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Mthatha Bucks striker Mpho Erasmus is challenged by AmaZulu's Sedate Ouro-Akoriko. Erasmus is one of the contenders for the Golden Boot prize at the end of the season. / ANESH DEBIKY/GALLO IMAGES

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Erasmus focused on relegation

Golden Boot prize last thing on striker's mind

By Sihle Ndebelo

Having already scored 10 goals to be joint National First Division (NFD) top-scorer, Mthatha Bucks striker Mpho Erasmus feels it would be selfish of him to think about the Golden Boot prize while his team is fighting relegation. Erasmus, alongside Royal Eagles' Mod-

ibedi Mokoena and Nkosingiphile Phewa, have all netted double figures, making it even harder to predict who will walk away with the top-scorer's gong at the end of the season.

Bucks are second from the bottom of the log, "My main focus is to assist the team move away from relegation zone. I just need to score more goals to make sure that we survive relegation," Erasmus said.

The Eastern Cape-based side were knocked out of the Nedbank Cup by Premiership side AmaZulu on penalties last week. Erasmus admits that their cup elimination gives them enough time to fo-

"We were not angry to lose against AmaZulu. We gave our all in that match but we were unlucky. We will now focus fully on our league situation. Crashing out [of the Cup] was a blessing in disguise," stated the Bucks striker.

Bucks welcome University of Pretoria tomorrow to Mthatha Stadium tomorrow.

"This game will be like a cup final. We must stamp our authority because we cannot afford to drop more points, especially at home.

NFD FIXTURES (All at 3.30pm) Today: CPT All Stars v Tshakhuma, Parow Park

Tomorrow: Royal Eagles v Uthongathi, Harry Gwala Stadium; Kings v Richards Bay, King Zwelithini Stadium; Bucks v AmaTuks Mthatha Stadium; Leopards v Mbombela, Thohovandou Stadium.

Sunday: Stellenbosch v Ubuntu, Parow Park; Cosmos v Highlands, Vosloorus Stadium; Super Ea pressReader.com +1 604 278 46



