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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Building Foundations: Zanaco FC's Path Back to the Top

“Welcome to the second edition of the Zanaco Football Club 2026 quarterly newsletter. In this edition, we celebrate our shared journey, reflect on a season defined by resilience and growth, and look ahead with renewed confidence to an even brighter future.

Under Head Coach Mumamba Numba, Zanaco FC showed clear signs of stability this season, moving away from previous relegation battles to secure a seventh-place finish despite tight margins and goal-conversion challenges. Beyond the senior men's team, the club continued to make progress: Zanaco Ladies earned an impressive fourth-place finish, while club legend Ziygo Tembo led the newly formed U-19 team to a historic league and cup double. Backed by Zanaco Bank Plc, highlighted by the delivery of a new team bus and continued investment in youth development, the Bankers have built a strong foundation for the upcoming transitional league. ”



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2025/26 SEASON REVIEW

As we reflect on the 2025/26 season, we take this opportunity to measure our progress, acknowledge our challenges, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to the future. This campaign was one of growth, valuable lessons, and a clearer understanding of the standards we must continue to pursue.

Throughout the season, we experienced moments of success and setbacks, but every challenge provided important lessons that will guide our next chapter. Our focus remains on building a stronger, more competitive club capable of consistently competing for excellence at every level.

SENIOR TEAMS: ASSESSING OUR PROGRESS

Our Senior Men's Team entered the season with the ambition of securing a top-four finish. Although we concluded the campaign in seventh position, missing the target by just one point, the outcome reflects the competitiveness of the league and the fine margins that define success.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: BUILDING THE FUTURE

Youth development remains central to the long-term vision of our club, and this season once again demonstrated the strength of our structures. Our U21 Team secured an impressive second-place finish, while our U-19 Team enjoyed a historic inaugural season, winning both the Championship and the KK Cup.

These achievements highlight the quality of our young players and the dedication of our technical teams. We remain committed to strengthening our youth pathway and creating opportunities for talented players to progress into our senior teams.

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Our progress has been made possible through the collective efforts of everyone connected to the club. We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsor, Zanaco Plc, for its continued belief in and support of our vision.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move forward, we do so with renewed focus, determination and belief.

The 2025/26 season has given us valuable lessons and strengthened our understanding of the journey ahead.

We celebrate our achievements, learn from our challenges, and continue working toward the standards we aspire to reach. With the commitment of our players, staff, partners and supporters, we believe the best days of our club are still ahead. Together, we will continue to grow, compete and build a future defined by excellence.



Standing (L-R) Fredrick Mwimanzi, Dominic Kanda, Wilson Chisala, Brian Kabika & Araina Lambert
Squatting (L-R) Robert Saizi, Mathews Nyirongo, Lameck Siame, Richard Ngoma & Mwenya Mwape



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ZANACO FOOTBALL CLUB RECEIVES NEW TEAM BUS FROM ZANACO BANK PLC



In April this year, Zanaco Bank Plc officially handed over a new team bus to Zanaco Football Club at Sunset Stadium in Lusaka, reinforcing the bank's long-standing sponsorship and commitment to the growth of local football.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Zanaco Bank Plc Chief Executive Officer Mukwandi Chibesakunda said the acquisition of the bus went beyond the provision of an asset, describing it as a strategic investment in operational efficiency, player welfare and professionalism

"This bus is both a practical tool and a symbol of our confidence in the team's continued upward trajectory. It reflects our enduring partnership with Zanaco Football Club and our commitment to excellence in Zambian football," Mrs. Chibesakunda said.

Mrs. Chibesakunda also highlighted football's growing role as an economic driver across Africa, citing increased revenues, employment creation and community development linked to the sport, particularly through major competitions and domestic leagues.



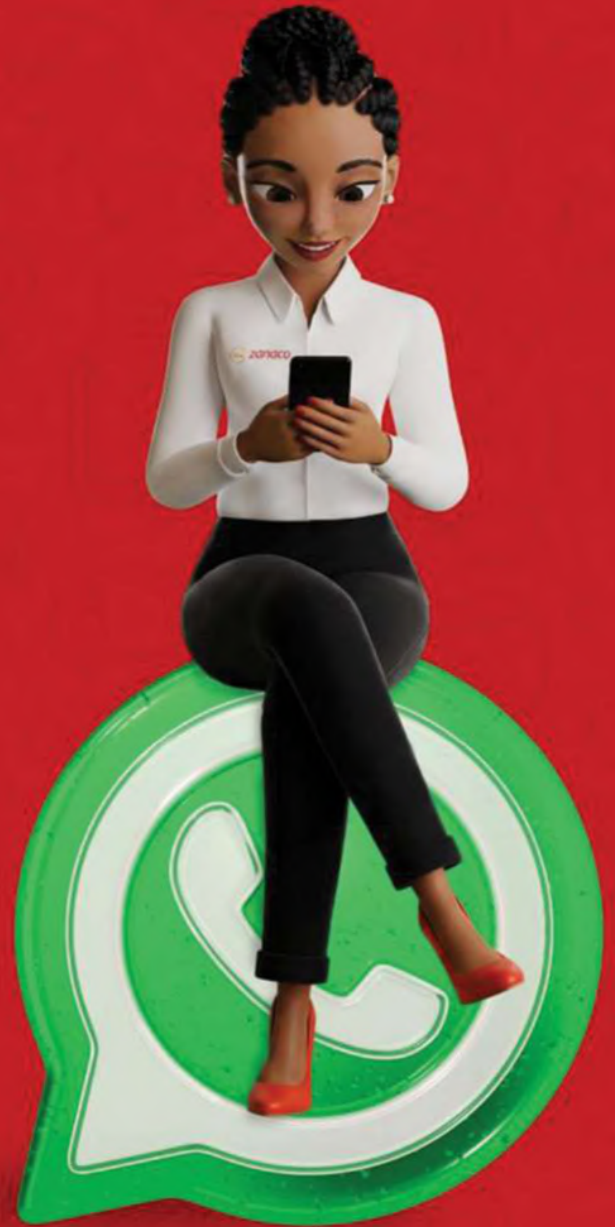
ZANACO FC players with (L-R) Bank Executive Head Client Solutions, Chanda Chime Katongo, Club Board Chairman, David Musunga, Bank CEO, Mukwandi Chibesakunda, Club CEO, Owen Chansa Chimpinde



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THE MALAWIAN SETTLING IN WELL

UP-CLOSE WITH IDANA CHIMWEMWE

For Idana Chimwemwe, football has always been more than just a game. From childhood, the Malawian midfielder carried a strong desire to become a footballer, a dream that has shaped a journey marked by determination, success and unforgettable moments.

His progression eventually saw him enter professional football in 2016 when he joined Zomba United, marking the beginning of a career that would take him to some of Malawi's biggest football stages.

In 2019, Chimwemwe made a significant move to Nyasa Big Bullets, one of Malawi's most successful clubs. During his three seasons with the club, the midfielder enjoyed a remarkable spell, winning three consecutive league titles. His performances also saw him compete on the continental stage,

featuring in the CAF Champions League and CECAFA competitions. Beyond his performances on the pitch, Chimwemwe was entrusted with leadership responsibilities as he captained the side.

After his successful stint with Nyasa Big Bullets, Chimwemwe moved to Silver Strikers in 2022, where he continued his winning tradition by helping the club secure the league title in 2024.

"My desire is to win something before moving to any club. I will be satisfied after that," said Chimwemwe



IDANA CHIMWEMWE
ZANACO MIDFIELDER

The Malawian midfielder believes success with Zanaco is possible and is determined to help the club compete for silverware.

Since arriving in Zambia, Chimwemwe says he has settled well and found the transition easier because of the similarities between Malawi and Zambia.

He highlights the shared culture, food, weather, language and currency as some of the factors that have helped him adapt quickly.

“Despite Malawi and Zambia being different countries, we have a lot of similarities. The food and culture are almost the same, and this has made it easy for me to settle,” he explained.

However, Chimwemwe noted that one of the major differences he has experienced is the style of football. According to the midfielder, football in Zambia is played at a different intensity, with a style that is more physical and fast-paced.

“The football here is different. The intensity is high, and the game is more physical and fast-paced,” he said.

He also praised the improved football facilities in Zambia, saying they have contributed positively to his experience since joining Zanaco.

With a wealth of experience from domestic football in Malawi, continental competitions and international football, Idana Chimwemwe brings leadership, quality and a winning mentality to Zanaco FC.

As he continues his journey in Zambia, his focus remains clear: to help the club achieve success and leave a lasting mark before his next move.

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COACH NUMBA REFLECTS ON THE 2025/2026 SEASON



NUMBA MUMAMBA
ZANACO HEAD COACH

As Zanaco FC closes Quarter 2 of the 2025/26 season, Head Coach Mumamba Numba says the Bankers have made clear progress, although more work remains if the club is to challenge at the top.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Numba said the team has made significant progress since his return, with greater consistency and a clear move away from the relegation struggles of previous years.

"Since we joined Zanaco, the team has shown steady improvement, especially in the just-ended season, where we performed much better than in the previous campaign, when we were fighting relegation. This season, we remained within the

top-six brackets from the start, which is a positive sign," Numba said.

However, maintaining that form proved difficult in the second round. The Bankers eventually finished seventh, short of the club's target.

"Along the way, in the second round of the season, we lost grip and found ourselves finishing seventh on the log, which was not our objective. Our objective was to finish in the top-four bracket, but unfortunately, we could not meet it due to certain factors," he said.

"We noticed improvement in a few players. If you look at players like Daliso, these are players who were not getting much game time before we joined Zanaco. After we came in, we

joined Zanaco. After we came in, we gave them the confidence and the platform to play, and they showed courage and signs of improvement in their game,” he said.

Looking ahead, the focus now shifts to the transitional league set to begin in September.

With only 10 teams in each group, Coach Numba says a strong start will be critical and that the club must add experience to its young core.

“We are going into the transitional league starting in September, where we will have 10 teams in each group. It is going to be quite an exciting league.

That is why, during this window, we will try to bring in a few players, especially those with good experience in the Super League.



We have quite a lot of young players in our team, so now we need to bring in experience to stabilize the team and challenge the big teams,” he said.



Zanaco players celebrating after scoring a second goal against Nkana in a match that ended 2-0 in favour of the bankers

QUARTER 2 IN NUMBERS

MUFULIRA 2-0 ZANACO

ZANACO 1-2 GREEN EAGLES

POWER DYNAMOS 2-0 ZANACO

ZANACO 2-0 MINES UNITED

ZANACO 0-0 RED ARROWS

NAPSA STARS 2-0 ZANACO

ZANACO 1-0 NCHANGA RANGERS

KABWE WARRIORS 0-0 ZANACO

ZESCO UNITED 6-1 ZANACO

Pos.	Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5
1 C	Power Dynamos	34	23	9	2	53	18	35	78	● ● ● ● ●
2	Red Arrows	34	17	12	5	44	22	22	63	● ● ● ● ●
3	FC MUZA	34	14	9	11	35	30	5	51	● ● ● ● ●
4	Kabwe Warriors	34	14	9	11	30	25	5	51	● ● ● ● ●
5	Nchanga Rangers	34	14	8	12	31	26	5	50	● ● ● ● ●
6	Green Eagles	34	13	11	10	29	25	4	50	● ● ● ● ●
7	Zanaco	34	14	8	12	30	30	0	50	● ● ● ● ●
8	Mufulira Wanderers	34	14	7	13	22	25	-3	49	● ● ● ● ●
9	Konkola Blades	34	11	15	8	32	28	4	48	● ● ● ● ●
10	Zesco United	34	13	8	13	39	30	9	47	● ● ● ● ●
11	Kansanshi Dynamos	34	10	13	11	28	26	2	43	● ● ● ● ●
12	Green Buffaloes	34	9	14	11	27	34	-7	41	● ● ● ● ●
13	Nkana FC	34	9	12	13	23	30	-7	39	● ● ● ● ●
14	Nkwazi FC	34	8	13	13	21	28	-7	37	● ● ● ● ●
15	Napsa Stars	34	8	12	14	25	33	-8	36	● ● ● ● ●
16	Mutondo Stars	34	7	14	13	23	34	-11	35	● ● ● ● ●
17 R	FC Leopards	34	7	13	14	25	37	-12	34	● ● ● ● ●
18 R	Mines United	34	3	9	22	19	55	-36	18	● ● ● ● ●

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Zambian Premier League

SCORERS CHAT

ELIYA MANDANJI - 10 GOALS

ARAINA LAMBERT - 7 GOALS

IDANA CHIMWEMWE - 2 GOALS

DOMINIC KANDA - 2 GOALS

MATHEWS NYIRONGO- 1 GOAL

WILLIAMS OBANDE- 1 GOAL

ISAAC SHAMUJOMPA- 1 GOAL

IAN SINDAYE- 1 GOAL

SAVIOUR PHIRI- 1 GOAL

FREDERICK MWIMANZI- 1 GOAL

CHANIZA ZULU- 1 GOAL

TINKLAR SINKALA- 1 GOAL

BRIAN KABIKA- 1 GOAL

DALITSO PHIRI- 1 GOAL

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ZANACO LADIES FINISH FOURTH



Zanaco Football Club Ladies wrapped up the 2025/26 Zambian Women's Super League season with a commendable fourth-place finish, capping off another competitive campaign

Over the course of the season, the Bankers accumulated 67 points from 34 matches, recording 20 wins, seven draws, and seven defeats. The team was among the league's most prolific sides, scoring 67 goals while conceding just 24.

Their consistent performances kept them in contention throughout the season, eventually securing a place among the league's top four.

Although the ultimate objective of challenging for the league title remained out of reach, finishing

fourth provides a strong platform to build on as the club prepares for the next season.

With a talented squad and valuable experience gained throughout the season, Zanaco Ladies will be aiming to return even stronger and continue competing at the highest level of women's football in Zambia. The club extends its appreciation to the players, technical bench, management, supporters, and partners whose unwavering support contributed to another memorable season.

As preparations begin for the new season, Zanaco Ladies remain committed to striving for greater success and bringing more glory to the club.

ZANACO LADIES 2025/26



ZPL WOMEN SUPER LEAGUE

2025/26 Season Week 34 Standings

P	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Zesco Ndola Girls	34	28	4	2	107	14	93	88
2	Green Buffaloes Women	34	27	2	5	88	20	68	83
3	Indeni Roses	34	23	6	5	65	25	40	75
4	Zanaco Ladies	34	20	7	7	67	24	43	67
5	Red Arrows Women	34	19	10	5	57	32	25	67
6	Green Eagles Women	34	19	6	9	45	28	17	63
7	Kankola Blades Queens	34	17	6	11	49	33	16	57
8	Nchanga Rangers Queens	34	15	7	12	58	34	24	52
9	Trident Queens	34	12	9	13	45	37	8	45
10	The Elite Ladies	34	13	6	15	37	55	-18	45
11	Kamfinsa Blue Eagles Queens	34	7	12	15	30	47	-17	33
12	National Assembly Women	34	7	11	16	22	42	-20	32
13	Luyando Foundation Girls	34	8	7	19	24	54	-30	31
14	YASA Queens	34	5	12	17	24	57	-33	27
15	ZISD FC	34	6	7	21	26	82	-56	25
16	Amazing Grace FC	34	6	6	22	31	70	-39	24
17 R	Nkwazi Queens	34	3	11	20	15	63	-48	20
18 R	Chipata Girls	34	2	9	23	21	94	-73	15

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Zambian Premier League

SCORERS CHAT

REGINA CHANDA - 18 GOALS

LUBASI PUMULO - 10 GOALS

BLESSINGS ZULU - 7 GOALS

JUSTINA ZULU - 7 GOALS

TISILILE LUNGU - 6 GOALS

RUTH NGOMA- 5 GOALS

INONGE MUYAMWA- 4 GOALS

SARA JERE - 3 GOALS

MERCY MWENYA- 2 GOALS

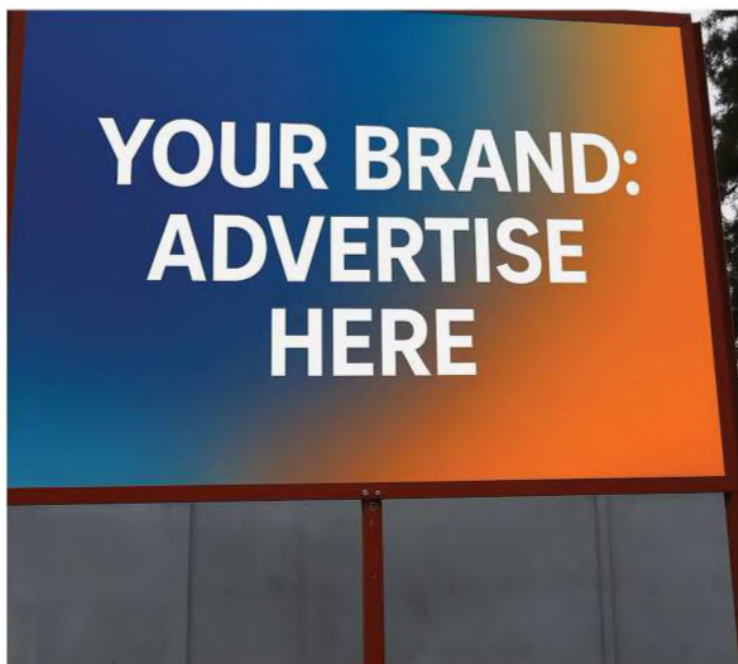
ESTHER SIMUPAMBA- 1 GOAL

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ZANACO LEGEND ZIYO TEMBO BEGINS COACHING JOURNEY WITH DOUBLE TRIUMPH



ZIYO TEMBO

ZANACO ACADEMY U-19 COACH

Former Zanaco FC captain and club legend Ziyo Tembo has made an impressive start to life on the sidelines, guiding the newly formed Zanaco Under-19 team to a remarkable league and cup double in their debut season.

BUILDING COMPLETE FOOTBALLERS

Beyond winning trophies, Tembo's primary mission is developing well-rounded players who are ready for senior football. His focus extends beyond technical ability, emphasizing physical, tactical and mental growth while instilling the values that define Zanaco Football Club.

Throughout the season, discipline, hard work and consistency became the team's foundation. *"We worked on habits that brought results through discipline, hard work and consistency."*

Tembo also believes that character development is just as important as football development, encouraging values and accountability.

Tembo praised the players for their commitment and character throughout the season, while reaffirming his desire to protect Zanaco's identity.

"It's about protecting the club's identity, passing on knowledge and ensuring the club maintains its high standards."

He also acknowledged the contribution of the technical staff. *"They have played a big role in this success."*

Looking ahead, Tembo wants to see more academy players break into the senior team while continuing to develop as a coach.

ZANACO ACADEMY U-19 QUARTER IN NUMBERS

ZONE-12 PRO-LEAGUE UNDER-19 2025/2026

Matchweek **38**

		Pl	W	D	L	GF - GA	GD	Pts
1.	ZANACO FC ACADEMY U19	38	30	5	3	130 - 21	+109	95
2.	K-NEW FUTURE STARS	38	29	5	4	91 - 39	+52	92
3.	ICON	38	27	4	7	93 - 35	+58	85
4.	YOUNG BUSA	38	26	4	8	85 - 38	+47	82
5.	KK RISING STARS	38	17	11	10	68 - 44	+24	62
6.	AGUILA STARS YOUTH	38	18	6	14	81 - 53	+28	60
7.	YOUNG METRO	38	18	5	15	57 - 40	+17	59
8.	GARDEN ELITE	38	18	5	15	84 - 69	+15	59
9.	ESSCAS ACADEMY	38	18	5	15	76 - 72	+4	59
10.	Y. LUSAKA CITY COUNCIL	38	15	8	15	43 - 39	+4	53
11.	CR ACADEMY	38	13	9	16	49 - 52	-3	48
12.	YOU AND US	38	13	7	18	65 - 72	-7	46
13.	KAWALA S. A	38	12	8	18	55 - 67	-12	44
14.	LUSAKA EAGLES FC	38	11	8	19	46 - 86	-40	41
15.	TIGER HEAD	38	11	6	21	47 - 80	-33	39
16.	WOODLANDS UNITED	38	11	4	23	51 - 89	-38	37
17.	CHOVU CHOVU UNITED	38	10	6	22	36 - 99	-63	36
18.	CENTRAL CITY	38	9	6	23	46 - 78	-32	33
19.	NEW GENERATION	38	8	5	25	28 - 92	-64	29
20.	FORTUNA FC	38	4	7	27	26 - 92	-66	19

SCORERS CHAT

HENRY BANDA - 37 GOALS

FREDERICK KAPALA - 17 GOALS

DAVID CHISHIMBA - 16 GOALS

JONATHAN SIKAMWAYI - 10 GOALS

GABRIEL MUTALE - 10 GOALS

EMMANUEL BANDA- 9 GOALS

MARTIAS LUNGU- 8 GOALS

NOEL TEMBO - 7 GOALS

MOSES MULEMBA- 6 GOALS

DANNY KACHINGA- 4 GOALS

RONALD SILLITOE- 4 GOALS

DALITSO MUMBA- 3 GOALS

KENNY CHILONDELA- 2 GOALS

CHARLES CHIKWANDA- 2 GOALS

MAKUMBA MWABELA- 1 GOAL

OWEN NGANDU- 1 GOAL

JOSEPH MULENGA- 1 GOAL

MACHILA MUSOLE- 1 GOAL

DANIEL SIWILA- 1 GOAL

ZANACO FC HOSTS SUCCESSFUL THIRD AEROBICS MANIA



Zanaco Football Club successfully hosted the third edition of its Aerobics Mania and Team Building event on 28 April at Sunset Stadium, bringing together players, corporate institutions, stakeholders, and members of the public for a day focused on fitness, wellness, and interaction.

The event attracted participation from Zanaco Bank, Topstar, and individuals from different walks of life. Zanaco Football Club players were also in attendance, taking part in the activities alongside other participants.

Led by renowned fitness instructor Makungu Mwenyembe, the programme featured aerobics

sessions, fun games, and team-building activities designed to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and social interaction.

The event was supported by Prudential, which came on board as a sponsor, while Coptic Hospital provided on-site medical and health services throughout the day.

The occasion also featured street vending, giving local vendors an opportunity to engage with participants and contribute to the vibrant atmosphere.

The successful staging of the third Aerobics Mania and Team Building event reaffirmed Zanaco FC's commitment to promoting healthy living, strengthening community partnerships, and creating platforms that bring together football, corporate institutions, and the wider public.

YOUNG ZANACO 2025/26

FAZ LUSAKA DIVISION 1 WEEK 37

LOG STANDING 2025/26 SEASON

P	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
1	Nampundwe	37	25	8	4	51	18	33	83
2	Young Zanaco	37	20	15	2	58	23	35	75
3	Young GBFC	37	16	11	10	52	34	18	59
4	Kafue Eagles	37	14	14	9	32	26	6	56
5	Lusaka Tigers	37	14	12	11	28	29	-1	54
6	Young Makeni	37	13	13	11	40	29	11	52
7	Young Napsa	37	10	21	6	31	24	7	51
8	National Assembly	37	12	13	12	26	28	-2	49
9	Paramilitary	37	11	15	11	30	32	-2	48
10	Kuku Dynamos	37	12	11	14	33	41	-8	47
11	Police College	37	11	13	13	29	33	-4	46
12	Zammsa	37	11	12	14	35	38	-3	45
13	Misisi Youth	37	10	15	12	29	34	-5	45
14	Riflemen	37	10	14	13	29	31	-2	44
15	Chawama United	37	11	11	15	24	33	-9	44
16	Airport Warriors	37	10	13	14	31	37	-6	43
17	Young Crocs	37	11	7	19	43	55	-12	40
18	Kanyama Lions	37	8	12	17	32	46	-14	36
19	Lusaka Saint Germin	37	8	11	18	41	64	-23	35
20	Morning Stars	37	8	9	20	29	48	-19	33

SCORERS CHAT

GIFT KAPAMBWE - 14 GOALS

ELIJAH KONDOWE - 13 GOALS

BENAYA MALAMA - 6 GOALS

ANNICIENT MUSONDA - 3 GOALS

PETER BANDA - 3 GOALS

JAMES SOCHAMBA- 3 GOALS

JOSEPH SIANKULE- 3 GOALS

VINCENT KWENDA - 2 GOALS

SIMON MWANZA - 2 GOALS

MAYBIN MUSHOTA - 2 GOALS

FRANCIS KATUNGULA- 2 GOALS

WALLACK MWALE- 1 GOAL

MEEKY KILAYI- 1 GOAL

FARAI MOONGA- 1 GOAL

ZANACO'S ABSA CUP RETURN ENDS IN QUARTER-FINAL HEARTBREAK



Zanaco FC and Malawian International, Idana Chimwemwe dribbles Kafue Celtic player during an ABSA Round of 16 match

After a five-year absence from the ABSA Cup, Zanaco Football Club made a highly anticipated return to Zambia's premier knockout competition, rekindling hopes of a deep cup run and a possible return to continental football. While the campaign began on a positive note, it ultimately ended in disappointment as the Bankers fell short of their ambitions.

Entering the competition at the Round of 16, Zanaco faced Kafue Celtic at Nkoloma Stadium in what was their first ABSA Cup appearance since 2020.

Nigerian striker Williams Obande and Cameroonian forward Araina Lambard scored to give Zanaco a 2-1 victory, securing a place in the quarterfinals and marking a successful return to the competition after five years.

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS





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