



One more point in Thanda's bag

Dave Savides

WITH another hard-earned point on Saturday – their third drawn match in a row - Thanda Royal Zulu took another small step forward in their quest for automatic promotion to the Premier Soccer League.

The 0-0 stalemate away to Royal Eagles was also their 11th draw of the season, to go along with 13 wins and a solitary loss.

This sees them now on 50 points with a positive goal difference of 23, having scored the most goals in the NFD (42) and conceded the fewest (19).

After a physically demanding three games in six days, Thanda can now regroup for the final five games of the season.

They have the advantage of two consecutive home fixtures: Magesi on Sunday and Stellenbosch on Sunday, 7 May.

Though lowly placed, Magesi will arrive on the back of a 2-0 win over Jomo Cosmos and a 3-0 win over fellow basement dwellers FC Cape Town, but this should be

a certain three points for the Amabhubesi.

Nearest challengers Black Leopards have an even more formidable fixture list, meeting Jomo Cosmos on Wednesday, AmaZulu on Saturday and Royal Eagles the following Saturday.

At the time of going to print, Sunday's matches were still to be played, with eyes on the encounter between Pretoria University and Stellenbosch, and that between AmaZulu and Cape Town All Stars.

Prior to the Sunday fixtures, the log positions were (games played/points):

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1 Thanda Royal Zulu | 25/50 |
| 2 Black Leopards | 24/40 |
| 3 AmaZulu | 24/38 |
| 4 Royal Eagles | 25/37 |
| 5 Stellenbosch | 24/37 |
| 6 Witbank Spurs | 25/37 |
| 7 Mthatha Bucks | 25/36 |
| 8 Mbombela | 25/34 |
| 9 Real Kings | 24/32 |
| 10 Univ of Pretoria | 24/32 |
| 11 Jomo Cosmos | 23/31 |
| 12 CT All Stars | 23/26 |
| 13 Milano | 25/26 |
| 14 FC Cape Town | 25/25 |
| 15 Magesi | 25/25 |
| 16 Santos FC | 24/18 |

