



Tuks coach eyes return to top flight

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UNIVERSITY of Pretoria will be counting on experienced players in their bid to gain promotion to the PSL this season.

AmaTuks open their 2017-18 National First Division (NFD) campaign by hosting Mthatha Bucks at the Tuks Stadium on Saturday (3pm).

AmaTuks head coach Shaun Bartlett has bolstered his battling side with the likes of Clifford Ngobeni (30) and Henrico Botes (37).

Ngobeni is a former Ajax Cape Town, Orlando Pirates and Arrows midfielder, while Namibian international striker Botes has played for Moroka Swallows, Platinum Stars and PSL champions Bidvest Wits.

"We have a balanced squad this season. I signed experienced players and I believe with their experience they will help us achieve our goal," said the 44-year-old Bafana Bafana legend and former Golden Arrows coach.

"We had a long pre-season, but I am pleased with the way we've prepared ourselves for the new season. Everything has gone according to our plans. The new guys have settled in well and now they understand our pattern of play."

Said the Bafana Bafana legend: "We know it's not easy in the lower division. All 16 teams are fighting for one goal of getting promotion. But it is time for us to get back to the top flight. I have confidence in my team. We can do it this season."

