

2021 COSAFA Cup

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Botswana



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BOTSWANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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Established: 1970

Affiliated to FIFA: 1976

Affiliated to CAF: 1976

Honours: None

BRIEF HISTORY

Botswana have showed a marked improvement in international competition over the last few years, using COSAFA tournaments as the basis of their preparation and progress.

They made the COSAFA Cup final in 2019, running eventual champions Zambia close as they lost 1-0, but in many ways it was a breakthrough for the country's football and a sign of better days ahead. It was a second final appearance in four years.

It took almost a decade of competition before the Zebras the latter stages of the competition, but the side reached the semifinals of the COSAFA Cup in 2006 and repeated the feat the next year.

Their achievement in 2006 came after they beat South Africa on post-match penalties and the next year there was another upset triumph, this time over World Cup finalists Angola.

It was in 2003 that Botswana finally ended their search for the 'Holy Grail' when their seven-year run without a win in the COSAFA Cup was broken. They had long been the only country of the original entrants to the tournament never to win a game.

An early goal from Tshepiso Molwantwa in their first round match away against Namibia in Windhoek finally broke the duck.

The side exited the 2013 finals at the group stage despite being unbeaten in their three matches, which included a fine 2-1 success over guest nation Kenya.

Striker Jerome Ramatlhakwane scored four goals in that tournament, but the country's leading scorer in the competition is Onkabetse Makgantai with six goals.

They reached the semifinals in 2015 thanks to a penalty shoot-out victory over South Africa, but ended up fourth in the competition after a 2-1 loss to Madagascar in the bronze medal match.

A year later and they made the final in Namibia, but lost 3-2 to South Africa and had to settle for silver.

Botswana was formerly the seat of the Council of Southern Africa Football Associations but it has been handicapped over the years by the country's sparse population.



COSAFA CUP RECORD AT A GLANCE

TOURNAMENT FINISHES

1997 – First round
1998 – First round
1999 – Second round
2000 – First round
2001 – First round
2002 – First round
2003 – Quarterfinals
2004 – Quarterfinals
2005 – First round
2006 – Semifinals
2007 – Semifinals
2008 – Quarterfinals
2009 – Quarterfinals
2013 – First round
2015 – Semifinals
2016 – Runners-Up
2017 – Quarterfinals
2018 – Plate Runners-Up
2019 – Runners-Up



COSAFA CUP RESULT RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	11	2	4	5	7	12
Away	33	8	12	13	33	38
Total	44	10	16	18	40	50
vs Angola	3	1	2	0	3	2
vs Comoros Islands	1	0	1	0	0	0
vs DR Congo	1	0	1	0	0	0
vs Eswatini	3	2	1	0	3	0
vs Lesotho	3	1	2	0	5	4
vs Kenya	1	1	0	0	2	1
vs Madagascar	2	1	0	1	3	2
vs Malawi	4	0	2	2	3	7
vs Mauritius	1	1	0	0	6	0
vs Mozambique	4	0	0	4	2	8
vs Namibia	4	2	2	0	4	2
vs Seychelles	1	1	0	0	2	0
vs South Africa	9	0	4	5	5	13
vs Zambia	4	0	0	4	1	7
vs Zimbabwe	3	0	1	2	1	4

COSAFA CUP MATCHES AND STATISTICS

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENT	ROUND	RESULT	GOALSCORERS
1-3-97	Gaborone	MALAWI	First Round	1-4	Lesupi (pen)
25-1-98	Gaborone	MOZAMBIQUE	First Round	1-2	Molwantwa
20-2-99	Gaborone	SOUTH AFRICA	First Round	1-2	Selolwane
30-5-99	Gaborone	MOZAMBIQUE	Second Round	0-2	-
25-3-00	Lusaka	ZAMBIA	First Round	0-3	-
17-3-01	Gaborone	MALAWI	First Round	0-1	-
30-3-02	Gaborone	SOUTH AFRICA	First Round	0-0	-
16-3-03	Windhoek	NAMIBIA	First Round	1-0	Molwantwa
25-5-03	Gaborone	MALAWI	Quarterfinals	1-1	Ntshingane
29-2-04	Maseru	LESOTHO	First Round	0-0	-
18-7-04	Luanda	ANGOLA	Quarterfinals	1-1	Motlhabankwe
16-4-05	Windhoek	NAMIBIA	Group Stage	1-1	Moatlhaping
17-4-05	Windhoek	ZIMBABWE	Group Stage	0-2	-
20-5-06	Gaborone	MADAGASCAR	Group Stage	2-0	Moatlhaping, Mothibane
21-5-06	Gaborone	SOUTH AFRICA	Group Stage	0-0	-
19-8-06	Lusaka	ZAMBIA	Semifinals	0-1	-
28-7-07	Gaborone	NAMIBIA	Group Stage	1-0	Mogoladi
29-7-07	Gaborone	ANGOLA	Group Stage	0-0	-
29-9-07	Pretoria	SOUTH AFRICA	Semifinals	0-1	-
27-7-08	Secunda	MOZAMBIQUE	Quarterfinals	0-2	-
18-10-09	Bulawayo	COMOROS	Group Stage	0-0	-
20-10-09	Bulawayo	ESWATINI	Group Stage	1-0	Bolelang
22-10-09	Bulawayo	SEYCHELLES	Group Stage	2-0	Moloi, Bolelang
26-10-09	Bulawayo	ZIMBABWE	Quarterfinals	0-1	-
7-7-13	Kitwe	ESWATINI	Group Stage	0-0	-
9-7-13	Kitwe	LESOTHO	Group Stage	3-3	Ramatlhakwane 3
11-7-13	Kitwe	KENYA	Group Stage	2-1	Tshireletso, Ramatlhakwane
24-5-15	Moruleng	SOUTH AFRICA	Quarterfinals	0-0	-
28-5-15	Moruleng	MOZAMBIQUE	Semifinals	1-2	Kebatho
30-5-15	Moruleng	MADAGASCAR	3/4 Play-Off	1-2	Boy
18-6-16	Windhoek	NAMIBIA	Quarterfinals	1-1	Da Costa og
22-6-16	Windhoek	DR CONGO	Semifinals	0-0	-
25-6-16	Windhoek	SOUTH AFRICA	Final	2-3	Makgantai, Seakanyeng
1-7-17	Phokeng	ZAMBIA	Quarterfinals	1-2	Seakanyeng
4-7-17	Moruleng	SOUTH AFRICA	Plate Semifinal	0-2	-

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENT	ROUND	RESULT	GOALSCORERS
28-5-18	Polokwane	ANGOLA	Group Stage	2-1	Seakanyeng pen, Makgantai
30-5-18	Polokwane	MALAWI	Group Stage	1-1	Seakanyeng
1-6-18	Polokwane	MAURITIUS	Group Stage	6-0	Makgantai 2, Phiri, Maikano Kgamanyane, Seakanyeng
3-6-18	Polokwane	ZIMBABWE	Quarterfinals	1-1	Makgantai
5-6-18	Polokwane	ESWATINI	Plate Semifinal	2-0	Makgantai, Mohutsiwa
8-6-18	Polokwane	SOUTH AFRICA	Plate Final	0-3	-
2-6-19	Durban	SOUTH AFRICA	Quarterfinals	2-2	Ditsele, Ditlhokwe
5-6-19	Durban	LESOTHO	Semifinals	2-1	Mogorosi, Boy
8-6-19	Durban	ZAMBIA	Final	0-1	-

GOALSCORERS

6 goals – Makgantai

5 – Seakanyeng

4 – Ramatlhakwane

2 – Bolelang, Boy, Molwantwa, Moatlhaping

1 – Ditlhokwe, Ditsele, Kebatho, Kgamanyane, Lesupi, Maikano, Mogoladi, Mogorosi, Mohutsiwa, Moloi, Mothibane, Motlhabankwe, Ntshingane, Phiri, Selolwane, Tshireletso
Own goal – Da Costa (Namibia)

HAT-TRICKS

Jerome Ramatlhakwane vs Lesotho (2013)

RECORDS AND SEQUENCES

Biggest win: 6-0 vs Mauritius (2018)

Heaviest defeat: 1-4 vs Malawi (1997)

Biggest home win: 2-0 vs Madagascar (2006)

Biggest away win: 6-0 vs Mauritius (2018)

Heaviest home defeat: 1-4 vs Malawi (1997)

Heaviest away defeat: 0-3 vs Zambia (2000); 0-3 vs South Africa (2018)

Highest scoring match: 3-3 vs Lesotho (2013); 6-0 vs Mauritius (2018)

Longest winning run: 2 games (from 20-10-09 to 22-10-09)

Longest losing run: 6 games (from 01-03-97 to 17-03-2001)

Longest unbeaten run: 6 games (from 30-03-02 to 16-04-05)

Longest run without a win: 8 games (from 24-05-15 to 04-07-17)

Total clean sheets: 15 matches (34.1%)

Total failed to score: 19 matches (43.2%)

Clean sheets at home: 5 matches (45.5%)

Clean sheets away: 10 matches (30.3%)

Failed to score at home: 5 matches (45.5%)

Failed to score away: 14 matches (42.4%)