

Hearts shares fetch GH¢2.5m

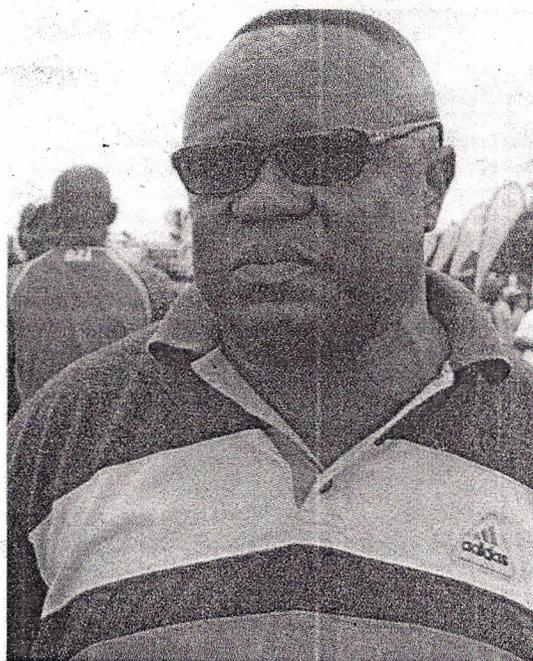
ACCRA Hearts of Oak have raised a total of GH¢2,554,726.50 from their Initial Public Offer out of the estimated GH¢10,000,000 which the club targeted when it first floated the shares.

Of the lot, Strategic African Securities Limited (SASL) is the majority shareholders with 2 million shares, representing 39 per cent, while Strategic Initiative Limited followed with

1,505,190 shares, representing 29.40 per cent.

Other individuals, including management members and board members, also bought various quantities of the shares ranging from 0.20 per cent to 7.85 per cent.

Club officials say certificates would be dispatched to all who bought shares on November 4 after which over-the-counter trading in the shares could commence.



• Fred Crentsil — Hearts' CEO

150 Kids receive tennis lessons

Story: Peter Sarbah

ABOUT 150 kids over the weekend benefited from an annual tennis clinic under ex-national Davis Cup player, Isaac Donkor, at the Accra Sports stadium.

The exercise, which was an initiative of the Isaac Donkor Tennis and Education Foundation, was aimed at selecting athletes with potential talent to be trained in an academy which would be cited at Ayi Mensah near Aburi in the Eastern Region.

All the participants aged between 10 and 18 were taken through the rudiments of the game with the hope to be part of few who would get the opportunity to be trained in the academy. They were later presented with prizes to sustain their interest in the sport.

The former national star told the *Daily Graphic* that beneficiaries of the project would be made to combine aca-

demie works with the sport, and added the facility that the foundation intends to construct would make provision for the students to be taught alongside the sport.

Donkor said he was motivated by the low standards in tennis in the country and was of the opinion that if the young ones were equipped with the basics of the sport, the country would soon produce world class players.

He was also unhappy the lack of training facilities in the country to help develop talents and called on corporate bodies to support the Ghana Tennis Association with equipments to develop world class tennis players.

The player, who is based in US, said in order to give children a fair opportunity to be part of the project, he would organise another clinic at the Baba Yara Stadium in Kumasi on November 4 and 5.

Wassaman accuse referee Nii Tagoe

THE General Manager of Wassaman United, Kurt E.S. Okraku, has described referee Charles Nii Tagoe, who handled the club's fourth week league match against Hearts of Oak at Sekondi, last Sunday as a cheat.

"Referee Charles Nii Tagoe is a cheat and a disgrace to the refereeing vocation", a highly disappointed Mr Okraku told the *Daily Graphic* yesterday.

According to Mr Okraku, some of the decisions by referee Tagoe

clearly indicated that he came into the game with an agenda to frustrate Wassaman and ensure they lost to Hearts at all cost and achieved that objective.

He wondered why the referee, for instance, decided to award Hearts a penalty which resulted in the only goal of the match but ignored three obvious penalty appeals by Wassaman in the course of the game.

He said referee Tagoe had a particular dislike for Sekondi teams. He showed a similar open bias to Eleven

Wise in a premiership match two years ago which resulted in a one-year ban for him.

He maintained that but for referee Tagoe's misdeeds, Wassaman would have carried the day, considering the manner in which they dominated the second half of the game especially.

Mr Okraku said that the club was going to lodge an official complaint about the referee's poor performance to the Referees Review Panel for the necessary sanction.

UT Bank Match Play Nov 16

THIS year's (third edition) of the UT Bank Match Play will be played at the Achimota Golf Club on Wednesday, November 16. Tee-off is at 1pm.

The Special Guest of Honour who will perform the official tee-off is the Managing Director of UT Bank, Prince Kofi Amoabeng, sole sponsor and member of the Club.

All participants in the preliminary round and other interested members are expected to register at the club to participate as supporting players in the exciting encounter.

This year's winner in the ladies division is Florence Etwi-Barimah, while the men's final is between immediate past captain, Mike Aggrey, and former CHRAJ

Commissioner, Justice Emile Short.

Last year's winners were Adelaide Owusu-Adjapong and Ron Pickings.

Meanwhile, the Achimota Club's Manager, Mr Oteng-Aboagye, urged last year's winners - Adelaide Owusu-Adjapong and Ron Pickings - to pick their trophies.