



# Inside secrets may swing Nedbank Cup

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**Clubs' former players may well be able to help their new teams progress to the last four in the Nedbank Cup tournament.**

While Cape Town City will rely on Teko Modise and Kwanda Mngonyama to bring down their former club Mamelodi Sundowns in the quarterfinals of the competition, the Brazilians will be looking to Aubrey Ngoma to unlock his former side.

Modise already contributed to the downfall of his other former club, Orlando Pirates, in the last 16 of the tournament. The 35-year-old veteran was singled out by coach Benni McCarthy as the destroyer-in-chief of that game.

Modise will again be the centre of attention when Sundowns visit Cape Town Stadium this afternoon.

With only the Nedbank Cup to play for, the Citizens will give their all.

Mngonyama has been used sparingly by McCarthy since his move in January.

Ngoma is still adjusting to the Sundowns style of play and, as a result, has had limited game time. But if Pitso Mosimane needs someone to do damage to City, Ngoma will be the go-to man.

Ahead of today's encounter, Mosimane has praised McCarthy for doing a great job at the Citizens. He believes the coach is one for the

future and should be given a chance.

"I think history favours Cape Town City in this match," said Mosimane.

"They are a good team and know how to play with and without the ball. They have lots of experience in the team and an up-and-coming young coach with a good pedigree of top football in Europe as a player. He has a good understanding of the game and we have to pay our respects to them because they are a good team."

Both have already beaten the other in their league clashes away from home. Interestingly, they both won their games 1-0.

The last time they met, Mosimane was sent to the stands by referee Victor Gomes, and City defender Robyn Johannes was also sent off for an early shower.

Mosimane revealed that Khama Billiat could make his return to the club after missing a few games because of an injury.

Sundowns will be without Liberian international Anthony Laffor, who pulled out of training this week, also because of an injury.

City will also welcome back striker Matthew Rusike, who has recovered from a hamstring injury.

This game promises to be a mouth-watering encounter, particularly with City aiming to play the final in front of their home crowd next month.



**IN THE KNOW** Aubrey Ngoma knows City inside out

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**MELLOW** Teko Modise still has a lot of football left in him

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