



Black Cats Football Academy: First Quarter Report

Introduction

The second quarter of 2026 was another important period of growth for Blackcats Football Academy as we continued to develop young players through competitive football, structured mentorship, and life skills. During this time, our teams actively participated in local league competitions and national youth tournaments, maintaining our commitment to nurturing talent both on and off the pitch.

A major highlight of quaters was our Under-15 Boys' journey to Nakuru County to compete in the Rausha Kipaji Tournament. Facing top-tier opposition from across the region gave our players invaluable competitive experience, while the trip itself offered enriching cultural exposure, built deep team cohesion, and fostered personal independence. Alongside their technical training, our athletes engaged in ongoing mentorship focused on discipline, leadership, and balancing academics, ensuring they continue to grow as well-rounded individuals.



1. Rausha Kibaji Tournament – Nakuru County

In April, the Blackcats Under-15 Boys travelled from Embu County to Nakuru County to participate in the Rausha Kibaji Tournament, a national youth competition featuring teams from different parts of Kenya. The tournament was much more than football. It provided our players with an opportunity to:

- Experience competitive football against strong opposition.
- Interact with young players from different counties.
- Learn about different cultures and backgrounds.
- Build friendships beyond football.
- Experience camping away from home, helping them develop independence, discipline, and teamwork.

Although the results were mixed, the tournament was a valuable learning experience that will contribute to the players' long-term development

Tournament Results

Opponent	Result
FunCity	Lost 0–3
Nakuru Bucks B	Draw 1–1
Soka Talanta	Won 2–0
Express Black	Won 2–0
Nakuru Bucks	Won 2–0
Nakuru City	Lost 0–2

Despite not winning the tournament, the exposure gained was invaluable. The experience challenged our players to compete against different styles of football while strengthening their confidence and resilience



2. County League Performance

The senior men's team continued competing in the Embu County League with encouraging performances.

Opponent	Result
Ewasco	Lost 2–4
Kirimari	Draw 1–1
Young Base	Won 2–0
Makengi	Draw 1–1
London	Lost 2–4
Embu Rising Stars	Lost 0–1
Kiambere Stima	Won 2–1
Kingship	Won 2–1
Kianjuki	Draw 0–0

The team showed improvement throughout the quarter, earning important victories while continuing to build consistency in league competition.



3. Sub-County League Performance

Our development team continued to gain valuable match experience in the Sub-County League.

Opponent	
Jua Kali	Won 2-0
Mugoya	Lost 0-2
Allamano	Lost 0-1
Gatunduri	Lost 1-3
Dallas	Won 2-1
Jamia	Draw 1-1
Rangers	draw 1-1

These matches continued to provide opportunities for young players to gain competitive experience and prepare for higher-level football.



4. Girls County League Performan-

The Girls Team continued to show remarkable determination throughout the County League.

Opponent	
St. Teresa	Draw 1-1
Gategi	Draw 1-1
UOEM	Lost 0-2
Green Berets	Lost 1-2
Kithimu	Won 2-0
Dummen Orange	Draw 0-0
JNNP	Won 2-1

The girls continued to improve in confidence, teamwork, and tactical understanding while competing against experienced teams.



6. Key Achievements

- Successfully represented Embu County at the Rausha Kibaji Tournament in Nakuru.
- Exposed Under-15 players to national-level competition and cultural exchange.
- Provided players with a safe camping experience that promoted discipline and independence.
- Continued participation in the County, Sub-County, and Girls County Leagues.
- Recorded important victories across all competitions.
- Continued using football as a platform for mentorship, education, and positive youth development.

7. Way Forward

Moving into the next quarter, Blackcats Football Academy will focus on:

- Improving tactical and technical performance across all age groups.
 - Enhancing player mentorship and life-skills programmes.
 - Continuing to create opportunities for talented players to progress to higher levels of football.
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5. Conclusion

The period from April to June 2026 was one of growth, learning, and valuable exposure for Blackcats Football Academy. While match results were varied, the experiences gained particularly through the Rausha Kibaji Tournament helped shape our young players both as footballers and as responsible young people.

We sincerely thank moving mountains for their continued support and commitment to our vision of transforming lives through football. Together, we remain dedicated to nurturing talent, promoting education, and building a brighter future for every child at Blackcats Football Academy.

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