## **Basketball News**

The basketball season has come to a close. The U14 boys team came in 4th place this season. Your team was represented by: Grade 6, Haider Ahmar, Baalaj Chaudhary, Gontse Kgwete, Hassabo Omer, Jhenayron Paulsen, and Mohamed Salama; Grade 7, Amir Abayazi, Yousef Al-Harbi, Elia Ayad, Sem Haile, Lance Phillips, Abid Wahab, and Fadhli Zainal; Grade 8, Danial Msangi, and Gabriel Tadesse.

The U19 girls team came in 3rd place this season. Your team was represented by: Grade 7, Amna Al-Hammadi, Mariam ElSanousi, and Deena ElOmarabi; Grade 8, Rida Chaudhary; Grade 9, Lamease Phillips; Grade 10, Sarah Omer; Grade 11, Iman El-Mahdi, Hayam ElSanousi, and Thabi Kgwete; Grade 12, Almaha Al-Hammadi and Martha Ayad.

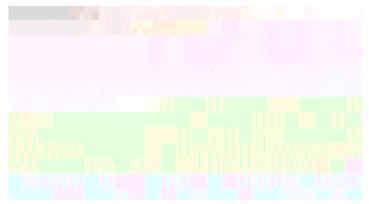
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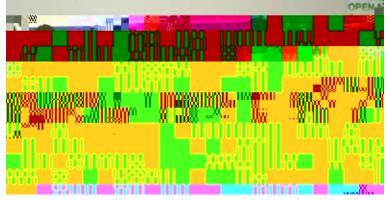
The Boy's U-19 Basketball team went into a hostile territory on Tuesday to defend their 2009 title at the KICS arena. The game was a repeat of the matchup KAS won a year ago against the home team KICS. KAS brought with them an unbeaten record and the leadership of senior guard and team captain Ahmed.

Some of the questions that the experts were asking before the game were; Can Gerald continue to dominate the paint as he has done throughout the year? What defense would KICS run to stop the inside dominance of the KAS center? Would Moumin f nally be 100% after a broken arm sidelined him for the f rst half of the season? How would the KAS young guns respond to the pressure of the f nals?

The game tipped off at 3:15, and by 3:16 many of those questions were answered. KAS went on an 14-4 early rampage with an aggressive and hardnosed defensive attack that allowed zero points in the first four minutes, and only four points in the first quarter. Moumin and Ahmed neutralized the KICS shooting, and never allowed for their offense to get set Gerald was his usual force in the middle pulling down 18 rebounds and scored 16 points. On offense, KAS wore down the KICS man-to-man defense by constantly moving the ball, setting picks, and cutting to the basket

Hussein was everywhere on the court and he created opportunities for his team with strong penetration moves and tenacious rebounding. The young guns played with conf dence and contributed when they got time. Moi came off the bench to score 6 unanswered points, Yousif made a spectacular grab of a lightning bolt of a pass from Moumin to score what many consider to be the play of the year, and Yonathans cool





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demeanor and back side defensive help down the stretch proved too much for KICS to overcome.

KAS had control of the game from the tip off and never looked back. It was apparent that all the hard work in





