



Eagles drop valuable points in Durban

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AMAZULU improved their promotion bid along with Black Leopards, but Royal Eagles dropped valuable points in the penultimate round of matches in the National First Division yesterday.

Usuthu went on a scoring spree and registered a 5-1 victory over Jomo Cosmos to jump into third spot in the standings, while big-spending Eagles were held to a goalless draw by Mbombela United in another game in Durban and slipped to fifth spot.

With Thanda Royals having won the league and automatic promotion

to the Absa Premiership last week already, second-placed Leopards lead the playoffs race by one point after beating Tuks 1-0 in Pretoria yesterday.

Leopards have got 50 points and have a playoffs spot in the bag now. AmaZulu sit on 47, Stellenbosch 46, Eagles 45 and Spurs 44 with just one match to go.

AmaZulu's goals came from the evergreen Siyabonga Nomvete (2), Augustine Ramphele (2) and Lungelo Dlamini.

Stellenbosch, surprisingly, lost 1-0 to Milano in the Cape.

The key matches on Sunday include AmaZulu away to FC Cape

Town, Eagles away to Spurs, and Stellenbosch at home to Santos.

The playoffs will be contested by the clubs that finish second and third in the First Division and the outfit that finishes 15th in the Absa Premiership. The playoffs will run from May 21 to June 17, it was confirmed by the Premier Soccer League (PSL) yesterday.

The draw for the three-team round-robin event is due to be made next Tuesday at the PSL's offices in Johannesburg at 12.30 pm.

The full dates for matches are May 31, June 3, June 7, June 10, June 14 and June 17.
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