

competition forces teams to

# Maties look for revenge

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WITH TWO dominant performances already in the pocket, Maties will tonight look to add a third one when they take on UP-Tuks at Danie Craven Stadium in Stellenbosch (kick-off 7 pm, SS1).

In Round One, the Stellenbosch-based university thumped the University of Johannesburg (UJ) 31-3, and hammered Shimlas 56-21 last week.

The fact that tonight's main fixture is a repeat of last year's final – in which Tuks beat Maties 28-21 – also provides enough reason to expect a hot contest in the Western Cape.

However, new Tuks coach David Manuel will be keen to add a win with his new team to his resume after two successive defeats – a 19-17 home defeat to Shimlas and a 25-19 loss to Wits in Johannesburg.

In the other match in the Cape, the University of Cape Town will host NWU-Pukke at the UCT Rugby Fields (kick-off 6.30 pm), in which the UCT Ikeys will look to build on their win against the Madibaz last Monday.

The Ikeys lost their tournament-opening game against Wits, before getting the better of the Madibaz in Port Elizabeth the following week – a performance characterised by massive outings by their forwards, especially at scrum time.

NWU got their campaign off to the best possible start with a 70-7 demolition of CUT at the Fanie du Toit Sports Grounds in Round One, running in nine tries to CUT's one.

In Bloemfontein there will be two matches tonight. Shimlas, who are currently sixth on the log, will hunt their second win of this year's competition.

They will host Wits in Bloemfontein (kick-off 6.30 pm), while CUT Ixias go up against the Madibaz.

Second-on-the-log Wits come off two good wins against UCT and Tuks, and they will be wanting their impressive backline and powerful forwards to put up another strong performance to make it three out of three.

In the other televised game, bottom-of-the-log CUT Ixias will continue to look for their first win of the competition when they play the Madibas at 4.45 pm (SS1) at the CUT Stadium.

Two humiliating defeats (70-7 against NWU and 48-21 against UJ) should have CUT hungry for their first victory, while the guys from the Eastern Cape have played only one game, which they lost.

