

NEW COUNTY CHAMPS EMERGE

Aga Khan Academy Mombasa lift boys and girls' basketball titles

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Aga Khan Academy are the new Mombasa County boys' and girls' basketball champions.

Enjoying home support, Aga Khan boys became new county champions after former champions Baptist High School lost in the quarter-finals. Their sisters also retained the title for the second successive year.

In boys' final, Aga Khan defeated former champions Shimo La Tewa High School 82-46. They won 88-4 against a hapless Changamwe in their semifinal match, while Shimo La Tewa defeated Tumaini Academy 49-43 in the other semi.

Last year's winners Baptist High School were not lucky in their outing this year after losing 19-61 to Shimo La Tewa in the quarters.

In girls' basketball, Aga Khan had little trouble dismissing Mama Ngina High School 42-26. On their way to the final, they defeated Coast Girls High School 42-28, while Mama Ngina won 55-0 against Tumaini Academy.

Saint Charles Lwanga Secondary School fought back tears after they relinquished their hockey title to Shimo La Tewa High School in the boys' final.

However, Khamis High School and Lwanga successfully retained the boys' (rugby) and girls' (hockey) titles.

In boys' hockey, Stephen Gacheru scored for Shimo La Tewa in the 16th minute to stun former champions St Charles Lwanga 1-0 during the final match.



Likoni Secondary's Malimau Hussein (left) and Aga Khan's Alisher Abdumohammed in the Mombasa County games. [PHOTO: GIDEON MAUNDU/STANDARD]

Saint Charles Lwanga girls', however, gave their brothers some reason to smile after they defeated Mbaraki Girls High School 4-0 in the final. Angela Muthini sounded the boards three times before Margaret Le-wa added the fourth in the massive win.

In rugby, Khamis High School retained the title after they defeated Likoni Secondary School 17-12 in the final. On their way to winning the trophy, Khamis defeated Shimo La Tewa 16-11, while Likoni were awarded a walkover after Bububu Secondary School failed to honour the fixture.

Meanwhile, Barani and Jilore Secondary

Schools won boys' and girls' hockey titles during the Malindi sub-country Term One games at Malindi High School.

In boys' final, Barani defeated Malindi High School 5-2, while Jilore won 2-1 against Barani in the girls' category.

In sub-county games at Kilifi Township, Chumani defeated hosts Kilifi Township Secondary School 2-0 in boys' hockey final.

Chumani won the girls' hockey title after topping in rankings during the championships that were played in a round-robin format. Bahari Girls' High School were second.

The two top teams qualified for the Kilifi County games to be held at Sokoke Secondary School on March 9 and 10.

In Wundanyi sub-county games in Taita Taveta County, Dr Aggrey won 1-0 against St Mary's Lushangonyi in the boys' hockey final, while Bura defeated Murray Girls' High School 3-0 to retain the girls' hockey trophy.

In Voi sub-county games at Mwambiti and Kajire School grounds, Voi Secondary School won boys' basketball and 3x3 basketball titles. In basketball, Voi led in the standings, followed by Moi high School, Mwambiti and Kayanda.

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Mwakitawa Secondary School won the girls' basketball title, while Voi Girls' High School finished second. Sita won the girls' hockey title, with Voi Girls finishing second.

Mwambiti won the boys' rugby 15s. Voi Secondary School finished second, Mwangea third and Moi High School fourth.

The two finalists will represent the sub-country in the Taita Taveta County games scheduled for March 10-12 at Kenyatta High School, Mwatate.

In Kinango sub-county games in Kwale County, Mazeras Boys High School and Mazeras Girls Memorial High School retained both boys' and girls' basketball titles.

Coast regional games will be held from March 23 to 26 at Kenyatta High School, Mwatate.