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With both Hudaa Omary Mrisho and Fatuma Omary Kibasuu on firm, Tanzania Women's cricket team remains unbeaten in the ongoing Kwibuka Women T20 tournament at Kigali in Rwanda.

Out of five matches played, the Tanzanians have kept a clean sheet, the result means they're the team to beat in this year's tournament.

The 2019 champion outplayed Uganda by 5 wickets. Playing at the Integrated Polytechnic Regional College (IPRC) Oval in Kigali, Uganda won the toss and opted to bat first.

After a steady start, Uganda lost a few quick wickets to lose their momentum.

Kewin Awino scored her maiden international half-century to take Uganda past 100 runs in the first innings. She received much-needed support from Janet Mbabazi, who scored 16 runs.

For Tanzania, Nara Nassoro Saidi and Perice Zakayo Kamunya took two wickets each as Uganda scored 106 runs in the first innings.

In reply, Tanzania got off to a good start with the opening pair Fatuma Omary Kibasuu and Swam Godfrey Mtae adding 33 runs.

Tz faced a little wobble after a promising start as Sarah Akiteng took three wickets and captain Consulate Awekonimungu chipped in with one wicket.

Hudaa Omary Mrisho remained unbeaten on 24 to guide Tanzania home with five wickets in hand as they registered their second win in the Kwibuka T20 series.

In the other game, Tz completed a near-perfect performance against defending champions, Kenya to win by 38 runs.

The opening pair of Captain Fatuma Kibasuu and Swam Mtae put Kenya under pressure with a towering partnership of 80 runs.

In reply, Kenya lost Veronicah Abugah early in the chase. Abel stood tall amongst the chaos, but she continued to lose partners at the other end.

They also (Tz) stunned Botswana by 57 runs, and in the opening game, they outplayed Germany to win by 58 runs.

Meanwhile, Rwanda thumped Germany to win by 57 runs at IPRC Oval in Kigali in the 13th match.

Germany's captain for the day, Janet Ronalds, won the toss and opted to bowl first. It looked like the right decision when Suzanne McAnanama-Brereton bowled Alice Ikuzwe for a first-ball duck.

Marie Diane Bimenyimana and Captain Sarah Uwera made the most of their opportunities and took Rwanda to 130 for six in the first innings. Stephanie Frohnmayer took two wickets for Germany.

Germany lost Ronalds early in the chase but Christina Gough and Sharanya Sadarangani added a partnership of 51 runs to give some hope.

Gisele Ishimwe dismissed Sadarangani for 18 and her sister, Henriette Ishimwe, caught and bowled Gough to end the German hopes. Germany only added 19 runs after Gough's wicket.

They could only score 78 in the second innings as Rwanda won by 52 runs. Henriette took three wickets in Rwanda's victory.

Uganda on the other hand put up a complete performance against Nigeria at the IPRC Oval to win by 9 wickets.

Uganda won the toss and opted to field against Nigeria. Everlyne Anyipo bowled Esther Sandy in the very first over to give Uganda the perfect start.

Patricia Malemikia then broke the back of Nigeria's batting line-up with an impressive five-wicket haul. Nigeria never found any momentum in their batting innings and were bowled out for 43 in 16.4 overs.

Only Favour Eseigbe could score in double digits (11) for Nigeria. Abdul Rasaq Rukayat trapped Kevin Awino, the half-centurion from the previous match, for just one.

Gloria Abukor and Janet Mbabazi chased down the total in the ninth over to give Uganda a dominant win in the Kwibuka T20.

Abukor scored 15 runs and Mbabazi added 26 as Uganda won by nine wickets.

Brief Scores:

Tanzania 153/4 in 20 overs (Swam Mtae 44, Fatuma Kibasu 40; Queentor Abel 3/21) beat **Kenya** 115 all out in 20 overs (Queentor Abel 44; Nassoro Saidi 3/13) by 38 runs

Rwanda 130/6 in 20 overs (Marie Diane Bimenyimana 35, Sarah Uwera 24; Stephanie Frohnmayer 2/16) beat **Germany** 78/7 in 20 overs (Christina Gough 26, Ishimwe Henriette 3/16) by 52 runs

Nigeria 43 all out in 16.4 overs (Favour Eseigbe 11; Patricia Malemikia 5/6) lost to **Uganda** 44/1 in 8.4 overs (Janet Mbabazi 26*, Gloria Abukor 15*; Abdul Rasaq Rukayat 1/14) by nine wickets

Botswana 113 all out in 19.2 overs (Shameelah Mosweu 22, Olebogeng Batisani 16; Maria Eduarda Ribeiro 3/14) lost to **Brazil** 116/5 in 19 overs (Roberta Moretti Avery 52*; Thandiwe Legabile 2/20) by five wickets

Brazil 117/8 in 20 overs (Daniella Staddon 29; Suzanne McAnanama-Brereton 3/12) beat **Germany** 109/9 in 20 overs (Asmita Kohli 31; Renata de Souza 1/13) by eight runs

Uganda 106/6 in 20 overs (Kevin Awino 55*; Nasra Saidi 2/18) lost to **Tanzania** 107/5 in 17.3 overs (Saum Mtae 26, Hudaa Mrisho 24; Sarah Akiteng 3/23) by five wickets

Botswana 88/5 in 20 overs (Tuelo Shadrack 26*, Shameelah Mosweu 24; Eseigbe Favour: 2/8) lost to **Nigeria** 89/3 in 15.2 overs (Omony Asika 33, Blessing Etim 19; Shameelah Mosweu 2/13) by seven wickets

Rwanda 113/4 in 20 overs (Gisele Ishimwe 56*, Marie Diane Bimenyimana 31; Queentor Abel 1/11) lost to **Kenya** 114/6 in 19.4 overs (Venasa Ooko 57, Queentor Abel 19; Henriette Ishimwe 2/19) by four wickets