



Stellenbosch FC sits top of the NFD log. Foto: Gallo Images

## Stellenbosch and AmaTuks breakaway

National First Division promotion hopefuls, University of Pretoria, thrashed Mbombela United 4-1, while Stellenbosch FC and Highlands Park recorded 1-0 victories over Mthatha Bucks and Ubuntu Cape Town, respectively.

In addition, there were also wins for Royal Eagles and Super Eagles, but Witbank Spurs threw a two-goal lead away, eventually to draw 2-2 with Tshakhuma Tsha Madzivhandila FC.

Stellenbosch and AmaTuks remain neck-and-neck at the top of the table on 14 and 13 points each, with their closest rivals on 9.

Steve Barker's team broke Bucks' unbeaten record, thanks to Abednigo Mosiathaga's strike and a superb hat-trick from Gabriel Moseki secured Tuks' fourth win in a row.

Highlands bounced back from three straight defeats to overpower Ubuntu in Makhulong, where a penalty from Peter Shalulile gave his new coach, Owen da Gama, something to cheer about.

On the other hand, his opposite number, Roger Links, is coming under enormous pressure as Ubuntu's problems continue to mount.

In fact, the Cape rookies sunk to the foot of the log after Royal Eagles grabbed their first 3-point haul by

dismantling Richards Bay 3-2 in an exciting KZN derby.

Eagles' goals came from Boikanyo Komane, Diego Brown and Kwanele Hlongwane, while Thabiso Nkoana and Sphelele Mkhulise were on target for Roger Sikkhane's outfit.

Another man under pressure is Black Leopards' Jean Losciuto, whose team hasn't won since the season's opening day.

His latest result, a goalless stalemate with Cape Town All Stars, has already cost Igugu Lekapa's coach, David Kannemeyer, his job, and it remains to be seen whether Lidoda Duvha's boss will follow suit by also sacking the Belgium.

Super Eagles continued their improving form by overpowering previously unbeaten Real Kings 1-0 at Goble Park, with Thabo Setsumi hitting the winning goal.

After netting twice in the first 10 minutes via Slovo Mrawu and Moses Raphepele, Siyavuthi couldn't maintain their advantage.

The match between Jomo Cosmos and Uthongathi FC ended 1-1 in Gauteng.

Interestingly, the gap between unbeaten Stellenbosch and winless Ubuntu already stands at 10 points. - Soccer Laduma