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Jaguars run down Stings in exciting clash

The Gauteng Jaguars stormed through the opening weekend of the Brutal Fruit Netball Pre-

mier League unbeaten, pulling off a 51-43 win over the Southern Stings at Ellis Park Arena yesterday.

The teams were close

in the first quarter, exchanging the lead on numerous occasions and reaching the first break with just one goal in it -the Stings leading 11-10

at that point. The team from

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the Western Cape held onto the onegoal 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 defend-ing 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 small gap. "We changed

plan after halfway through, admitted Jaguars coach Jenny van Dyk after the game

Meanwhile, the North West North claimed Flames their first win of the weekend.

Last year's run-ners-up bounced back from a loss to the Stings on Saturday, with a 61-39 victory over the Limpopo Baobabs.

"That was much better," said a relieved Flames coach Elsje Jor-daan afterwards, explaining her key wing attack Kgomotso Itlhabanyeng had recovered enough from flu to make a

big difference. In the final game of the open-ing round, the Eastern Cape Aloes slumped to their second loss of the weekend, while the Gauteng Fireballs claimed their second victo-

y finising 53-28.

