

Three NFD coaches shown the door!

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THE COACHING merry-go-round is taking another spin through the National First Division (NFD).

Ian Palmer (Mthatha Bucks), Petrus Chauke of Mbombela United and Black Leopards' Jean Losciuto are latest victims to have got the axe.

The trio's axing takes the number of fired coaches in the NFD since August to eight.

Palmer, Chauke and Losciuto join a growing list comprising Roger Sikhakhane, Roger Links, Thierry Mulonzo, David Kanne-meyer and Allan Freese – who has since resurfaced at Highlands Park as Owen Da Gama's assistant.

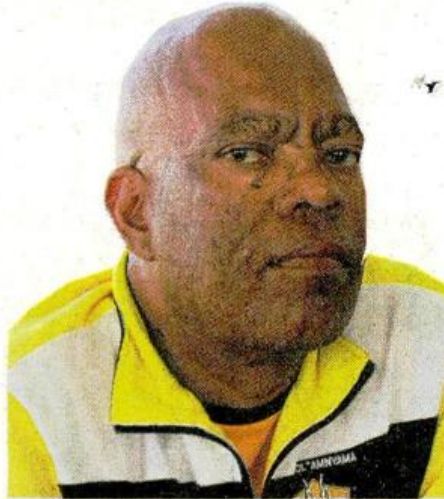
In 10 league games in charge of *Amathol'Amnyama* Palmer recorded three victories, four draws and three defeats.

In a statement yesterday, club COO Tukute Lunga said: "After discussing the club's progress and fortunes, the club and the coach have agreed to part ways.

"We will now embark on a process to find his successor and shall make an announcement then."

Mpumalanga based Mbombela have now reappointed Ashwin Sutton in place of Chauke.

Sutton finished last season as



Ian Palmer has been fired by Mthatha Bucks.

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their coach but was then sacked in August.

NFD clubs have been firing coaches like nobody's business this season.

Apart from Jomo Sono and Themba Mafu, owner-coaches of Jomo Cosmos and Witbank Spurs respectively, only three coaches who were mentors last season still remain in their positions.

University of Pretoria's Shaun Bartlett, Simo Dladla of Real Kings and Steve Barker, who's in charge of Stellenbosch FC, are the only coaches still untouched by the axe.