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Tshakhuma bosses yet to decide on midfielder

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FORGOTTEN **Zambian international Mukuka Mulenga is on the verge of signing for National First Division outfit Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila.**

The 24-year-old midfielder has been clubless since being released by Mamelodi Sundowns last season.

Mulenga, who is also known as "Deco Magic" joined Sundowns in 2013 but struggled for game-time.

He was linked with a move to Europe this season, but it did not materialise.

Now Tshakhuma are prepared to give him a chance to revive his football career and help them in their bid to win promotion to the top flight. But this will all depend on whether they can agree on a salary.

A source close to Tshakhuma says the Venda-based side's management was due to meet with the player yesterday.

If they can come to an agreement Mulenga could start training with the team this week.

"Tshakhuma are struggling in midfield and need a good player for that position," said the source.

"They identified Mulenga as the player to solve their prob-

lems. If they can agree on a salary, they would be happy to have him play this weekend. The problem would obviously be a work permit."

Tshakhuma manager Joel Masutha admits that they want to sign a midfielder, but would not divulge a name.

"It is true we want sign a player. But I cannot reveal the name before he has signed. You know how it is in football, you make an announcement when all is said and done. We will meet with him and see how it goes."

Tshakhuma are eighth in the table with 15 points from 11 games. They host Royal Eagles in their next league match at Thohoyandou Stadium on Saturday (3.30pm).



WEEKEND FIXTURES

TOMORROW
Cape Town All Stars v Uitenhage FC (Parow Park)

SATURDAY
Super Eagles v Black Leopards (Goble Park); Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila v Royal Eagles (Thohoyandou Stadium); Pretoria University FC v Richards Bay (Absa Tuks Stadium); Highlands Park v Wabank Spurs (Makhulong Stadium)

SUNDAY
Real Kings v Stellenbosch (Sugar Ray Xulu Stadium); Mthatha Bucks v Ubuntu Cape Town (Mthatha Stadium); Jomo Cosmos v Mbombela United (Vosloorus Stadium).

Mukuka Mulenga has been identified as a solution to Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila's midfield problems.
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National First Division Leags									
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Highlands Park	11	7	1	3	15	7	8	22
2	Mbombela United	11	6	1	4	14	11	3	19
3	Amaluke	11	5	4	2	13	12	1	19
4	Jomo Cosmos	11	5	3	3	16	9	7	18
5	Real Kings	11	4	5	2	10	7	3	17
6	Stellenbosch	11	4	5	2	10	10	0	17

