

Sharks smell blood this time

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Springboks and Sharks winger S'busiso Nkosi may be waylaid by injury but feels his provincial team have a massive Currie Cup score to settle.

The Sharks dominated last year's double-round competition but lost steam at a critical part of the tournament.

After they won 10 of their 12 league matches where they also won 10 games on the bounce, the Sharks slipped up against Western Province in their final round-robin game.

While they managed to get past the Bulls in the semifinals, they showed big-match jitters that came to bear in the final.

They lost the home final 33-21 to the same Western Province side that beat them in the league stage and what made the defeat galling was that the Sharks had a reasonable half-time lead (21-15).

"Losing the Currie Cup final counts as motivation and we've got a bigger point to prove now since we lost at home.

"We're going to try to get another home final and bring the cup home," said Nkosi.

"We had a great campaign last



LEADING BY EXAMPLE: Sharks' Chilliboy Ralepelle will lead his side to start their Currie Cup against the Blue Bulls at home next week Saturday.

year and if we can take what we did last year and add a bit more big-match temperament when it comes to the playoffs, we'll be good contenders to win the tournament."

Nkosi, who said he is four to six weeks away from recovering from his ankle injury, also said Mahlatse "Chilliboy" Ralepelle is a good choice as captain for

the Currie Cup campaign.

The Sharks have 10 players in the Springbok squad with hooker Akker van der Merw making it ahead of Ralepelle.

In a tournament that is often seen as a developmental competition behind Super Rugby, experienced players like Ralepelle aren't often around to lend a seasoned hand.

Cheetahs face rough

LIAM DEL CARME

The Cheetahs will have their work cut out in the opening month of the Currie Cup that kicks of this weekend.

The Cheetahs, who last won the competition in 2016, will play the four strongest teams in the first four weeks of the much compacted competition.

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In the first four weeks they will clash with the Bulls in Bloemfontein, Western Province in Cape Town, the Sharks back home and the Lions in

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