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BARTLETT EXTENDS HIS STAY

As he's tasked to take team back to glory days

MAN ON A MISSION . . . Shaun Bartlett. Photo by Backpagepix



By CHARLES BALOYI
UNIVERSITY of Pretoria coach, Shaun Bartlett, is on a mission to help AmaTuks return to the Absa Premiership next season.

Bartlett, who helped Golden Arrows return to the top flight, is determined to help the Tshwane-based side gain automatic promotion to the elite league.

The 44-year-old former Bafana Bafana striker failed to take AmaTuks, who were relegated in the 2015/2016 season, back to the Premier Soccer League (PSL) in his first season.

But Bartlett has vowed to get it right in his second season in charge of the National First Division (NFD) outfit.

Bartlett said: "We've made some changes as we didn't achieve our goal of gaining promotion to the PSL last season.

"But we've been mandated to bring the team where it belongs - in the PSL.

"We're on a mission to make that happen.

"We brought in 10 new players that we believe will add value. For me, the target is promotion. I know it'll be tough, but we can't afford another year in the NFD."

Bartlett sees Royal Eagles, Jo-

mo Cosmos, Highlands Park and Black Leopards as threats to his quest for promotion.

He said: "We're not afraid of competition, but we have to collect as many points as possible in our first six games.

"We're also targeting home matches."

AmaTuks reported for pre-season camp on 1 July and Bartlett is happy with his charges' fitness levels.

AmaTuks will play a friendly game against fellow NFD campaigners, Mthatha Bucks, this week.

Bartlett has extended his stay at the University outfit by signing a new one-year deal.

He is beaming with confidence ahead of the new season and has full confidence in his squad.

Speaking at the Varsity Football Tshwane Derby between Tuks and TUT on Friday, Bartlett said he would promote two or three players from their development side to the First team.

Tuks held TUT to a 1-1 draw in the Varsity Derby, and the coach was impressed by a few players.

Added Bartlett: "I'm not

here to watch the boys.

"I also help to train them and a few impressed me.

"I'll make room for them in the First Team."

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Mark S6 V2 P1	M1	RB Leipzig	vs/ Benfica
Pays 31 Jul	M2	Bournemouth	vs/ Valencia
Single	M3	Dundee FC	vs/ Dundee Utd
entry R6	M4	Arsenal	vs/ Sevilla
	M5	Derry	vs/ Lincoln FC
	M6	Roma	vs/ Juventus

*BET from Sat 29 Jul • Close: 15:00 Sun 30 Jul

S6 POOL		Team A	Team B
Mark S6 V2 P2	M1	Chapcoense	vs/ Atletico GO
Pays 31 Jul	M2	Bahia	vs/ Sport Recife
Single	M3	Corinthians	vs/ Flamengo RJ
entry R6	M4	Coritiba	vs/ Atletico MG
	M5	Ponte Preta	vs/ Fluminense
	M6	Orencia	vs/ Santos

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S6 POOL		Team A	Team B
Mark S6 V3 P1	M1	AFC Eskilstuna	vs/ Djurgarden

