola's Chifubu area, Kanda grew up in a family of five as the only boy and the only footballer. His journey began at RM Soccer Academy, where his potential quickly stood out.

That promise earned him a call-up to the Zambia U-17 National Team, where he featured at the COSAFA U-17 Championship in 2019. His performances opened doors soon after, leading to a two-season stint with Shamuel Academy, followed by a half-season loan spell at Atletico Lusaka.

Kanda's upward trajectory continued when he signed for Zanaco, where he is currently enjoying what he describes as

Dominic Kanda Jr is thriving at the top level of Zambian football and continues to grow both locally and internationally. He captained the Zambia U-20 team to COSAFA U-20 success and AFCON qualification, later earning a senior national team appearance in a friendly against Russia.

Inspired and mentored by former AFCON winner Evans Kangwa, and influenced by Zanaco legends Roderick Kabwe and Moonga Chilimba, Kanda has enjoyed an impressive season with six assists in the first round. With strong leadership and ambition, his rise from Chifubu to elite football signals a promising future.



## ZIYO PRAISES GROWTH OF ZANACO ACADEMY U-19 AS TEAM REACHES KK CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINALS

Ziyo Tembo, former Zanaco defender now overseeing the development of the Zanaco Academy U-19, has praised the steady progress of his players, citing discipline, teamwork, and consistency as the foundation of the team's improvement.

Speaking after a strong run of results, Tembo described the early stages of the season as a challenging period, likening it to a "walking trial." He noted that progress was not immediately visible, but patience and commitment to

daily routines have helped the team grow tactically, mentally, and collectively.

"We work on habits that bring results. Every day, we ask ourselves what we do that produces results, and we do it consistently. Now, those habits are giving us results." Tembo said.

Discipline remains central to the academy's philosophy. Tembo emphasized that clear laws and regulations govern the team and that every player is expected to follow them. He added that the academy environment is designed

to feel like a second home, with the technical staff acting as mentors who guide players mentally, physically, and psychologically.



*Zanaco Academy coach, Ziyo Tembo*

On the competitive front, Zanaco Academy U-19 has enjoyed an impressive run in the KK Challenge Cup. The team has won all three of its preliminary matches and has now advanced to the semi-finals, where they will face Kalingalinga Future Stars on April 28.

Tembo also paid tribute to the club's sponsors and supporters, describing the academy as an important platform for young players, particularly those taken off the streets and given a structured path toward a football career.

"This is a good platform for these boys. When they come here, they learn discipline, responsibility, and how to build their future." Tembo noted

Looking ahead, Tembo described the academy as the foundation of Zanaco's long-term vision, stressing the importance of developing players from a young age, as in elite football systems in Europe.

"This is the base of the team," he added. "If we groom them well and help them understand what they want from football, then the future of the club will be strong."

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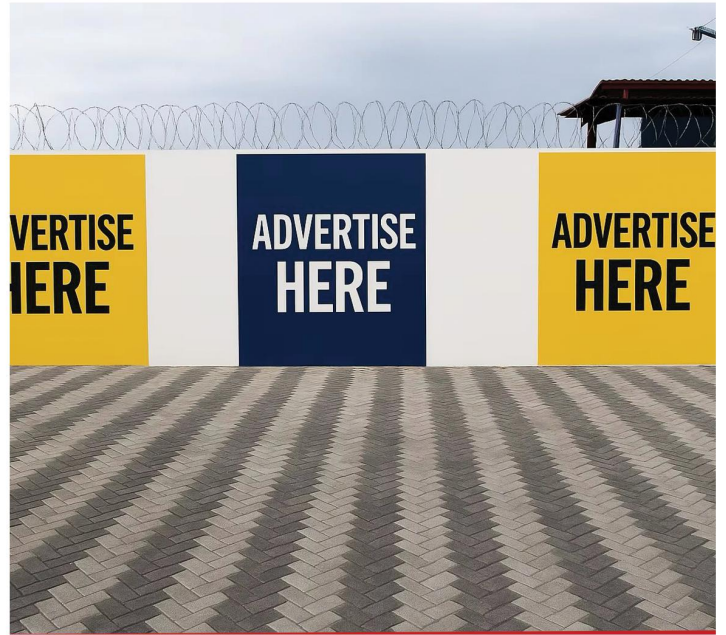
Matchweek 31

	PI	W	D	L	GF - GA	GD	Pts
1. ZANACO FC ACADEMY U19	31	26	3	2	117 - 17	+100	81
2. K-NEW FUTURE STARS	31	22	4	5	71 - 37	+34	70
3. YOUNG BUSA	30	20	4	6	68 - 27	+41	64
4. ICON	30	20	3	7	75 - 30	+45	63
5. YOUNG METRO	31	15	4	12	49 - 34	+15	49
6. ESSCAS ACADEMY	30	15	4	11	64 - 52	+12	49
7. GARDEN ELITE	30	14	5	11	72 - 56	+16	47
8. KK RISING STARS	30	12	10	8	50 - 36	+14	46
9. Y. LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL	30	13	7	10	33 - 25	+8	46
10. AGUILA STARS YOUTH	31	12	6	13	50 - 50	0	42
11. YOU AND US	31	11	7	13	56 - 55	+1	40
12. CR ACADEMY	30	10	8	12	36 - 38	-2	38
13. LUSAKA EAGLES FC	30	10	6	14	38 - 68	-30	36
14. TIGER HEAD	30	9	5	16	41 - 66	-25	32
15. NEW GENERATION	29	9	5	15	31 - 64	-33	32
16. KAWALA S. A	28	7	7	14	35 - 52	-17	28
17. CHOVU CHOVU UNITED	30	8	4	18	24 - 80	-56	28
18. CENTRAL CITY	31	6	5	20	34 - 67	-33	23
19. WOODLANDS UNITED	29	5	4	20	33 - 74	-41	19
20. FORTUNA FC	30	3	7	20	22 - 71	-49	16

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# FROM GOALPOSTS TO GLORY

## SARAH CHUNGU GRABS TWO AWARDS



During the month of celebrating women, Zanaco FC Ladies goalkeeper coach Sarah Chungu achieved a major milestone after winning both the Best Sportswoman of the Year Award and the Best Sports and Physical Health Award at the Glow Women Awards. She received the Sports and Physical Health Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to sport and wellness.

This honor followed shortly after she was also recognized under the Zee Woman in Sport Initiative, an initiative by Zanaco Bank Plc, further highlighting her impact both on and off the pitch.

Chungu, who is also a Warrant Officer in the Zambia Army and a

Professional Civic Education and Religious Education teacher at Arakan Girls Secondary School, was born in 1990 in Chawama, Lusaka.

She comes from a family of seven girls *"I was inspired by my late mother, Philis Chungu, who was a football coach, and my sister Tamara Chungu, a former player for National Assembly FC. I started playing football at a young age in Grade Five, initially as an infield player."* She said.

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Her impressive performance between the goalposts marked the beginning of her goalkeeping career. In 2006, Chungu began her professional football journey with Edusport FC, later moving to Centro Action FC, before joining Green Buffaloes FC.

She rose to national prominence by representing Zambia at the Under-17, Under-20, and Senior Women's National Teams, and in 2014 helped make history as part of the first Zambia Women's team to qualify for the Women Africa Cup of Nations in Namibia.

*"My journey into goalkeeping began unexpectedly during a school Christmas tournament in Livingstone. Our goalkeeper was injured, and I stepped in, delivering a performance that would shape my future career." She said.*



However, her football journey did not end there. Determined to remain in the game, Chungu pursued a FIFA Goalkeeping Coaching License, worked part-time as a goalkeeper coach at Green Buffaloes FC, and later secured a CAF C Diploma, along with specialized goalkeeping training.

In 2022, she joined Zanaco FC Ladies as goalkeeper coach. As a coach, Chungu has continued to excel. In 2023, she was part of the technical team at an Under-20 tournament in South Africa, where her goalkeeper won Best Goalkeeper of the T o u r n a m e n t .

The success continued in 2024 at the COSAFA Tournament in Namibia, where another goalkeeper under her guidance earned the same award. Later in 2023, she was appointed Head Coach of the Under-17 National Schools Team for the COSAFA Tournament in Zimbabwe.

She led the team to tournament victory and guided her players to four individual awards, including Best Coach of the Tournament, making it one of the most successful campaigns in the competition's history.

Her passion remains in nurturing young goalkeepers, helping them reach their full potential, and inspiring the next generation of athletes both on and off the pitch.



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# A DEFENDER IN THE GOLDEN BOOT RACE

## GIFT 'SATE SATE' KAPAMBWE



Gift Kapambwe, a right-back, has scored 11 goals in the current season, making him the joint top scorer alongside Mathews Mwale of Airport Warriors in the FAZ Lusaka Province League as of Match Week 30.

Born in Lusaka's Chipata Compound and raised in Kanyama, Kapambwe has enjoyed an impressive season despite playing in a defensive position.

He began his football journey at Kanyama Young Stars, later moved to Kanyama Lions, and eventually joined Young Zanaco. Kapambwe draws inspiration from 2012 AFCON champion Nathan Sinkala, who also hails from the same compound.

Kapambwe credited the technical bench for his success this season, stating that

their guidance has helped shape his game and unlock his full potential.

Nicknamed "Sate Sate," Kapambwe earned the moniker during his time at Kanyama Young Stars after scoring a hat-trick within the first 30 minutes of a match, a feat reminiscent of the attacking style associated with Nkana Football Club.

Looking ahead, Kapambwe says his ambition is to play for the Zanaco senior team. As a child growing up in Kanyama, he often served as a ball boy, travelling to Sunset Stadium and dreaming of one day wearing the Zanaco jersey.

Off the pitch, Kapambwe completed his secondary education at Lusaka Boys Secondary School in 2019 and enjoys reading books in his free time.

He encouraged young footballers to balance education and sport, emphasizing that both can be pursued successfully.



### Football Association of Zambia - Lusaka

League Standings

#### FAZ Division One Lusaka - 2025/2026 (Week 29)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Form (Last 6)
1	Nampundwe	29	18	8	3	39	16	23	62	W D D D D W
2	Young Zanaco	29	16	11	2	40	13	27	59	W D W L D W
3	Paramilitary	29	11	13	5	25	16	9	46	D D D D D L
4	Lusaka Tigers	29	11	10	8	21	20	1	43	D W D D W W
5	Young Green Buffaloes	29	10	11	8	41	28	13	41	W W D W D D
6	Kafue Eagles	27	10	11	6	19	13	6	41	W L L D L W
7	Young Makeni All Stars	29	10	10	9	32	28	4	40	D D W W D D
8	ZAMMSA	28	10	10	8	30	27	3	40	L W D D W L
9	National Assembly	29	9	12	8	21	21	0	39	L D L D D W
10	Riflemen	29	8	12	9	22	23	-1	36	D D D D W L
11	Police College	29	8	11	10	20	22	-2	35	D D L L D L
12	Airport Warriors	29	8	10	11	21	26	-5	34	D D W D W L
13	Chawama United	27	9	7	11	19	24	-5	34	W W W D W L
14	Young Napsa	29	5	18	6	18	18	0	33	W L D W D D
15	Misisi Youth Academy	27	8	9	10	23	26	-3	33	L D L D L W
16	Kuku Dynamos	28	7	10	11	21	29	-8	31	L D D W D L
17	Morning Stars	29	6	9	14	24	36	-12	27	L L W D D W
18	Young Crocs	29	7	6	16	31	45	-14	27	L D L L L D
19	Kanlions	27	5	10	12	20	33	-13	25	D L D D L L
20	Lusaka Saint Germain	27	5	8	14	28	51	-23	23	W D W D L L

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