



Dikwena in do or die

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PLATINUM Stars will be looking to register their first victory in the Confederation Cup when they play MC Alger from Algeria in a group match tonight.

Dikwena are yet to taste victory in their four matches in the group stages following two defeats and two draws and are bottom of the log with only two points.

They must win tonight and hope other results favour them to stand a chance of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the competition.

A defeat or draw will see their chances of progressing to the next round end and midfielder Willem Mwedihanga is well aware that they cannot afford not to collect maximum points tonight.

This follows their disappointing 1-1 draw at home to CS Sfaxien last week.

"It was disappointing that we couldn't pick up maximum points, even though we were playing at home," Mwedihanga said.

"We've not lost at home, but we are looking to collect maximum points away and we have been working very hard, doing all the necessary things we need to do and the technical staff have been supporting us, giving us all the knowledge we need to win this vital game.

"We are looking forward to the game to at last collect maximum points in the group stages."

With two matches remaining, the former University of Pretoria player said they will need to use the experience they gained in this tournament to help them gain a win away.

They drew with MC Alger at home in their first match of the group.

"When it comes to away games it is obviously a different ball game compared to home games.

"We also learnt that playing away we must not give opponents any space because they will hurt you. It's difficult for us to adapt if we allow opponents to play their normal game," Mwedihanga said.

"We have learned something from all those away games that we played but this time around we will come back with positive results.

"We played them at home in the first game of our group stage where we drew 1-1, so we know them well and we know what to expect from them, so there is no excuse."

In another match, SuperSport United will be looking to bounce back to winning ways when they visit Horaya FC on Saturday.

Matsatsantsa a Pitori drew two successive matches against TP Mazembe and are also in danger of not qualifying for the quarter-finals.

They need to get a victory against Horoya who lead the group with eight points to get back into real contention.

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FULLY FOCUSED: Platinum Stars midfielder Willem Mwedihanga.

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