

## 17 wins will take us to PSL, says Barker

### Stellies coach out to win Cape derby

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Stellenbosch FC coach Steve Barker has set his sights on 17 wins in the National First Division, claiming that it will be enough to clinch automatic promotion to the Premiership.

Having helped promote University of Pretoria in the past, Barker aims to use his experience to guide the Western Cape-based club to the top flight. He is certain that if they can register 17 victories they will be home and dry.

"If you have done it before, you have a better knowledge of what needs to be done. I understand what it takes to win promotion. Consistency is one of the most important things if we are to achieve our goal.

"I am positive that 17 wins will be enough for us to be in the elite league next season," Barker said yesterday

Heading into their crucial match against their provincial rivals, Cape Town All Stars today at Athlone Stadium (3pm), Barker sees the top of the table clash as their biggest test thus far because both teams have had dream starts to the season.

"No one wants to lose a derby but that does not mean we will approach it differently because it is still about three points. It is very important to start collecting points early," said the 49-year-old tactician.

"The league has shown in the past that teams who get good starts are the ones who challenge for promotion at the end of the season. We do not want to play catch-up football this season."

"Stellies" are currently at the summit of the second tier on eight points after four games.

