



Eagles trial new keeper to end humbling run

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ROYAL Eagles will look to end their poor run of form in the National First Division (NFD) when they travel to Thohoyandou Stadium tomorrow to take on Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila (TTM) in what could be interim coach Zipho Dlangalala's last game at the helm.

Under his watch, the Pietermaritzburg-based side have failed to win their last four league matches, with their latest a 2-0 defeat to local rivals Real Kings on home turf.

Eagles currently occupy 15th spot in the standings, four points ahead of bottom-placed Ubuntu Cape Town, having conceded an alarming 16 goals in 11 matches.

The Witness has established that experienced Nigerian goalkeeper Bassey Akpan (33) has been handed a week-long trial with the Midlands outfit in the hope of securing a deal.

TTM are also coming into the clash on the back of a humbling defeat to high-flying Mbombela United, which left them in eighth spot with 15 points from 11 matches.

In today's fixture, league rookies Uthongathi will be out to put the disappointment of back-to-back losses to Highlands Park and AmaTuks behind them when they visit Cape Town All Stars at Parow Park. Meanwhile, the draw for the

Nedbank Cup qualifying round for First Division teams was made yesterday.

The outcome was Super Eagles v Black Leopards, Jomo Cosmos v Ubuntu CT, Witbank Spurs v Richards Bay, Cape Town All Stars v TTM, Stellenbosch v Mbombela United, Mthatha Bucks v Uthongathi, Royal Eagles v Pretoria University, Highlands Park v Real Kings



NFD
NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

NFD FIXTURES

Today

• All Stars v Uthongathi

Tomorrow

• Super Eagles v Leopards

• TTM v Royal Eagles

• Pretoria University v Richards Bay

• Highlands Park v Witbank Spurs

Sunday

• Kings v Stellenbosch

• Mthatha Bucks v Ubuntu

• Cosmos v Mbombela

* All matches at 3:30 pm

STANDINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Highlands Park	11	7	1	3	15	7	22
Mbombela	11	6	1	4	14	11	19
AmaTuks	11	5	4	2	13	12	19
Cosmos	11	5	3	3	16	9	18
Kings	11	4	5	2	10	7	17
Stellenbosch	11	4	5	2	10	10	17
Spurs	11	3	6	2	13	11	15
TTM	11	4	3	4	8	12	15
All Stars	11	4	2	5	8	10	14
Leopards	11	3	4	4	8	8	13
Mthatha Bucks	11	3	4	4	10	12	13
Super Eagles	11	3	4	4	9	13	13
Uthongathi	11	2	5	4	7	10	11
Richards Bay	11	1	7	3	8	9	10
Royal Eagles	11	2	4	5	13	16	10
Ubuntu	11	0	6	5	6	11	6

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