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LENS WANT ERASMUS BACK



French outfit RC Lens want to try to bring Kermit Erasmus back for a second stint at the club after he impressed during his loan spell last season.

14 AUGUST 2017
PSL & ABSA SIGN NEW FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT
The PSL and Absa put pen-to-paper on a new five year agreement.

BUCS' MDC STRIKER ATTRACTS INTEREST
Orlando Pirates MDC striker, Ekhro Khaukhamani, has attracted interest from clubs both in the PSL and the NFD.

13 AUGUST 2017
OFFICIAL: SUNDOWNS ANNOUNCE MANYISA SIGNING
Mamelodi Sundowns officially confirmed the signing of former Orlando Pirates captain, Oupa Manyisa.

12 AUGUST 2017
AL AHLI LOAN GAMAL TO BIDVEST WITS
Egyptian giants, Al Ahly, have sent striker Amr Gamal on loan to Bidvest Wits for the season.

11 AUGUST 2017
FERNANDEZ SET TO LEAVE PIRATES, NICHOL TARGETS NEW KEEPER COACH
Former Bafana Bafana goalkeeper, Rowen Fernandez, looks set to leave Orlando Pirates as Mjilini Sodiwele looks to bring in his replacement.

NIGERIAN FORWARD ARRIVES AT KAIZER CHIEFS
Nigerian forward Okie Akibisi is on trial at Kaizer Chiefs.

SCOTTISH GIANTS KEEN ON COETZEE!
Ajax Cape Town defender, Rivaldo Coetzee, is being linked with a move to historic European giant, Celtic FC.

10 AUGUST 2017
LEBESSE CONCLUDES DOWNS DEAL, CONTRACT REVEALED
George Lebesse put pen to paper on a three-year deal with Mamelodi Sundowns, concluding his move from Kaizer Chiefs.

SA INTERNATIONAL ENDS DOWNS RUMOURS, COMMITS TO MARITZBURG
Mamelodi Sundowns transfer target, Deon Mekoa, penned a new three-year deal with Maritzburg United.

SUNDOWNS IN STRIKER TALKS
Mamelodi Sundowns are in talks for former Free State Stars striker, Thabani Mncwango, with a view of signing him.

DONE DEAL: LEBESSE COMPLETES SWITCH FROM CHIEFS TO SUNDOWNS
Kaizer Chiefs confirmed that their winger, George Lebesse, has been sold to Mamelodi Sundowns.

RSM PIRATES TARGET LANDS NEW DEAL
Orlando Pirates transfer target, Evans Ruska, penned a new three-year deal with Maritzburg United.

SUNDOWNS DEFENDER EXPECTED TO BE SIDELINED FOR THE YEAR
Mamelodi Sundowns' Ricardo Nascimento is expected to be sidelined for the rest of the year following an injury.

BREAKING: PIRATES ANNOUNCE MOKWENA AS ASSISTANT COACH!
Orlando Pirates announced Phiso Mkwena as their new assistant coach.

09 AUGUST 2017
BILLIAT'S SAUDI DEAL OFF THE TABLE
Saudi Arabian side, Al-Nassr, are believed to have pulled the plug in their attempts to sign Mamelodi Sundowns' Khama Billiat.

FURMAN COMMITS FUTURE TO SUPERSPORT
Bafana Bafana midfielder, Dean Furman, extended his contract with SuperSport United until 2019.

08 AUGUST 2017
PIRATES' STRIKER DEAL FALLS THROUGH, DESPITE CLUB CONFIRMATION
Christian Obozozi's move to Orlando Pirates seems to have fallen through.

OFFICIAL: AMAZULU APPOINT JOHNSON AS HEAD COACH
Amazulu appointed Cavin Johnson as their new head coach, after parting ways with Joey Ajampip.

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Sundowns open up talks with Zwane

Mamelodi Sundowns have opened up talks with Themba Zwane regarding a new long-term contract for the Bafana Bafana international.

The 28-year-old has been key to Sundowns' success of late, playing more than 22 games in each of the last three Absa Premiership seasons, making 23 starts in the last campaign, as well as helping the club lift the CAF Champions League and Super Cup trophies.

So impressive have Zwane's performances been that he has managed to force his way into the Bafana Bafana set-up, putting in a solid showing as Stuart Baxter's side picked up a historic 2-0 victory over Nigeria in an AFCON qualifier recently.

However, the player's club future is in doubt at present after he entered into the last year of his deal with the Brazilians, meaning that –



as things stand – he will be free to open up talks with any interested parties come January 2018. The Siya crew tracked

Themba Zwane's Rise in Value
 2017: €700 000 (±R11m)
 2016: €400 000 (±R6.3m)
 2015: €275 000 (±R4.3m)
 2014: €200 000 (±R3.1m)
 2013: €150 000 (±R2.4m)

* Valuations based on Transfermarkt.com figures and not inflated by supply and demand.

down Zwane's representative, Jazzman Mahlagane, who has confirmed that they are in talks with the club about extending the former Mpumalanga Black Aces man's deal.

While Mahlagane wouldn't go into details, he simply said, "We are negotiating."

The crew has been led to believe that it is potentially a four-year deal on the table for Zwane, although, at this point in time, nothing has been agreed upon or signed.

In a flash poll conducted on the Soccer Laduma website, 80% of the readers think that Mamelodi Sundowns should tie Themba Zwane down on a new and improved deal.

his club may have priced him out the market for local suitors.

Masango, who spent the second half of the 2016/17 season on loan at SuperSport United, is currently in the last year of his contract with Danish outfit Randers and the Siya crew previously reported that he has declined moves elsewhere in Denmark. The player is holding out for a permanent return to Mzansi.

The 28-year-old had a brilliant start to life in Europe following his move to Randers from the Amakhoesi. However, his spell in Scandinavia turned sour amid interest from elsewhere and he was ultimately dropped from the squad and told to train with the reserves.

Randers' coach, Olafur Kristjansson, has made it clear that the player's situation has not changed since his return at the end of last season, and it appears that an exit is on the cards.

Speaking about Masango last month, he said, "According to the contract, we are, of course, obliged to offer him the training that he is entitled to, just as he is obliged to attend. Right now we have not decided what we are doing, but I do not immediately think his situation is very different than when he left half a year ago."

Given that Masango has less than one year left to run on his contract, and is clearly not in Randers' plans, the club is eager to sell him, and indications are that the Danish side want R3 million for the player's signature.

While there is interest in the player, the asking price of R3 million will cause clubs in Mzansi to shy away. Given the fact that Masango is in the last year of his deal and that he is not in Randers' plans, a potential suitor will try and land the player at a cut-price.

U-turn regarding the future of club legend, Doctor Khumalo, a man who has previously been linked with an Amakhoesi exit.

It was reported earlier this month that '16V' may be on his way out alongside Donald Khuse, with Steve Komphele believed to be thinking of shaking things up in an attempt to turn around Chiefs' recent fortunes.

Chiefs appointed Patrick Mbedi as John Paatsi's replacement before the season started, after the Chanaian parted ways with the club, and there had been talk of Khumalo and Khuse following him out of the exit door.

However, the latest news reaching the crew's desk is that Khumalo may

now stay with Chiefs, with the club reportedly earmarking him for a key role going forward.

At this point, it remains to be seen what role Kaizer Motaung and Chiefs' management have in store for Khumalo in the future, but it does now appear that he is in their plans.

Soccer Laduma sought to make contact with Chiefs' Corporate Communications Manager, Vina Maphosa, via email, for comment on Khumalo's future at the club, however had received no response by the time of going to print.

Chiefs crashed out of the MTN8 at the weekend, as Komphele's first chance of silverware disappeared at

the hands of SuperSport United.

Randers want R3m for Masango...

Former Kaizer Chiefs winger and Bafana Bafana international, Mandia Masango, wants a permanent move back to the PSL, however



the league. What a fruitful camp Mbombela had in Maputo! We didn't just go there for the sake of going, but did team-building exercises and patterns of play.

"The club played against Costa do Sol and beat the league champions. I thought we were on top and respect our chairman, Oupa Matabele as well as his brother, Sikhumbuzo. Both have played the game at the highest level."

TEMA SIDELINED AT POLOKWANE?

Polokwane City defender, Tshupo Tema, is currently not training with the Limpopo-based outfit's first team. The 29-year-old Zebediela-born player was a notable absentee from

the Polokwane line-up in their match against Cape Town City on the weekend.

Rise and Shine lost 1-0 to Benni McCarthy's City in their MTN quarterfinal match at the Cape Town Stadium on Saturday.

"Tshupo Tema hasn't been training with the rest of his teammates at Polokwane City. The thing is he expressed interest in wanting to leave. But it seems he may struggle with that. It seems like what happened to Thobani (Mncwango) last season may happen to him as well," said the source.

Last season, Tema's teammate, Thobani Mncwango, was sidelined from the team after he allegedly spoke openly about wanting to leave the club.

The striker, who was previously on the wish list of Orlando Pirates, made his return to competitive top-flight football during last weekend's match in the Mother City.

His previous appearance for Polokwane in an official match was in February.

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- @Eccocliint Wow! @EnglishPremier League take a bow. What a season opener! Lose character from the Arsenal - could this be the season... #Buccies
- @RoselleMami Monday morning and the start of Serie A is just around the corner. Cannot wait to see a more competitive and exciting league this term #Buccies
- @kappilinho FT: Barca v Real 1-3 FC Barca best everything! Pique own goal, Suarez dive, Messi penalty, Ronaldo scores and sent off, Assenso scores!
- @YesHeCame Think it's another betting Martzburg's performance to 'jump the bus' - They had a gameplan to beat Sundowns and it worked. Give credit.
- @KeaganKruyer Let's not get ahead of ourselves, but that was a great performance. #MUFCA
- @ZolaDeda Other teams are busy signing players while others will be relying on reputation to win trophies. Shame. Football has changed since the 1990's!
- @Shaikh_K Victory for Head Coach Benni McCarthy in his first game in charge! Cape Town City off to the semi-finals of the MTN8 competition #MTN8

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