



# STELLENBOSCH FC MATCH PACK

STELLENBOSCH FC X CAPE TOWN CITY (H)



27 JANUARY 2023 | DStv PREMIERSHIP | DANIE CRAVEN STADIUM | KICK OFF: 19:30

# LETTER FROM THE CEO



## ROB BENADIE: STELLENBOSCH FC CEO

**Very little excites like a local derby!** A warm Stellies welcome to our opponents Cape Town City and their fans and a very special welcome back to our SFC family of supporters. Surely, we have one of the most beautiful settings for football here at the Danie Craven Stadium.

After a very impressive fourth place finish last season, our Team is going through a difficult period this time around. What I can say to you as supporters is that all the players and staff are hurting and working extremely hard to ensure that we turn our fortunes on the field around. We have the youngest squad in the league and believe that we simply require some time to gain momentum. There are still 36 league points to play for as well as a Nedbank Cup, so we can certainly still celebrate a wonderful season come May. What is crucial though, is that we stand behind the Team and make sure we let the six PSL clubs still to visit the Danie Craven Stadium this season know where they are!

As for this weekend, we have historically competed well against our neighbours with four victories and one draw in seven derbies since being promoted to the DSTV Premiership in 2019. Whilst we go into this match as underdogs, **we are unbeaten in the last four derbies and the players will be motivated to provide you with a great performance and continue the trend!**

A special and proud mention to our footballers that represented our country the last few months, namely Ox Mthethwa, Jayden Adams, Antonio van Wyk (all Bafana Bafana), Ossie Andries (SA u20) and Tyler Cicero (SA u17). On a very sad note, we also bid farewell to a great servant to Stellenbosch and our Youth Academy when Mr Quinton Linders passed away recently.

Lastly, A sincere thank you to our shareholders Remgro and Stellenbosch Academy of Sport, our Main Sponsor RAMA as well as Le Coq Sportif, Toyota, and aQuellé for the continued trust and support.

**We Are One - let's make a noise and turn the City maroon!**





## STEVE BARKER: STELLENBOSCH FC HEAD COACH

“ **The derby is always something to look forward to.** It's a fixture which from day one when we got promoted to the PSL, we wanted to play and one we look forward to playing. It's always been a very competitive game between the two teams, both in official matches and in our friendly matches, so there's no love lost between the two teams on the field of play. We are neighbours in Cape Town representing the Western Cape, but once we get onto the field the players are always excited and up for the task of claim bragging rights. It's a big fixture for us this coming Friday and it's obviously no secret that we are searching for a big performance from the team to get us the result we need. **We all want to win football games, but this derby is a need to win for us** as a football team and as a club. I'm looking forward to an exciting fixture and hoping that the crowd can come out in numbers and support the team, and I'm confident that our players will be ready. They are well prepared and will be putting in a good performance.

...Because of a lack of PSL teams in the Western Cape, I think we are two teams who know each other very well. We often play friendly matches and in December we played each other twice, so both teams know what the other is capable of doing. When it comes to derbies, apart from the technical and tactical preparation, it's about mindset. **We have a mentality here that we don't lose derbies.** So, for me, the preparation is more about staying calm about our situation while having that inner desire deep in our belly and in our soul to approach the game with the right desire. When two teams know each other that well, it's maybe about making any subtle changes that you can to derail the opposition, but they have some good quality players in their team that we have to be aware of, but more importantly is how we approach the game mentally on Friday. That will be the challenge for us.

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You can read the full pre-match press conference and more on [www.stellenboschfc.com](http://www.stellenboschfc.com)



# H2H COMPARISON

## STELLENBOSCH FC V CAPE TOWN CITY

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

20/08/2022: Cape Town City 1-1 Stellenbosch FC  
21/05/2022: Stellenbosch FC 1-0 Cape Town City  
18/09/2021: Cape Town City 0-3 Stellenbosch FC  
06/03/2021: Cape Town City 1-2 Stellenbosch FC  
15/12/2020: Stellenbosch FC 1-2 Cape Town City  
20/08/2020: Stellenbosch FC 1-0 Cape Town City  
10/08/2019 Cape Town City 1-0 Stellenbosch FC

**MATCHES PLAYED:** 7

**WINS:** 4

**DRAW:** 1

**LOSSES:** 2

**GOALS FOR:** 9

**GOALS AGAINST:** 5

### LEAGUE FORM GUIDE:

TEAM	POS	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	LAST FIVE
STELLENBOSCH FC	15	18	3	8	7	17	24	-7	17	LLDDD
CAPE TOWN CITY	7	17	6	5	6	17	17	0	23	WDWLW



\*STATISTICS ACCURATE AS OF THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2023, 22:00 (GMT+2)



# NOTICE FOR MATCH-GOING FANS

## Fixture information:

Competition: DSTV Premiership

Date: 27 January 2023

Location: Danie Craven Stadium, Stellenbosch

Kick-off: 19h30

Gates open: 17h30

Broadcast: SuperSport PSL (202)

## Ticket information:

Ticket prices: R60 for Grand Stand & R40 for Open Stand - available at [www.webtickets.co.za](http://www.webtickets.co.za) or any Pick 'n Pay outlet, including PNP Liquor, PNP Clothing and PNP Express stores.

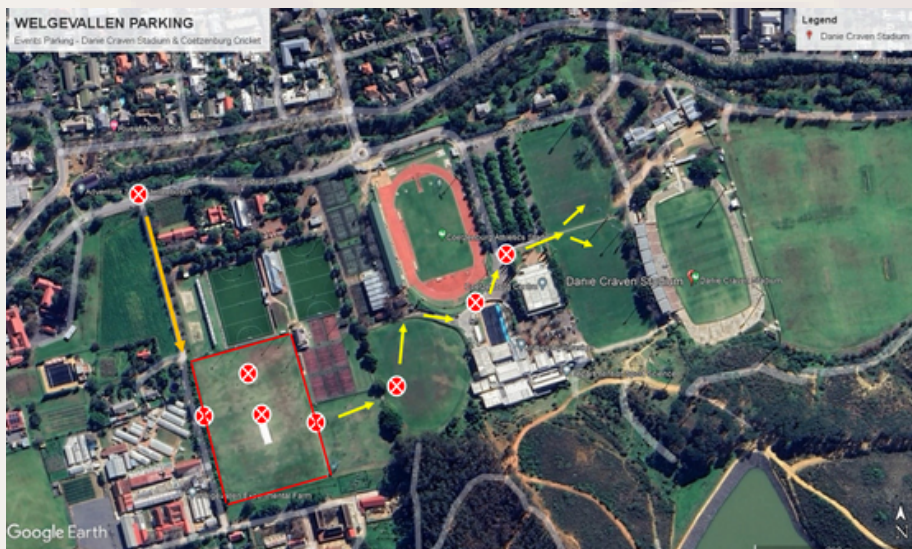
## Seating arrangements:

Maroon ticket holders are requested to enter the stadium on the northern side of the stadium (side entrance). Blue ticket holders are requested to enter the stadium on the eastern side of the stadium (back entrance). Please see below graphic for clarity.



## Parking information:

Grand Stand ticket holders are eligible to park at Coetzenburg Centre. Open Stand ticket holders are required to park at the nearby Welgevallen Ground and make their way to the Danie Craven Stadium from there. **NOTE:** No parking will be permitted at the cricket fields to the east of the stadium.



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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**MERVIN BOJI**



**Mervin Boji opened his account for Stellenbosch FC last Sunday when he netted his first senior goal in the defeat to Orlando Pirates. The 21-year-old is now hungry for more heading into the Cape Derby.**

“I was very happy to score my first professional goal,” Boji said. “Qobolwakhe Sibande showed me that he was going to put it at the near post and Oshwin (Andries) was behind me. Oshwin told me to go behind him and then run back but I ended up just making a movement backwards and then forwards and flicked it in with my head. It was an amazing feeling and it's made me want to score more goals in the PSL for the team. I was always hungry to get that first goal and I got angry with myself when I didn't score, but now that I have that goal I'm going to take any opportunities I get to net even more. I would be very happy to get another goal in the Cape Derby on Friday. At the moment we're struggling, we've recently only had draws and losses, so a goal might help the team to win and to get the points that we need.”

**At 21 years, 7 months & 27 days, Mervin Boji is Stellenbosch FC's fourth youngest goalscorer in the DStv Premiership, behind only Oshwin Andries (19 years, 5 months & 20 days), Antonio van Wyk (20 years, 4 months & 14 days) and Jayden Adams (20 years, 11 months & 1 day).**



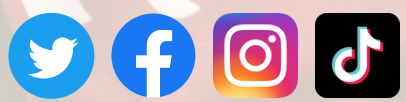


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# WEEKEND RECAP



**ORLANDO PIRATES**

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**STELLENBOSCH FC**

T. MONARE 7'  
I. MAELA 22'  
K. ERASMUS 59'  
N. NDLONDLO 63'

M. BOJI 75'

**ORLANDO STADIUM - 22 JANUARY 2023**

A highly-anticipated trip to the Orlando Stadium ended in disappointment for Stellenbosch FC on Sunday after the team suffered a 4-1 defeat to Orlando Pirates in their DStv Premiership clash. The hosts opened the scoring in the seventh minute when Thabang Monare headed home from a set-piece before Buccaneers captain Innocent Maela doubled his side's advantage soon after by capitalising on a defensive error from Stellies. Steve Barker's side looked to get back in the game in the second half but were dealt another blow just before the hour mark when Kermit Erasmus extended Pirates' advantage, and the writing was on the wall when Ndabiyathethwa Ndlondlo added a fourth just four minutes later. There was, however, still time for Mervin Boji to net his first senior goal for the club, which he did by rising highest in the box to head home a well-taken corner by fellow substitute Qobolwakhe Sibande.

4	<b>GOALS</b>	1
20	<b>SHOTS</b>	1
8	<b>SHOTS ON TARGET</b>	1
63	<b>POSSESSION %</b>	37
(546/621) 88	<b>PASS COMPLETION %</b>	80 (287/360)
0	<b>YELLOW CARDS</b>	1
0	<b>RED CARDS</b>	0





# THE DISKI DIGEST

**Stellenbosch FC DSTV Diski Challenge coach Evangelos Vellios is hoping to use Sunday's clash against Sekhukhune United as the platform upon which his side can jumpstart their season.**

“Last week was obviously another disappointing performance,” Vellios said ahead of the match. “We haven't been consistent enough this season – after the win against Kaizer Chiefs at the turn of the year we were hoping to kick on but we haven't done that. We need to try and rectify it this weekend and get on a run. The message to the players is, 'Let's start off by winning one game again, get that feeling and confidence and build from there.' So, we know it's not going to be easy in Jo'burg where it is very hot and where the altitude is a factor. It's going to be a tough game against a very organised Sekhukhune United team but we are hoping we can put on a better performance and make sure we perform well, and hopefully the results will come. We still believe we can turn the season around and end up in a good log position but for that we need to stop making mistakes and correct our approach and application in games in order to give ourselves that opportunity.”

**29 JANUARY 2023 | DSTV DISKI CHALLENGE | ISAK STEYL STADIUM | KICK OFF: 10:00**



# UPCOMING FIXTURES

DATE:	COMP.	OPPONENT	VENUE	KO TIME
04/02/2023:	DStv Prem	Chippa United	Nelson Mandela Stadium, Port Elizabeth	15:30
<b>11/02/2023:</b>	<b>Nedbank Cup</b>	<b>Swallows FC</b>	<b>Athlone Stadium, Cape Town</b>	<b>15:00</b>
25/02/2023:	DStv Prem	Richards Bay	King Goodwill Zwelithini Stadium, Durban	17:30
<b>04/03/2023:</b>	<b>DStv Prem</b>	<b>Mamelodi Sundowns</b>	<b>Danie Craven Stadium, Stellenbosch</b>	<b>17:30</b>
<b>18/03/2023:</b>	<b>DStv Prem</b>	<b>AmaZulu</b>	<b>Danie Craven Stadium, Stellenbosch</b>	<b>15:30</b>
01/04/2023:	DStv Prem	Kaizer Chiefs	FNB Stadium, Johannesburg	17:30
09/04/2023:	DStv Prem	Royal AM	Chatsworth Stadium, Chatsworth	15:30
<b>22/04/2023:</b>	<b>DStv Prem</b>	<b>Swallows FC</b>	<b>Danie Craven Stadium, Stellenbosch</b>	<b>20:00</b>
<b>29/04/2023:</b>	<b>DStv Prem</b>	<b>Golden Arrows</b>	<b>Danie Craven Stadium, Stellenbosch</b>	<b>15:30</b>
02/05/2023:	DStv Prem	SuperSport United	L. Masterpieces Moripe Stadium, Pretoria	19:30
13/05/2023:	DStv Prem	Maritzburg United	Harry Gwala Stadium, Pietermaritzburg	15:00
<b>20/05/2023:</b>	<b>DStv Prem</b>	<b>TS Galaxy</b>	<b>Danie Craven Stadium, Stellenbosch</b>	<b>15:00</b>

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