

# Kings coach is out to win every NFD game

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DURBAN: Professional football will be enjoyed in Port Shepstone this season as NFD side Real Kings plan to host several matches on the KwaZulu-Natal south coast.

The 2017-18 season will also see action on the north coast following the promotion of Uthongathi FC, although the rookies' home base at the Shaik Mohideen Stadium is yet to be confirmed. Following promotion from the Second Division, the venue needs to be approved by the PSL in order to host a higher level of football.

With AmaZulu's NFD status purchased by the former Thanda Royal Zulu administrator Jomo Biyela, and renamed Richards Bay FC, the town further up the north coast continues to host professional matches. The fourth NFD team from KZN is Pietermaritzburg-based Royal Eagles.

Kings' decision to take some matches to Port Shepstone follows better planning and organisation by the club which last term debuted in the NFD. Better preparation for the team's second season in the league means they will hope to challenge for promotion, said Kings coach Simo Dladla.

"This is a promotion league and we're no different to other teams who want to play in the PSL. Our focus will be on win-

ning every game so that we can get promoted," said Dladla. "This time our organisation off the field will be improved in terms of the logistics like travelling, camping and training, and that should show on the field, because if something is not done right on the outside then it affects the play."

Kings learnt fast during their debut season and managed to avoid relegation, finishing 11th out of 16 teams. With players now familiar with the league, and the squad bolstered with experienced players in goalkeeper Ricardo Goss (Golden Arrows), striker Muzikayafane Ngidi (Polokwane City), midfielder Kyle Davies (University of Pretoria) and Gabonese defender Stevy Nzambe (AmaZulu), Dladla reckons it's a matter of players getting used to each other in order for them to become a formidable team.

And with one more team in KZN following Uthongathi's promotion, the coach believes that local derbies could determine the championship.

Dladla will soon be in a more comfortable situation. He is close to finalising a three-year deal with Kings. Having worked last season on a short-term contract, Dladla is looking forward to the security of a lengthier arrangement which gives him the motivation to set bigger goals for the club.

