



## Eagles coach unhappy with draw

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ROYAL Eagles head coach Allan Freese has highlighted the main area of concern for his side after failing to collect maximum points in their opening National First Division fixture against league debutants Uthongathi FC over the weekend.

The KZN sides played to a 1-1 stalemate at the Princess Magogo Stadium on Saturday, and the 61-year-old Estcourt-born mentor did not sound pleased with the outcome.

Speaking to *The Witness*, Freese said the team would be focusing on their finishing ahead of their next game in the hope of being more clinical in the final third.

"Our players tried their best to win the match. They created chances, but it wasn't to be. We need to work on our finishing. It's not good to start the season with a draw. Obviously that has to change in our next game and going forward," he said.

Eagles are next in league action this Saturday when they welcome Highlands Park to the Harry Gwala Stadium. Kickoff is at 3 pm.

Eagles have decided against signing experienced striker Bongani Ndula.

The former Bafana Bafana and Kaizer Chiefs forward failed to impress the club's technical team during his trial with the Pietermaritzburg club.

In another KZN derby at the weekend, newly-formed Richards Bay marked their first NFD appearance with a share of the spoils (1-1) at home against Hammarsdale side Real Kings.

### OTHER RESULTS:

Ubuntu Cape Town 1 Stellenbosch 2  
Highlands Park 1 Jomo Cosmos 0  
Mhombela United 0 Black Leopards 1  
Pretoria University 1 Mthatha Bucks 1  
Witbank Spurs 2 Super Eagles 1  
Tshakhuma FC 0 CT All Stars 1  
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