



Jaguars draw their opponents' Sting

The Gauteng Jaguars stormed through the opening weekend of the Netball Premier League unbeaten and look as dominant as ever, pulling off a 51-43 win over the Southern Stings at Ellis Park Arena yesterday.

The showdown between the two sides started out as a closely fought clash. The teams exchanged the lead on numerous occasions and reached the first break with just one goal in it – the Stings leading 11-10 at that point.

They held onto that one-goal advantage, heading into half-time 26-25 up. That's when a new game plan from the Jaguars kicked into gear and it showed on the scoreboard with the defending champions finishing a quarter ahead for the first time at the end of the third, on 37-34.

Four unanswered goals at the



start of the fourth meant the Jaguars opened up that small gap significantly before the Stings could respond. The Jaguars increased their advantage to eventually win it by eight goals.

"We changed our plan halfway through. Our first game plan sucked," admitted Jaguars coach Jenny van Dyk (above). "We tried something and it didn't work and

we had to change it. The girls were quick to adapt and it worked well."

Meanwhile, the North West Flames claimed their first win of the weekend. Last year's runners-up bounced back from a loss to the Stings on Saturday, with a 61-39 victory over the Limpopo Baobabs. Having struggled on Saturday, young goal shooter Claudia van der Berg had a much better time of it, slotting in some great goals in the first quarter which meant her side led 17-11 at the break.

The Eastern Cape Aloes slumped to their second loss of the weekend, while the Gauteng Fireballs claimed their second victory. The Fireballs, who finished in third spot last year under coach Jordaan's guidance, dominated from start to finish to eventually win 53-28. – *Own Correspondent*