

**HISTORY
RESULTS
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ESWATINI
HOLLYWOODBETS
COSAFA CUP 2024



ESWATINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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Website: 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 five 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.

The side were back in the semifinals in 2021 where they narrowly lost on penalties to west African guest nation Senegal, before going on to defeat Mozambique via spot-kicks in the bronze medal match.

They reached the quarterfinals in 2022 after topping their pool, but again drew with Senegal and were ousted in an epic penalty shoot-out that ended 10-9 in the favour of the west Africans.

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

But 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.

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

They did have a couple more quarterfinal appearances in 2017 and 2018, but they failed to make it past that stage and in 2019 and 2023 were ousted in the first round.

Midfielder Felix Badenhorst is the record goalscorer in the COSAFA Cup with nine goals, one more than the great Zimbabwean Peter Ndlovu and compatriot Sabelo Ndzinisa.



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
2021 – Third place
2022 – Quarterfinals
2023 – First round

COSAFA CUP RESULT RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	10	4	3	3	9	13
Away	47	15	14	18	51	55
Total	57	19	17	21	60	68
vs Angola	1	0	0	1	0	1
vs Botswana	6	0	2	4	1	7
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	5	3	0	2	7	4
vs Madagascar	5	3	2	0	7	2
vs Malawi	2	1	1	0	2	1
vs Mauritius	4	1	3	0	6	3
vs Mozambique	3	1	1	1	4	6
vs Namibia	4	2	1	1	5	4
vs Senegal	2	0	2	0	3	3
vs Seychelles	3	3	0	0	7	1
vs South Africa	6	0	0	6	3	15
vs Tanzania	1	1	0	0	1	0
vs Zambia	4	1	2	1	1	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, M 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



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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	S Mamba, Badenhorst
27-5-19	Durban	COMOROS	Group Stages	2-2	Ndzinisa, Badenhorst
6-7-21	Gqeberha	LESOTHO	Group Stages	3-1	Badenhorst, Khethukulhe, F Mamba
8-7-21	Gqeberha	SOUTH AFRICA	Group Stages	0-1	
10-7-21	Gqeberha	ZAMBIA	Group Stages	1-0	S. Gamedze
14-7-21	Gqeberha	BOTSWANA	Group Stages	1-1	Ndzinisa
16-7-21	Gqeberha	SENEGAL	Semifinals	2-2	Matse, Ndzinisa
18-7-21	Gqeberha	MOZAMBIQUE	3rd/4th Play-Off	1-1	K. Mkhontfo
6-7-22	Durban	MAURITIUS	Group Stages	3-0	Mkhonta pen, Mamba, Ndzinisa
8-7-22	Durban	MALAWI	Group Stages	1-1	Ndzinisa pen
10-7-22	Durban	LESOTHO	Group Stages	2-0	S. Gamedze, Ndzinisa
13-7-22	Durban	SENEGAL	Quarterfinals	1-1	P. Mkhontfo
15-7-22	Durban	BOTSWANA	Plate Semis	0-2	
5-7-23	Durban	BOTSWANA	Group Stages	0-1	
8-7-23	Durban	NAMIBIA	Group Stages	2-1	Matse, Matsebula
11-7-23	Durban	SOUTH AFRICA	Group Stages	1-2	Matsebula

GOALSCORERS

9 goals – Badenhorst

8 – Ndzinisa

5 – M Dlamini

3 – Siza Dlamini

2 – S. Gamedze, F. Mamba, Masina, Matse, Matsebula, K. Mkhontfo, Nkambule, Twala

1 – P Dlamini, Sib Dlamini, Khethukulhe, Mabila, M Mamba, S. Mamba, Mazibuko, Mdluli, Mkhonta, P. 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: 8 games (from 10-07-21 to 13-07-22)

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

Total clean sheets: 18 matches (31.6%)

Total failed to score: 20 matches (35.1%)

Clean sheets at home: 4 matches (40.0%)

Clean sheets away: 14 matches (29.8%)

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

Failed to score away: 15 matches (31.9%)

