



# LEOPARDS GROWL AT STELLIES!

**By MTHOKOZISI MKHONZA**  
 BLACK Leopards coach Jean Luscuito says they will have to box clever in the currently underway PSL promotion/relegation play-offs to ensure they achieve their target of regaining promotion to the Absa Premiership.

Leopards host Stellenbosch FC in their first play-off match at Limpopo's Thohoyandou Stadium tomorrow at (3pm).

*Lidoda Duvha* will have a bit of an advantage going into this match considering they watched *Stellies* in action when they were held to a 2-2 draw by Baroka FC on Wednesday.

A win for Leopards will see them top the mini-league.

Stellenbosch cannot afford a defeat, as it would make for an uphill battle to play in the top flight next season.

This is the third time *Lidoda Duvha* form part of the play-offs in the space of four seasons.

Leopards mentor Luscuito said: "We have four games and the reality is that we have to be smart by making sure we collect all the points in our home games.

"Home games are crucial and we will need to set the tone with this one. It's a must-win match for us.

"If we can win our home games then all we need do is ensure we collect at least a point when we go to Cape Town. But of course the priority will be to get all the points."



There will be no handshakes between Black Leopards coach Jean Luscuito (right) and his Stellenbosch counterpart Steve Barker tomorrow.  
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Luscuito admits that watching Stellenbosch in action against Baroka was also a huge advantage for them.

"I'm glad we had enough time to prepare and got to watch them against Baroka so we'll know what to expect from them. We will fight to get maximum points," said the Belgian born mentor.

However, Stellenbosch coach Sammy Troughton revealed to *SunSport* that he would make several changes to the squad that

played against *Bakgaga*.

"We need some fresh faces for this encounter - Leopards are dangerous. We will rope in some experienced players because we know it will not be an easy match," he said.

"A defeat or draw would be a big blow to us, so we are going all out for maximum points," added the former University of Pretoria coach.

A win for Stellenbosch will see them top the mini-league table with four points from two games.

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