



JOY OF TWO: Jinja SS girls cricket team is elated after receiving the winners' shield at Lugogo oval on Wednesday.

Jinja SS' double



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Kololo SS' hard hitter Sharon Athoula cross bats in the final.



Abbey Kits Lutaya shows off his ICC Lifetime Service award.

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The return of the Girls Cricket Week - the national secondary schools cricket competition was given a special welcome.

The tournament had gone in a lull in 2007 and 2009 because of 'unavoidable' circumstances. A record number of 12 schools registered for this year's tournament but two unfortunately withdrew at the eleventh hour.

Masaka Secondary School and Lords Meade Vocational citing busy schedules at school were the two in question.

Three-time winners Gayaza High, City High and Kololo SS were the overwhelming favourites but Jinja SS tore the form book enroute to bagging only their second title. The founder of girls cricket in Uganda Abbey Kits Lutaya and NCS' Jasper Aligawesa presided over the awards ceremony.

STAR: Kevin Apio Brenda of Kololo SS celebrates a wicket in the final.
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1. Gayaza High School's Mercy Lakisa fails to make ground and is run out in the semifinals against Jinja SS at Lugogo oval.

2. Nyakasura girls scamper for a quick single against Kyebambe in a Group B fixture.

3. Kololo's quintet of Sharifa Kutaaka, Apio, Flavia Laker, Hope Atim and Rita Nyangendo pose with their individual awards.

4. Gayaza High School's Nicole Remus makes a brilliant run in the semifinal against Jinja SS.

5. The Budonians had nothing to cheer about after their team failed to reach the last four.

6. Remus consoles Lakisa (R) after the latter was run out for just one run in the semifinal.

7. Jinja SS' Hellen Naudo in full flow against Kololo in the final. Her five overs cost just 7 runs.

8. Rose Koma of Jinja SS had a long journey back to the dressing room after she fell for a duck.

9. Kyebambe's Joseline Kabugho bowls against Nyakasura in a preliminary game.

10. Kutaaka removed her wicket-keeping gloves to bowl the last over for Kololo SS in vain.

11. Jinja players storm the oval to celebrate their tense one-wicket win over Kololo in the final.