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# **Can I be of assistance?**

Aside from the main issue of appointing a head coach, there have been indications that the Soweto giants are looking to bring in a new assistant. Mabedi was brought in by Komphela in what was his third assistant in three years. In his first season, Doctor Khumalo was his assistant, while John Paintsil was on the bench in his second campaign. Both Orlando Pirates and Mamelodi Sundowns have shown the importance of having a strong assistant through the likes of Rhulani Mokwena and Manqoba Mngqithi, and Chiefs could now look to try and follow suit. Some of the names that have been linked with the position are former legends of the club, having played at Chiefs during their careers, while other well-known names in the South African football fraternity could also be options for the Amakhosi management.

#### **Patrick Mabedi**

The easy choice. He is already at the club, is a former captain, and knows the current workings at Naturena. He has, however, been a part of the generation that has failed to win any silverware.

## **Farouk Khan**

Known for his expertise in dealing with young players, Khan could be seen as the man who could help bring through the next generation. He has been linked with a return to the club for some time now, though in the youth sector.

## Fani Madida

A club legend during his playing days and a hero to the club's fan base. He knows Chiefs like the back of his hand and his experience could be seen as a big boost for whoever comes in to replace Komphela.

#### Shaun Bartlett

Like Madida, Bartlett enjoyed a successful spell at Chiefs during his playing career, and he is now going it alone as a head coach with University of Pretoria. He could be seen as an assistant with one eye on the future.



