



Jaguars chase derby delight

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THE BRUTAL Fruit Netball Premier League continues this weekend with current champions Gauteng Jaguars facing Limpopo Baobabs at the Ellis Park arena this afternoon (kick-off 4pm).

Jenny van Dyk's girls started well when they beat Southern Stings 51-43 in their opening game last Sunday. They are currently top of the log with four points.

Tomorrow's games promise to be exciting with two derbies in the mix. The first derby will see the Eastern Cape Aloes take on their provincial rivals, the Western Cape Stings at 3pm.

In the 5pm Gauteng derby, sparks will fly when Jaguars face Dr Elsje Jordaan's Fireballs in their second match of the weekend. Both Gauteng teams started well in their first games. The Jaguars had a good start to the defence of their title when they beat the Diamonds 81-12 and the Stings while Fireballs beat both Mpumalanga Sunbirds (44-25) and the Aloes (53-28).

Over the last four years, Tshina Mudau has become a regular fixture on the team sheet which means she has been through

the best and worst of times with the Jaguars. She was part of the team that finished runners-up for two successive years before they eventually became the Brutal Fruit champions last year.

"The important thing is to remain focused on what we can control on the court and let the result take care of itself," said the Tuks player.

Jenny-Lee Delpont's Baobabs will want to bounce back when they face Jaguars after a 61-39 loss to North West Flames. They are currently eighth on the 10 team log after two games.

In other matches tomorrow, the Baobabs face Marie Nel's Sunbirds. Three-time champions Free State Crinums play Kingdom Stars while Flames take on Northern Cape Diamonds.

On Sunday, Fireballs square up to Kingdoms Stars and Crinums take on Diamonds and Flames close off the day against Aloes

Meanwhile, Netball South Africa President, Cecilia Molokwane, is in Gaborone, Botswana to attend the 7th IWG World Conference on Women in Sport.

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