

# 2021 COSAFA Cup

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*Eswatini*



## ESWATINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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**Website:** [www.nfas.org.sz](http://www.nfas.org.sz)

**Established:** 1968

**Affiliated to FIFA:** 1976

**Affiliated to CAF:** 1976

**Honours:** None

### BRIEF HISTORY

Eswatini have reached the semifinals of the COSAFA Cup on four occasions, proving their potential for upset results.

In 2003 Sihlangu reached the last four but then lost to eventual winners Zimbabwe. In 2002 they were beaten in the semifinals by South Africa, who also went on to win the competition, and in 1999 they were also semifinalists but were narrowly defeat by Namibia on post-match penalties after a 1-1 draw.

They also made the Last 4 in 2016, but were beaten 5-1 by South Africa, who went on to lift the trophy, while Eswatini beat DR Congo 1-0 to finish third.

Ironically before 1999, they had never won a game in the competition but are now always considered a threat in the COSAFA Cup.

In 2004 Eswatini reached a competition low when they lost their quarter-final tie at home to Zimbabwe by a then competition record score line of 5-0. The match was not completed after a crowd riot brought the game to a premature halt.

They did have a couple of quarterfinal appearances in 2017 and 2018, but they failed to make it past that stage and in 2019 were ousted in the first round.

In 2016 they topped a pool that also included Zimbabwe, Madagascar and Seychelles, then defeated Zambia on penalties in the quarterfinals.

The side have never qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations, though they have come close on occasions. They are also yet to appear at the FIFA World Cup.

Midfielder Felix Badenhorst has a country record eight goals in the COSAFA Cup, which also makes him the joint leading scorer in the history of the competition along with Zimbabwe legend Peter Ndlovu.





## COSAFA CUP RECORD AT A GLANCE

### TOURNAMENT FINISHES

**1997** – First round  
**1998** – First round  
**1999** – Semifinals  
**2000** – Quarterfinals  
**2001** – Quarterfinals  
**2002** – Semifinals  
**2003** – Semifinals  
**2004** – Quarterfinals  
**2005** – First round  
**2006** – First round  
**2007** – First round  
**2008** – First round  
**2009** – First round  
**2013** – First round  
**2015** – First round  
**2016** – Third place  
**2017** – Quarterfinals  
**2018** – Quarterfinals  
**2019** – First round



### COSAFA CUP RESULT RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	10	4	3	3	9	13
Away	33	10	9	14	34	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>55</b>
vs Angola	1	0	0	1	0	1
vs Botswana	3	0	1	2	0	3
vs Comoros	2	1	1	0	5	2
vs DR Congo	1	1	0	0	1	0
vs Kenya	1	0	0	1	0	2
vs Lesotho	3	1	0	2	2	3
vs Madagascar	5	3	2	0	7	2
vs Malawi	1	1	0	0	1	0
vs Mauritius	3	0	3	0	3	3
vs Mozambique	2	1	0	1	3	5
vs Namibia	3	1	1	1	4	4
vs Seychelles	3	3	0	0	7	1
vs South Africa	4	0	0	4	2	12
vs Tanzania	1	1	0	0	1	0
vs Zambia	3	0	2	1	0	3
vs Zimbabwe	7	1	2	4	7	14

## COSAFA CUP MATCHES AND STATISTICS

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENT	ROUND	RESULT	GOALSCORERS
03-3-97	Somhlolo	MOZAMBIQUE	First Round	0-4	
08-3-98	Somhlolo	ANGOLA	First Round	0-1	
09-5-99	Somhlolo	MOZAMBIQUE	First Round	3-1	Nkambule 2 (1 pen), Masina
18-7-99	Somhlolo	ZIMBABWE	Quarterfinals	1-1	Mdluli pen
28-8-99	Windhoek	NAMIBIA	Semifinals	1-1	Masina
18-6-00	Witbank	SOUTH AFRICA	Quarterfinals	0-2	
11-2-01	Somhlolo	ZAMBIA	First Round	0-0	
8-7-01	Harare	ZIMBABWE	Quarterfinals	1-2	W Nhleko
21-4-02	Somhlolo	NAMIBIA	First Round	2-1	M Dlamini 2 (1 pen)
5-5-02	Harare	ZIMBABWE	Quarterfinals	2-0	Siza Dlamini, Sib Dlamini
24-9-02	Polokwane	SOUTH AFRICA	Semifinals	1-4	Siza Dlamini
13-7-03	Somhlolo	MADAGASCAR	Quarterfinals	2-0	Siza Dlamini, M Dlamini
31-8-03	Bulawayo	ZIMBABWE	Semifinals	0-2	
27-6-04	Somhlolo	ZIMBABWE	Quarterfinals	0-5	
11-6-05	Lusaka	ZAMBIA	Group Stages	0-3	
20-5-06	Gaborone	SOUTH AFRICA	Group Stages	0-1	
21-5-06	Gaborone	MADAGASCAR	Group Stages	2-0	Msibi, Mamba
26-5-07	Somhlolo	MAURITIUS	Group Stages	0-0	
27-5-07	Somhlolo	MALAWI	Group Stages	1-0	M Tsabedze
19-7-08	Witbank	MADAGASCAR	Group Stages	1-1	P Dlamini
21-7-08	Witbank	MAURITIUS	Group Stages	1-1	Mazibuko
23-7-08	Witbank	SEYCHELLES	Group Stages	1-0	P Dlamini
18-10-09	Bulawayo	SEYCHELLES	Group Stages	2-1	Twala, M Dlamini
20-10-09	Bulawayo	BOTSWANA	Group Stages	0-1	
22-10-09	Bulawayo	COMOROS	Group Stages	3-0	Twala, Mthethwa, M Dlamini
7-7-13	Kitwe	BOTSWANA	Group Stages	0-0	
9-7-13	Kitwe	KENYA	Group Stages	0-2	
11-7-13	Lusaka	LESOTHO	Group Stages	0-2	
18-5-15	Phokeng	TANZANIA	Group Stages	1-0	Mabila
20-5-15	Phokeng	LESOTHO	Group Stages	2-0	Sibandze, Mkhontfo
22-5-15	Phokeng	MADAGASCAR	Group Stages	1-1	Ndzinisa
11-6-16	Windhoek	ZIMBABWE	Group Stages	2-2	Badenhorst 2
13-6-16	Windhoek	SEYCHELLES	Group Stages	4-0	Badenhorst 2, Ndlovu, W Nhleko
15-6-16	Windhoek	MADAGASCAR	Group Stages	1-0	Badenhorst
19-6-16	Windhoek	ZAMBIA	Quarterfinals	0-0	
22-6-16	Windhoek	SOUTH AFRICA	Semifinals	1-5	T Tsabedze
25-6-16	Windhoek	DR CONGO	3rd/4th Play-Off	1-0	Ndzinisa

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENT	ROUND	RESULT	GOALSCORERS
2-7-17	Phokeng	ZIMBABWE	Quarterfinals	1-2	Badenhorst
4-7-17	Moruleng	NAMIBIA	Plate Semis	0-1	
2-6-18	Polokwane	LESOTHO	Quarterfinals	0-1	
5-6-18	Polokwane	BOTSWANA	Plate Semis	0-2	
25-5-19	Durban	MAURITIUS	Group Stages	2-2	Mamba, Badenhorst
27-5-19	Durban	COMOROS	Group Stages	2-2	Ndzinisa, Badenhorst

## GOALSCORERS

**8 goals** – Badenhorst

**5** – M Dlamini

**3** – Siza Dlamini, Ndzinisa

**2** – Masina, Nkambule, Twala

**1** – P Dlamini, Sib Dlamini, Mabila, M Mamba, S Mamba, Mazibuko, Mdluli, Mkhontfo, Msibi, Mthethwa, Ndlovu, W Nhleko, Sibandze, M Tsabedze, T Tsabedze

## HAT-TRICKS

None





## RECORDS AND SEQUENCES

**Biggest win:** 4-0 vs Seychelles (2016)

**Heaviest defeat:** 0-5 vs Zimbabwe (2004)

**Biggest home win:** 3-1 vs Mozambique (1999)

**Biggest away win:** 4-0 vs Seychelles (2016)

**Heaviest home defeat:** 0-5 vs Zimbabwe (2004)

**Heaviest away defeat:** 1-5 vs South Africa (2016)

**Highest scoring match:** 1-5 vs South Africa (2016)

**Longest winning run:** 2 games (from 21-04-02 to 05-05-02; from 23-07-08 to 18-10-09; from 18-05-15 to 20-05-15; from 13-06-16 to 15-06-16)

**Longest losing run:** 4 games (from 31-08-03 to 20-05-06; from 02-07-17 to 05-06-18)

**Longest unbeaten run:** 7 games (from 21-05-06 to 18-10-09; from 18-05-15 to 19-06-16)

**Longest run without a win:** 6 games (from 02-07-17 to present)

**Total clean sheets:** 15 matches (34.9%)

**Total failed to score:** 17 matches (40.0%)

**Clean sheets at home:** 4 matches (40.0%)

**Clean sheets away:** 11 matches (33.3%)

**Failed to score at home:** 5 matches (50.0%)

**Failed to score away:** 12 matches (36.4%)

