



Black Leopards roar into play-offs

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Lebogang Mabotja was the hero for Black Leopards yesterday afternoon as his second half goal helped Lidoda Duvha book their spot in the National First Division promotion play-offs by beating University of Pretoria 1-0.

Leopards are on 50 points, three ahead of third placed AmaZulu FC and five clear of Stellenbosch FC, who are fourth.

Stellenbosch may meanwhile

live to regret losing 1-0 to lowly Milano United as their qualification for a promotion spot now depends on *Usuthu* losing their last match.

But based on last day opponents, Stellenbosch are in a better position to score a win as they face Santos, while *Usuthu* will have a fight on their hands against relegation-threatened FC Cape Town.

AmaZulu made sure they are in with a chance with a massive 5-1 win over Jomo Cosmos, with veteran striker Siyabonga Nomvethe

scoring twice to take his tally to 16 goals this season. Augustine Ramphela also scored twice and Lungelo Dlamini added his name to the score sheet as well as *Usuthu* climbed to third position to close in on the play-offs.

In the fight for survival, Magezi FC were the biggest winners on the day, beating Real Kings 6-0 to jump out of the drop zone.

FC Cape Town are on the brink of following Santos to the ABC Motsepe League after a 4-1 defeat to Thanda Royal Zulu.

