



NFD strikers can teach Premiership counterparts a thing or two

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Drought? What drought? This seems to be the only contribution that National First Division teams are willing to make to the debate over a lack of goals in South African football. It rained goals in the NFD, with 20 hitting the back of the net in last weekend's fixtures alone.

Jomo Cosmos were among the top scorers as they hit Mbombela United with four in their fixture at Vosloorus Stadium on Sunday afternoon to edge closer to the top. Ezenkosi are now third in

the standings after their 4-1 win and their captain Linda Mntambo (right) praised the team's fighting spirit.

"After going into the break goalless, we really had to dig deep to come up with a plan," he said. "And in the second half we showed our true character to score goals and take all the points."

Cosmos put up a spirited second-half display to unsettle *Tingwenyama* which is by no means an easy feat. The Mpumalanga-based team dropped to fourth, but are still just four points behind leaders Highlands Park. Mntambo led from the front as he opened

the scoring early in the second half before Ange Lebahi, Mxolisi Macuphu and Clifford Mulenga added their names to the score-sheet as well. Tshepo Liphoko scored Mbombela's only goal.

"I think our great team spirit helped turn a hopeless situation around, and we couldn't have asked for more. It was a good win in everyone's books, but there's still a lot of work to be done. With all due respect to our next opponents (Witbank Spurs), we need to win again to stay in the chasing pack as we intend going into the Christmas break on a high," said Mntambo.



Shaun Bartlett's University of Pretoria cut the gap between them and the Lions of the North to one point with a 3-0 win over embattled Richards Bay on Saturday.

The surprise of the weekend was however Ubuntu Cape Town's comprehensive 4-1 beating of Mthatha Bucks which left the Eastern Cape side slipping further down the standings to 11th place. The win helped Ubuntu to cut the deficit between them and teams above them but they are still rooted at the bottom with nine points after 12 matches.

