

Bartlett desperate for NFD points

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PRETORIA University FC head coach, Shaun Bartlett, is currently in negotiations with some PSL teams to loan them players with the hope of returning to the Absa Premiership next season.

He has warned his players to change their attitude, if they are to challenge for the National First Division promotion.

The Bafana Bafana legend is not happy with *AmaTuks*' recent form after they lost three of their consecutive league match, conceding 10 goals in the process.

AmaTuks lost 3-2 to Super Eagles, followed by a 4-0 thrashed by Ex-Absa Premiership side Black Leopards and last weekend's 3-1 defeat to Real Kings at their Absa Tuks Stadium.

The last time *AmaTuks* won a league match was 8 December last year when they beat Cape Town All Stars 2-1.

The poor results saw Bartlett's team drop from second on the log to fifth with 25 points from 17 league matches.

"Tuks are a big brand and when other teams play with us they lift

their game," said the concerned Bartlett.

"We have been warning our players about this, and it seems they are not seeing it."

AmaTuks face Mbombela United in their next league match at Kanyamazane Stadium tomorrow (3.30pm).

A win for the 45-year-old's lads could see the move to fourth spot, which is currently occupied by Mbombela, who are two points ahead of them.

Despite his side's current bad spell, Bartlett said it's still early to give up on their hope of promotion.

"The good thing is that there is still 13 games to play," he said.

"Teams are still going to drop points and all we have to do is win matches."

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TOMORROW

Uthongathi FC v Jomo Cosmos (Princess Magogo Stadium); Stellenbosch v Mthatha Bucks (Parew Park); Witbank Spurs v Tshakhuma Tshis Madzivhandila (Puma Stadium); Royal Eagles v Richards Bay (Harry Gwala Stadium); Black Leopards v Cape Town All Stars (Thohoyandou Stadium); Real Kings v Super Eagles (Sugar Bay Xulu Stadium); Mbombela Stadium v Pretoria University FC (Kanyamazane Stadium).

SUNDAY

Ubuntu Cape Town v Highlands Park (Parew Park)
KICK-OFF: 3.30pm.