

MDAKA EXCITED TO REUNITE WITH ARTHUR ZWANE AT USUTHU

● Left-back eager to make impact after standout seasons at Stellenbosch

By NEVILLE KHOZA

New AmaZulu defender Omega Mdaka expressed his delight after reuniting with coach Arthur Zwane at Usuthu, and said he never hesitated when the club showed interest in him.

The 22-year-old left-back joined Usuthu from Stellenbosch, where he had an outstanding stay for the past two seasons after signing with the Winelands side in 2024. Mdaka and Zwane worked together at Kaizer Chiefs during their time with the club's DStv Diski Challenge (DDC) reserve side from 2021 to 2023, and he said he is not surprised at joining a club where he went for assessment in 2024 but failed to impress.

"I wanted to be here. It just delayed a bit. I know coach Arthur from development levels. I know what type of a coach



Omega Mdaka has joined AmaZulu from Stellenbosch. /Phakamisa Lensman/Backpagepix

he is, so me being here is not a coincidence. I want to be here," Mdaka told the media. "He is an easy-going coach, but then obviously, during training and match days, he is very demanding. He expects

the best out of his players. He is a top coach and [an] even better human being, so it has been great working under him." During his spell with Stellenbosch, Mdaka showcased his impressive qualities,

contributing in defence and providing options in attack. The highly rated wingback was a key player at Stellies, which prompted AmaZulu to move swiftly to acquire his services.

He made 51 appearances across all competitions for Stellenbosch, registering one goal and one assist.

Mdaka said he is still trying to get along with his new teammates at Usuthu and that so far, so good.

"It has been a good one if I'm being honest, the training sessions have been amazing. Playing the previous game, I was very happy. I feel like every player coming from outside playing in their new team obviously want to start the first match of the season for any team," he said.

"I'm getting along with the guys, and I'm trying to form a chemistry with some of the players, so it has been good."

Usuthu will face Sekhukhune United in the MTN8 quarterfinal match at Chatsworth Stadium on Sunday at 3pm, where they will be looking to progress to the next round.

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BID NO:	DESCRIPTION	COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	SPECIAL REQUIREMENT	TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES	REFERENCE AND NOTICE NO.	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
31/2026	Re-advertisement: Appointment of electrical consulting engineer for protection scheme coordination for Makhado electrical networks		- Certified copy of registration with the engineering council of South Africa (ECSA). - Certified copy of CEM certificate (Certified Energy Manager). - Certified copy of membership certificate with the South African Institute of Electrical Engineers (SAIEE)	Director Technical Services: Ms LA Thulare or Mr T Magalela at 0155193000	Ref: 8/3/2/3168 Notice no: 77/2026	28 August 2026 at 12H00pm
32/2026	Printing and posting of consumer statement for a period of three years	14 August 2026 at 10:00am at Council chamber, first floor, 83 Krogh street, Makhado.	Attach certified copy of PAMSS certificate.	Chief Financial Officer: Mr. NG Raliphada or Mr. LE Luvhimba at 0155193000	Ref: 8/3/2/3169 Notice no: 78 /2026	07 September 2026 at 12H00pm
33/2026	Auctioneering services on municipal assets for a period of three years	14 August 2026 at 14:30pm at Council chamber, first floor, 83 Krogh street, Makhado.		Chief Financial Officer: Mr. NG Raliphada or Ms. E Lubisi at 0155193000	Ref: 8/3/2/3170 Notice no: 79 /2026	07 September 2026 at 12H00pm

Completed bid documents signed by a duly authorized person, sealed in an envelope clearly marked "As mentioned above" must reach the undersigned by depositing it into the tender box at the foyer of the main entrance to the Civic Centre by not later than "As mentioned above" when all tenders received will be opened in public in the Council Chamber, Ground Floor, Civic Centre, No.83 Krogh Street, Makhado.

The Municipality is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept any part of a bid. Bids must remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days after closing date of submission thereof. **Submitted tenders will be evaluated on 80/20 preferential points with functionality.**

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- Valid Tax compliance status pin issued by SARS
- A copy of company registration documents (CK)
- Certified copy/copies of company owner(s) ID book(s), not older than three (03) months certification.
- Attach proof of payment for municipal rates not owing for more than (03) months or formal lease agreement for rental premises or letter from the traditional authority in cases of non-ratable areas. (Attach for both entity and directors of the company)
- Copy of central supplier database (CSD) **full report.**

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All procurement enquiries should be directed to Ms. P Mudau or Mr. M Ramabulana at Tel no. **(015) 519 3044/3024**

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