

Flawless Kaya Tiwi win Reachout tournament

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Kaya Tiwi girls basketball team captain Yvonne Atieno (right) receives the winners trophy of the inaugural Reachout Girls basketball tournament from Reachout Trust Executive Director Taib Abdulrahman at the Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa on February 10, 2019. Kaya Tiwi thumped hosts Aga Khan Academy 66-06 for the title. PHOTO | PHILIP ONYANGO | NATION MEDIA GROUP

In Summary

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Kaya Tiwi, the reigning national secondary schools girls' basketball champions, started the season on a high beating Aga Khan Academy Mombasa 66-06 in the final of the inaugural Reachout Girls basketball tournament at the Aga Khan Academy indoor courts on Sunday.

Form One rookies Barbra Diana and Valerie Akinyi, who helped Nyanza region to win the national primary schools netball championships in Nyeri last year, were a joy to watch using their big frames to intimidate their opponents in their first competitive match as basketball players.

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After leading 12-02 in the first quarter, Kaya Tiwi engaged a higher gear outscoring their opponents 21-0 in the second quarter for a 33-02 score at the break thereby putting the game beyond reach for Aga Khan.

Barbra Diana top scored for Kaya Tiwi with 32 points, Lilian Ochola had 18 while Yvonne Atieno managed 10 points. Aga Khan replied through Victoria Stanley who had three points while Clemence Mwanjele had two.

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Reachout Trust Executive Director Taib Abdulrahman - who presented winners with medals, certificates and trophies - said the event will now be held annually and promised to make next year's edition bigger by including volleyball and netball. The theme for this year's edition was "Empowering the Girl Child Through Sports".

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Ng'iya had stunned Nyanza champions Barchando Secondary 28-18 at the semi-final stage. Raliew, on the other hand, had beaten Kandaria Secondary 27-11 in the other semi.

Nyangori Boys from Western won the boys' title beating hosts Maranda Boys 36-22 in the final.

Nyangori had outclassed St Benedicts Budalangi 35-10 in the semi-finals while Maranda overpowered Bondo Teachers College 53-14 in the other semi.

