

The 27-year-old is in the form of his life, with the disappointment of a failed move to Pirates now a distant memory. He says he relished the challenge of moving to Cape Town when his former employers, Mpumalanga Black Aces, sold their top-flight status to John Comitis. Ngoma was one of 14 players to make the journey to the Mother City.

'I took it as a challenge; I had never played outside of Gauteng,' he tells *SoccerClub*. 'You see players moving continents, so you think a move to a city would not be a major thing.

'Football moves you around the world and it was an opportunity to have a look at how things are in the Mother City.'

Ngoma already had fond memories of Cape Town Stadium before the 2016-17 PSL season began. Arguably, his finest hour on a football pitch came at the venue, in September 2012.

Playing for the University of Pretoria in a league match against Ajax Cape Town, he scored four times in a 5-1 victory.

'The Cape Town Stadium is one of the best stadiums I have played in, especially with the memories I have here,' he says.

Ngoma says one of the secrets to his success is the extra responsibility he feels as a senior player among many young stars. Some would wilt under that pressure, but the Hammanskraal-born star has risen to the occasion.

'I THINK AUBREY DESERVES HIS OPPORTUNITY; HE HAS BEEN FANTASTIC FOR US THIS SEASON AND HAS BEEN CONSISTENT. HE'S UNLUCKY NOT TO BE IN THE BAFANA SQUAD' — ERIC TINKLER



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