



Sono modest about Cosmos' chances

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JOMO Cosmos coach, Jomo Sono, has downplayed talk of *Ezenkosi* being favourites to win the National First Division (NFD) title and gain automatic promotion.

Since their demotion to the lower ranks three years ago, *Ezenkosi* have never given up hope of a return to the top flight. This season is no different – they have started off like a house on fire.

Some 12 league games in, Cosmos have shown they mean business, taking up third place in the table with 21 points – two points adrift of Highlands Park, who have not lost a match since Owen Da Gama and Allan Freese took charge.

At the beginning of the season

the former Absa Premiership sides both vowed to make a comeback to the top flight and they have shown their intent to live up to their promise.

The top three teams in the standings are separated by a single point, Highlands leading with 23 points, University of Pretoria second with 22 and Cosmos third with 21.

A positive sign for Cosmos this season is that they have been scoring a lot of goals, which could give them a slight advantage in the league.

They have scored 20 goals so far – half as many as they scored in 30

league games last season!

Sono said: "It is still early to be thinking about promotion. We need to keep up this performance and see what happens. Highlands and *AmaTuks* are the favourites."

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