



Jomo: We'll bounce back!

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NATIONAL First Division action resumes today after the Fifa international break with some enticing fixtures ahead this weekend.

To most clubs the break came at the right time as it gave them time to reflect on recent results and see where they need to improve.

In six rounds of matches there has not been any exceptional moments of brilliance. The new teams from ABC Motsepe League, Super Eagles and Uthongathi FC, and newly formed Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila, Ubuntu Cape Town and Richards Bay FC have all had a tough time in the NFD.

Seasoned campaigners University of Pretoria and Stellenbosch FC have made their intentions of bouncing back to the top flight clear, displaying some great performances and giving an insight on what to expect from them this season.

Stellenbosch

are the early pacesetters, having collected 14 points to top the table. *Ama-Tuks* are second with 13 points, one point adrift of *Stellies*.

The two top teams will be hoping to continue with their fine form when they resume their fixtures.

Kicking off the weekend, Jomo Cosmos will be up against Cape Town All Stars at Athlone Stadium today (3.30). *Ezenkosi* have struggled to bounce back to the top flight after they were relegated in the 2015-16 season.

Cosmos owner and coach Jomo Sono says their slow start doesn't mean they will have a bad season.

"Most of our key players are injured, but that is not an excuse. Once they are back there's no club that will match us this season," he said.

Another game that will draw attention is Black Leopards and Tshakhuma's Limpopo derby at Thohoyandou Stadium tomorrow.



Tebogo Makobela of Jomo Cosmos challenges Olwethu Nguye of Ubuntu FC. Photo by Chris Ricco/Backpagepix

NFD FIXTURES

Today
Cape Town All Stars v Jomo Cosmos (Athlone Stadium)

Tomorrow
Black Leopards v Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila (Thohoyandou Stadium); Royal Eagles v Mthatha Bucks (Harry Gwala Stadium); Uthongathi FC v Witbank Spurs (Princess Magogo Stadium); Super Eagles v Pretoria University (Gobie Park)

Sunday
Stellenbosch v Richards Bay (Athlone Stadium); Real Kings v Highlands Park (Sugar Ray Xulu Stadium)

Monday
Ubuntu Cape Town v Mbombela United (Athlone Stadium)
■ MATCHES KICK OFF AT 3.30PM

