



Talents Report



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S. Sudanese

Enjoys playing football

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Plays with Kakuma/Kalobeyei Stars team (KK Stars)

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Talent Report

Success at school can mean many things. In this series, we profile some of the outstanding achievements of talented young people in schools managed by Windle International Kenya. They may not have excelled academically, but these students have discovered the transformative power of sports and have used their passion and skills to succeed.

Focus on Cecilia and David from Kakuma Refugee Camp

Cecilia Akello

Cecilia was born in Kakuma Refugee Camp. Although she struggled with her studies, she found solace in football. Her passion for the sport became a driving force, and she now plays for the South Sudan national football team. Her football journey began when she joined Form One class in Kakuma Refugee Secondary school and was selected to join the Kakuma United team (Kakuma Refugee school team) and later on she became the team captain. She was the school captain for the football team for girls from 2017, until she completed her secondary school, in 2019.

During her time in school, she participated in UNICEF's "Sports for Peace" games and made the Kakuma Refugee Secondary School win the competition. She used to train girls in football until she left Kakuma Refugee Secondary School. She also enabled the school to shine at school camp tournaments by becoming a top scorer in each game. Cecilia has been frequently moving out of Kakuma to play tournaments in Kitale and Nakuru under Kakuma/Kalobeyei Stars team (KK Stars). The school Board of Management had a good plan to engage her to train the football team in the year 2020 but unfortunately Covid-19 interrupted the games and sports in schools. However, she soon got an opportunity to travel back to South Sudan and showcase her talent. She joined the South Sudan National team which was her great achievement, and she now has the opportunity to travel to Sweden with her team mates for a tournament.

"I never thought that be a female footballer would open opportunities for me" Cecilia Akello Peter



Photo (top right), Kakuma Refugee Secondary School Girls football team receiving a trophy and T-shirts from Windle International Kenya Program Manager in kakuma, Urbanus Muia in 2019. Cecilia as the team captain receives the trophy and t-shirts on behalf of the team.



Photo (bottom right), South Sudan National Team in airstrip in South Sudan on their way to Sweden. Cecilia Akello at the Centre in the first line.



David Garzola Majak

Nationality
S. Sudanese

Enjoys playing football

Joined Kakuma D3 FC team

Joined small club in equatoria zone called GOLDEN BOYS

Participated in "CHAPA DIMBA NA SAFARICOM TOURNAMENT" and led his team to victory

Currently plays for TUSKER FC

David Majak

Today David Majak plays in Kenya's premier league, with aspirations to be signed by Tottenham FC. But it all began kicking a football about for fun while at primary school in Kakuma Refugee Camp.

David Majak migrated to Kakuma Refugee Camp from South Sudan in 2000, where he attended Kalobeyei Primary School and completed his primary level education. The future seemed bleak for a young David Garzola Majak. Living in the camp was hard, the shortage of clean water and food exacerbated by the extremely hot temperature

However, Majak found solace in playing football, where he would practice with small teams in the camp and kick around a ball just for fun. Majak never thought it would amount to anything, but he joined a team called D3 FC, and later joined a small club in Equatorial Zone called Golden Boys. After his primary education he joined Kakuma Refugee Secondary School in 2014, and in his second year, his football talent was noticed and he was recruited to play for the Kapengura football team. He initially played in the position of goalkeeper, but soon became the team striker, the position he plays to date.

His team clinched the national title in the **Chapa Dimba na Safaricom Tournament**. Majak led his team to victory at the regional level after emerging top scorer. He was named as the Regional and National Most Valuable Player, and the competition allowed Majak to showcase his talent to the scouts who were watching his game. This enabled him to join Kakamega Home Boys and, subsequently, the Kenya Premier League.

Majak's love for football took an upward trajectory when he was scouted by Kenya Football Federation (KFF) to join Kakamega Home boys. With his team, they had an opportunity to travel to London to meet the tournament brand ambassador Victor Wanyama. He was signed by another Kenya premier league team TUSKER FC, where his prospect can only get better. His dream is to be a football coach and support the talented youths in football in Kakuma. He aspires to be signed in by Tottenham FC.



Photo, Majak in Tusker FC uniform



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