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OPENING WEEKEND PANS OUT WELL

The 2012 Perth African Nations (PAN) Cup tournament is currently underway with Perth being treated to a great spectacle of football skills and a free-flowing style of game, resulting in many goals and exhausted players.

A colourful Opening Ceremony featured the national anthem, a team parade and speeches contributed by The Honourable Ken Wyatt, Member for Hasluck, Senator Glenn Sterle, WA MP The Honourable Andrew Waddell, City of Kalamunda's Shire President Donald McKechnie and Football West Chief Executive Officer Peter Hugg.

With the finals around the corner and only a few matches to go to determine who will make the knockout stages, everything is on the line this Friday night and Saturday. Take advantage of the free admission and the great atmosphere to be there to see the action!

Following fixtures on the Saturday and Sunday just gone, there are only two of eight places in the quarter finals determined with the other places to be decided this Friday and Saturday.

This weekend's matches begin on Friday evening at 6:30pm with a match set to be played intensely with both Uganda and Ethiopia teams needing a win to get to the top of their group ladder and be assured of a place in the finals.

Saturday's Somalia v Eritrea (1:20pm) and South Sudan v Kenya (6:00pm) will also be matches not to miss with in-form teams and an eye on the crucial ladder positions leading into the quarter finals all being played the next day; Sunday 22 January. All matches are played at Forresterfield's Hartfield Park.

Players will also be mindful of their attacking on goals, with the race for the golden boot award close between 10 players on three or more goals, with Kenya's Zоргun Samawr leading with five strikes, ahead of the chasing pack.

2012's tournament is the biggest so far and following an influx of new teams a waiting list was created.

The event is sponsored by Football West, Forresterfield United Soccer Club and City of Kalamunda.

A parallel fundraising initiative by the PAN Football Council with the support of Forresterfield United Soccer Club, Football West and Ashley Morrison Media raised a total of \$609.15 for the Oxfam Australia East Africa Food Crisis Appeal.

Click [here](#) for all the tournament fixtures and results

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