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For some players, their dream of a career in the Premier Soccer League was all too fleeting, with their moment in the limelight extinguished before they could build a solid career. KICK OFF looks back at 10 players who had hoped to make it big in South Africa's elite league, but for one reason or another, never quite cut it. These are the players who made just a single PSL appearance and were never seen again.

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DID YOU KNOW?
 Harry's father is former New Zealand international striker Declan Edge. His brother Jesse also plays professionally.



OLUKOLADE ABOBADE
Club: Maritzburg United
Season: 2011/12
Appearance: SuperSport United 7
 Maritzburg United 0 (as a sub)

Nigerian forward Abobade's only appearance for Maritzburg United was certainly one to forget as he came off the bench at half-time in a 7-0 drubbing at the hands of SuperSport United.

He was signed on a two-year contract from Juth FC in his homeland, and at the time was competing for a striking berth with Doyo Sibisi and current caretaker coach Fadlu Davids.

His only appearance came a month after signing, but he could not command a regular spot and when coach Ian Palmer left in January 2012, he faded away.

He was then involved in a car accident in Nigeria in the off-season and did not return for the second season of his contract.



HARRY EDGE
Club: University of Pretoria
Season: 2015/16
Appearance: University of Pretoria 0
 Bidvest Wits 1

The success of Michael Boxall and Jeremy Brockie at SuperSport United had suddenly made signing New Zealanders all the rage and so University of Pretoria found one of their own in youngster Harry Edge.

The defensive midfielder had been developed in part through the youth system of Dutch club PEC Zwolle, and was spotted by AmaTuku's chief scout Paul Mathews when the South Africans were on tour in the Netherlands.

But Edge was substituted at half-time of his only appearance in the PSL, a loss to Bidvest Wits, and was not seen again as the side slipped to relegation.

Edge has since gone on to play for top New Zealand side Auckland City.

ANTONIO CORREIA
Club: Ajax Cape Town
Season: 2011/12
Appearance: Ajax Cape Town 2
 Kaizer Chiefs 1 (as a sub)

Angolan forward Correia's only game for Ajax Cape Town came in a massive win for the club as they defeated Kaizer Chiefs 2-1, but that was as good as it got.

The then 28-year-old came off the bench with 20 minutes to go in September 2011, having joined the side on the recommendation of former Ajax coach Foppe de Haan.

De Haan had coached Correia in Holland at Heerenveen, but a combination of injuries and what at the time was described as 'stress' meant his time at Ikamva was nowhere near as successful.

It was simply a case of trying to fit a square peg into a round hole and Ajax cut their losses at the end of the season.

ALL THE ONE-HIT WONDERS SINCE 1996/97

2016/17

- ▶ Kaagan Jacobs Bidvest Wits
- ▶ Simphiwe Ndzimbovu Chippa United
- ▶ Ricardo Ndiki Mpaumalanga Black Aces
- ▶ Boalefa Pule SuperSport United
- ▶ Pako Mahaabo Jomo Cosmos
- ▶ Lifa Hlongwane Jomo Cosmos
- ▶ Harry Edge University of Pretoria

2014/15

- ▶ Phakamani Mgadi Kaizer Chiefs
- ▶ Sibusiso Msibi Polokwane City
- ▶ Alan Robertson University of Pretoria
- ▶ Lebo Ngubeni University of Pretoria
- ▶ Darren Smith AmaZulu
- ▶ Kwena Kubyane Bidvest Wits

- ▶ Mirror Simanyana Polokwane City
- ▶ Seth Oiwuso Lamontville Golden Arrows

2012/13

- ▶ Taariq Filles Ajax Cape Town
- ▶ Tladi Majake Bloemfontein Celtic
- ▶ Jesse Jackson Free State Stars
- ▶ Pogiso Mahlangu University of

- Pretoria
- ▶ Tommy Mandlazi Black Leopards
- ▶ Wilko Risser Chippa United

2011/12

- ▶ Antonio Correia Ajax Cape Town
- ▶ Ntuthuko Dlamini AmaZulu
- ▶ Sandile Leping Black Leopards
- ▶ Olukolade Abobade Maritzburg United

- ▶ Tonny Mwaje Lamontville Golden Arrows
- ▶ Mohamed Chicoto Platinum Stars
- ▶ Eugene Etame Soppo Platinum Stars
- ▶ Awonke Kwenene Jomo Cosmos
- ▶ Kulani Mavasa Jomo Cosmos
- ▶ Mhlonishwa Dlamini Jomo Cosmos

2010/11

- ▶ Siyabonga Mbatha Bloemfontein Celtic
- ▶ Thato Mogakabe Bloemfontein Celtic
- ▶ Pikolomzi Noqozo Jomo Cosmos
- ▶ Lelethu Mkatshane Moroka Swallows

2009/10

- ▶ Thuliseni Latha

- Bloemfontein Celtic

2008/09

- ▶ Jacob Motsamai Bidvest Wits
- ▶ David Telfer Free State Stars
- ▶ Miki Mthimkulu Lamontville Golden Arrows
- ▶ Odwa Pato Moroka Swallows
- ▶ Siphon Khumalo Bay United

2007/08

- ▶ Rinaldo Buckley AmaZulu
- ▶ Mbulelo Mackenzie Free State Stars
- ▶ Teboho Mthembu Mamelodi Sundowns
- ▶ Mncedisi Ndwandwe Jomo Cosmos
- ▶ Richard de Villiers Jomo Cosmos
- ▶ Thabang Borais Jomo Cosmos

