



The Premier Soccer League's Lux September and Connie Motshumi conducted the Nedbank Cup draw in Parktown yesterday.
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NEDBANK – THE BATTLE BEGINS!

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IT HAS been a good six years since Mzansi last saw so-called “small teams” from the National First Division (NFD), ABC Motsepe League or SAB league make waves in the Nedbank Cup.

New NFD side Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila have vowed to ensure a revival of the days where small teams gave Absa Premiership sides a run for their money in this tournament.

To get a chance of facing top flight sides, NFD teams must first compete in the cup's qualifying round to determine which eight teams progress to the last 32 round of the tournament.

The draw for the qualifying matches was conducted at the PSL headquarters in Park-

town yesterday, and the matches will be played on 12-13 December, specifics on dates and venues to be confirmed.

Tshakhuma general manager Joel Masutha says they want to follow in the footsteps of their Limpopo neighbours Baroka FC and Black Leopards, who have had good runs in this tournament before while playing in the NFD.

“This is our first season here and we want to make our presence felt in this tournament where we will be making our debut.

“Other teams have done it before and I believe we are capable too.

“Our coach, Sello Chokoe, knows the journey as he has done it before with Baroka,” said Masutha.

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Super Eagles v Black Leopards
Jomo Cosmos v Ubuntu Cape Town
Witbank Spurs v Richards Bay FC
Cape Town All Stars v Tshakhuma
Tsha Madzivhandila
Stellenbosch FC v Mbombela United
Mithatha Bucks v Uthongathi
Royal Eagles v University of Pretoria
Highlands Park v Real Kings

