



# Eagles vow to claw Leopards

JOMO SONO

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**BULLISH: 'WE EXPECT NOTHING LESS'**

→ **Cosmos confident of reaching the last-32 of the tournament.**

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**S**uper Eagles say they intend to use the Nedbank Cup as a platform to launch their team to a broader audience as they host Black Leopards in an elimination match in Goble Park this afternoon.

The National First Division team are in their maiden season in this division and their campaign has been a little bit of a seesaw but they see the *Ke Yona* Challenge as a good way to boost their confidence.

"We are expecting nothing less than a win.

"We are more than ready for Leopards," said the club on their Twitter account yesterday morning.

But the Free Staters would do better to rather forget the cup run and look to get their team in a safe place in the league.

Eagles are currently 12th with 16 points after 14 matches but are just six points above bottom-placed Richards Bay and Ubuntu Cape Town FC.

Jomo Cosmos, meanwhile, should have an easy passage to the last-32 of the cup as they host embattled Ubuntu tomorrow afternoon.

The high-flying *Ezenkosi* have been in stunning form lately and have scored 16 goals in their past five matches - picking up three wins and two draws.

Jomo Sono's side have soared to second in the NFD table, with four points separating them and leaders Highlands Park and they



should have no problems getting Ubuntu out of the way.

The Nedbank Cup has previously proved to be a great platform for teams from the lower leagues to match their skills against the Absa Premiership giants but there is yet to be a team from the lower divisions to win the cup.

Meanwhile, Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila, who are reeling from shock after a 5-1 annihilation at the hands of Real Kings at the weekend, will be looking for a better result when they travel to face Cape Town All Stars, who have been blowing hot and cold and have already changed three coaches this season.

## Fixtures

► **Today:** Super Eagles v Black Leopards; Stellenbosch v Mbombela United

► **Tomorrow:** Jomo Cosmos v Ubuntu CT; Witbank Spurs v Richards Bay; CT All Stars v Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila; Mthatha Bucks v Uthongathi; Royal Eagles v University of Pretoria; Highlands Park v Real Kings.

