

By MENZI MAGUBANE

FORMER Bafana Bafana coach Jomo Sono reckons Gavin Hunt will get his chance to take his place in the national team hot seat

The Bidvest Wits mentor was initially the local favourite among soccer lovers for the job,

Hunt's chance will DNO:

seeing that he has never previously been given a chance. But Safa opted to reappoint Stuart Baxter on a five-year-deal as Ephraim "Shakes" Mashaba's replacement last month. Baxter has since resumed his Bafana duties and is currently in Nigeria for their 2019 African Nations Cup qualifier

against the Super Eagles in Uyo on Saturday. Sono said the organisation's

decision to reappoint Baxter should be supported and respected

Said the coach: "Baxter and Gavin Hunt are both good coaches with good track records. All we need to do is support Safa's deci-

sion. "And as for Hunt, congratulations to him (on winning the Absa Premier-ship) and I believe his turn to coach Bafana will come.

The Jomo Cosmos owner was in Durban on Tuesday attending the launch of the Ubuntu Initiative: Men Taking Responsibility

(#AmadodaAyazibophezela) project.

He also promised that his team would be challenging for National First Division

honours next season.

Said Sono: "I have signed six players already to prepare for next season. And I can tell you, they are quality players. "Their acquisition makes me

say with no fear that next season we will be challenging for the title.

The problem I faced last season is that I had too many players. So I've decided to cut my squad for next season and have already let 16 players go to make room for those six. "It's going to be a good sea-

son for Jomo Cosmos." One of the players Sono

signed is well-travelled Zambian winger Clifford Mulenga. Mulenga played for Mbombela United last season and Cosmos will be the ninth Mzansi club he has played for. In addition to Mbombela and

Ezenkosi, he has also played for University of Pretoria, Wits, Ajax Cape Town, Bloemfontein Celtic, Thanda Royal Zulu, Su-perSport United, Mpumalanga Black Aces.





