



# Eagles fly high for ailing coach

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NATIONAL First Division promotion chasers Royal Eagles have showed their intention to play in the Premiership – by winning without head coach Kostadin Pasic present.

The Serbian tactician was absent when his KZN side upset University of Pretoria 1-0 at Tuks Stadium at the weekend to keep their promotions alive.

The win, secured by Sedwny George, who has netted 21 goals, sees Eagles occupy fourth spot with 36 points from 23 games.

Eagles midfielder Jabulani Nene said Pasic was undergoing a neck operation. Nevertheless, in his absence, Nene said the players “executed his game plan” and came back victorious.

Set to host AmaZulu in the KZN

derby at Harry Gwala Stadium tomorrow afternoon, the ex-Golden Arrows and Chippa United midfielder said the team will play all out for their sick coach.

Pasic is unlikely to take to the bench this season.

“We missed him on the touchline when we played Tuks but luckily the lads stuck to the game plan and it paid off.

“Against AmaZulu, our approach will be the same.

“We will take the game to them. Remember we have a score to settle because they beat us in the first round.

“We want to see ourselves campaigning in the PSL next season.”

But Usuthu coach Joey Antipas has promised to continue where his charges left off after thrashing Magesi FC 3-0.

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