

Bantwana benefit from Fifa ban of Kenya

SA U-17 girls walk to next round of World Cup qualifiers

By **Athenkosi Tsotsi**

The SA women U-17 team progressed to the next round of the 2022 Fifa U-17 Women's World Cup qualifiers via a walkover after Kenya was suspended by Fifa.

Last month, Kenya and Zimbabwe were banned from all football activities after their respective governments were found guilty of interference in the football association matters.

The ban affected all the footballing structures and the Kenya U-17 women's team was no exception.

Bantwana were set to play Kenya at the beginning of March for the first leg and then the second leg on the weekend of March 19.

Now that the suspension has come into play, the plans for the fixtures have been thrown out the window.

Simphiwe Dlodlu's team moves on to the next stage of qualifying for the junior international tournament which

will be hosted in India from October 11-30.

Despite not having a chance to play, Dlodlu was pleased with what she saw from her side during their camp as goes about building a new team.

"We have received notification of the suspension of Kenya but we remained active in camp as we look forward to building a formidable side that must qualify for the World Cup," said Dlodlu.

"We continued with our preparation and selection because we are building a team from scratch.

"So far it has been positive, we played a friendly match against the University of Johannesburg. We put three teams together, a team of 15-17-year-olds.

"I can safely say there's a positive direction we have taken. A lot more work needs to be done.

"They're going back to their teams, we need them to continue working hard in terms of fitness and the basics of football. A lot of them are just being introduced to the international standards.

"It's looking positive, we're looking forward to seeing what the next couple of months are going to bring for us in preparing to qualify for the World Cup in India," she said.



Simphiwe Dlodlu, coach of U17 women's team.
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Thoka says players with PSL cards no longer committed to Diski Challenge

By **Athenkosi Tsotsi**

Baroka reserves head coach Matsemela Thoka has questioned the commitment of some of his players, saying some no longer had motivation to get better after receiving their PSL cards.

This comes after Baroka suffered a 3-1 loss to SuperSport United in the Diski Challenge at the Soshanguve Giant Stadium at the weekend.

Things have not been smooth for Thoka since he took over from Kgoloko Thobejane after chairman Khurishi Mphahlele saw fit to initiate a role switch between the two; the team dropped from fifth place to

11th recently.

Thoka, who was in charge of the first team in the previous season, leading them to a 10th-place finish in the DStv Premiership, has struggled to work his magic with young Baroka prospects.

"Since I've been with the Diski Challenge team, we are not doing well. I don't know, maybe the boys do not understand me or maybe I'm expecting more because I was with the first team," said Thoka.

"There are areas where they are not doing things well. I need to understand them and give them a chance," he said.

Speaking to the Sowetan yesterday, Thoka blasted players who graduated from the academy structures and are part of the first

team but remain the core of his side. He called out the players for their lack of commitment to the Diski Challenge team.

"Most of the players are training with the first team, seven or eight of our starting 11 train with the first team, they have PSL cards," Thoka said.

"Maybe it's a thing of relaxing, they have their PSL cards now, they no longer have that hunger of getting promoted.

"So when they come to the Diski they are no longer giving the effort like the hungry players.

"They think they're already there. They play the Diski Challenge games for fun. It's a problem but we have to keep working so they can understand."

Results:

Amazulu **1 - 1** Sundowns

Gallants **0 - 3** TS Galaxy
Royal AM **5 - 3** Chippa
SuperSport **3 - 1** Baroka
Swallows **1 - 0** Sekhukhune
Pirates **2 - 0** CT City
Arrows **1 - 1** Maritzburg
Kaizer Chiefs **1 - 2** Stellenbosch

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Enquiries may be directed to MPAC Researcher: Mr. HL Phala at Tel: 013 249 2120/2023 or email: phalahl@nkangaladm.gov.za during office hours from 07h30 to 16h30.

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Matsemela Thoka coach of Baroka FC.
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