



EAGLES INTERIM COACH UNDER PRESSURE AFTER ANOTHER LOSS

ROYAL Eagles interim coach Zipho Dlangalala is under growing pressure at the Pietermaritzburg-based club following yet another disappointing home defeat in the National First Division on the weekend.

A 2-0 defeat at the Harry Gwala Stadium against local rivals Real Kings on Saturday afternoon saw the Midlands side drop to 14th position on the NFD standings, just four points clear of rock bottom Ubuntu Cape Town, leaving the young tactician frustrated.

Speaking to *The Witness* after the game, Dlangalala admitted that his charges have two major problems, saying they are not scoring goals and at the other end they are conceding a lot of goals.

Eagles have conceded 16 goals in total this season, and have yet to keep a clean sheet.

He said: "We had prepared properly for the game. We knew our opponents play fast-paced football. But, we obviously had to change our defence because of injuries. But, I think after the first goal, we lost hope which led to us conceding another goal. It then became harder and harder. I think we had a few chances where we could have reduced the score but it was not to be. We weren't clinical enough.

"I thought we were much better in the second half but they defended very, very well and again we failed to bury our chances. And the penalty that we failed to score. So, obviously we have two problems that we need to attend to as a matter of urgency. We concede goals and we don't score. It's never easy losing at home. It doubles the work. We have to go out on away games and grab points to make up for all these lost points. It's not impossible, but we always believe that we have to take advantage of the home advantage."

Dlangalala has been in charge of six matches, two wins, two draws and two losses but the pressure is growing as the prospect of relegation looks increasingly possible.

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS:

Stellenbosch 3 - Jomo Cosmos 1
Super Eagles 1 - CT All Stars 0

SATURDAY RESULTS:

AmaTuks 0 - 0 Ubuntu Cape Town
Royal Eagles 0 - 3 Real Kings
Richards Bay 0 - 0 Witbank Spurs
Uthongathi 0 - 1 Highlands Park
Mbombela United 3 - 0 Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila
Black Leopards 2 - 0 Mthatha Bucks
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