

# press release

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## **Capital FM book ticket to Anfield**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016...**Capital FM will represent Kenya at this year's Standard Chartered Trophy finals in Liverpool. They clinched the ticket after beating Radio Africa Group 3-0 in an entertaining final played at Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani.

On the way to the final, Capital beat the tournament favourites Nakumatt 3-1 while Radio Africa eliminated Diageo on post-match penalties after settling for a one-all draw in regulation time. 32 teams took part in the annual tournament.

The winners will travel to the United Kingdom in April for a fully paid 4-day trip to represent Kenya at the Standard Chartered Trophy Finals, which will be played at Anfield. In addition, the winning team will attend an English Premier League match at Anfield, and will benefit from a professional training session with Liverpool FC legends and coaches in preparation for the final tournament.

Capital FM will be expected to go one better than Postal Corporation who finished second at last year's event behind South Korea. Kenya's previous representatives had failed to go beyond the group stages of the international tournament. This was the first time a team from Africa made it to the final of the five-a-side event.

Speaking while presenting the winner's trophy, Liverpool legend John Barnes expressed optimism that Kenya's football is on the rise following the good performance of Victor Wanyama and Divock Origi in the English Premier League. "For a long time people have associated Kenya with athletics only. The performance of these two lads will pave way for scouts to start monitoring Kenyan football," said Barnes.

The legend who conducted a two hour soccer clinic for children from disadvantaged backgrounds during the finals, was full of praise of the teenagers: "I have no doubt that given

the opportunity children from Kenya can match children from all parts of the world including Europe. Kenya should start getting children to European academies at an early age.”

The Standard Chartered Trophy is held in select countries across Africa, Europe and Asia as part of the partnership between the Bank and Liverpool FC. This follows the signing of a sponsorship deal between Standard Chartered Bank and Liverpool FC in September 2009, the largest commercial agreement in Liverpool’s history. The agreement, which started in July 2010, has seen the Bank’s name and logo appear on the Liverpool shirt.

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