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YAS Celebrates Tabitha and Temwa Chawinga

Youth and Society (YAS) takes immense pride in celebrating the exceptional achievements of Tabitha and Temwa Chawinga, two remarkable athletes who continue to blaze trails and inspire millions across Malawi and beyond. Their recent accomplishments in the global arena of women's football have not only brought glory to our nation but have also reaffirmed the limitless potential of young Malawians.

Yesterday, Temwa Chawinga made history as she was named the 2024 National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) Most Valuable Player (MVP). In doing so, she became the first African international to win the award, marking a moment of unparalleled pride for the continent. Temwa's journey with Kansas City Current this season has been nothing short of extraordinary. She set a new NWSL single-season record with 20 goals, breaking the long-standing record of 18 held by football legend Sam Kerr.

Temwa's achievements extend far beyond numbers. She displayed unmatched consistency by scoring in 13 of the Current's final 14 matches, including an unprecedented streak of goals in eight consecutive games. Not only did she contribute goals against all 13 league opponents—a first in NWSL history—but she also provided five crucial assists, contributing to her team's league-record 57 goals this season. Her exceptional performance in the NWSL x Liga MX Summer Cup, where she scored the decisive goals in both the quarterfinals and the championship, further solidifies her position as one of the finest footballers of her generation.

Meanwhile, Tabitha Chawinga continues to shine brightly on the world stage. Known for her illustrious career, which includes standout performances for Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Olympique Lyonnais Féminin, Tabitha has once again proved why she is a global icon. Ranked 16th in the prestigious Ballon d'Or standings, she is the first Malawian, to be nominated for this honor.

Additionally, Tabitha's inclusion in the UEFA Women's Champions League Team of the Year for the 2023/24 season underscores her incredible contributions as a lead striker. Her skill, determination, and commitment to excellence have set her apart as a force to be reckoned with in international women football. Her achievements have not only raised the profile of Malawian football but have also opened doors for aspiring players to dream big and believe in their potential.

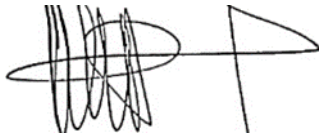
At YAS, we view the Chawinga sisters as more than just athletes; they are cultural icons, ambassadors of hope, and symbols of resilience and determination. Their unwavering

commitment to excellence, in the face of countless challenges, is a testament to what young Malawians can achieve with passion, hard work, and perseverance.

Their accomplishments are not just victories for themselves but for Malawi as a whole. They have placed our nation firmly on the global football map, inspiring countless young people who now see that greatness is within their reach. Through their groundbreaking achievements, Tabitha and Temwa have shattered glass ceilings and lit a path for others to follow.

As Youth and Society, we remain committed to empowering young people to pursue their dreams and achieve their potential. We honour Tabitha and Temwa not only for their monumental achievements on the field but for their role as torchbearers for the youth of Malawi. They remind us all that with determination and support, the impossible becomes possible.

Congratulations, Tabitha and Temwa Chawinga! You are the pride of Malawi and a source of hope for the future. The world is watching, and your story has only just begun. Keep soaring!

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