2021 COSAFA Cup

TEAM NOTES

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Lesotho

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SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

COSAFA

LESOTHO FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

President: Salemane Phafane
Established: 1932
Affiliated to FIFA: 1964
Affiliated to CAF: 1964
Honours: None

BRIEF HISTORY

Lesotho have been runners-up in the COSAFA Cup, reaching the final in 2000 when they lost convincingly 6-0 on aggregate to Zimbabwe.

The progress of Likuena to the deciding tie shook up the competition and proved that the playing fields of southern Africa had been levelled by the so-called minnows of the region.

Beaten by Zambia and Mozambique in 2001 and 2002 respectively, they lost on post-match penalties to the Mozambicans in 2003 and Botswana in 2004, when they were beaten 11-10 by The Zebras in an incredible shootout in Maseru.

In 2006 they drew with Mozambique and then won on penalties, but lost their group final at home to Angola

The poor run continued in 2007 as they lost to Angola and Namibia, but they did at least put up a good showing in 2008 when they beat the Comores, their first win in the competition outside of Lesotho, and drew with Namibia.

However their 1-0 loss to Malawi meant they did not progress to the quarterfinals.

They were ousted in the first round on goal-difference in 2009, despite a win and a draw in their two matches.

But fortunes improved in 2013 when they finished fourth in the competition, advancing through the pool stages before losing in the semifinals to Zimbabwe and then being beaten to bronze by South Africa.

The side were knocked out in the first round in South Africa in 2015, defeating Tanzania in their pool but losing to Madagascar and Swaziland.

But then they found their form in Namibia a year later when they stormed through the pool stages, getting wins over Mauritius, Angola and Malawi, before losing to South Africa on penalties in the quarterfinals after a 1-1 draw.

Lesotho read he'd the semifinals of the competitions in 2017, 2018 and 2019, but narrowly lost on each occasion. The first two ended in defeat to Zimbabwe (4-3 and on penalties after a 0-0 draw), before they lost 2-1 to Botswana on the last of those.

They picked up the bronze medal in 2018 after beating Madagascar in the third-place play-off.

COSAFA CUP RECORD AT A GLANCE

TOURNAMENT FINISHES

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

COSAFA CUP RESULT RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	12	2	3	7	5	16
Away	34	9	12	13	38	42
Total	**46**	**11**	**15**	**20**	**43**	**58**
vs Angola	6	2	1	3	6	8
vs Botswana	3	0	2	1	4	5
vs Comoros Islands	1	1	0	0	1	0
vs Eswatini	3	2	0	1	3	2
vs Kenya	1	0	1	0	2	2
vs Madagascar	2	1	0	1	2	2
vs Malawi	3	1	0	2	2	3
vs Mauritius	2	2	0	0	4	0
vs Mozambique	3	0	2	1	0	2
vs Namibia	4	1	2	1	4	4
vs South Africa	2	0	1	1	2	3
vs Tanzania	2	1	1	0	1	0
vs Uganda	1	0	1	0	0	0
vs Zambia	4	0	1	3	3	7
vs Zimbabwe	9	0	3	6	9	20

COSAFA CUP MATCHES AND STATISTICS

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENT	ROUND	RESULT	GOALSCORERS
2-0-97	Maseru	ZAMBIA	First Round	0-2	-
18-1-98	Maseru	ZIMBABWE	First Round	0-2	-
7-2-99	Maseru	NAMIBIA	First Round	1-0	Ntsonyana
4-7-99	Maseru	ANGOLA	Quarterfinals	0-1	-
5-3-00	Harare	ZIMBABWE	First Round	1-2	Majara
11-6-00	Maseru	ZAMBIA	Quarterfinals	0-0	-
23-7-00	Maseru	ANGOLA	Semifinals	2-1	Maseela, Ntsonyana
13-8-00	Maseru	ZIMBABWE	Final, 1st Leg	0-3	-
27-8-00	Bulawayo	ZIMBABWE	Final, 2nd Leg	0-3	-
24-6-01	Maseru	ZAMBIA	Quarterfinals	1-2	Ntsonyana
7-4-02	Maseru	MOZAMBIQUE	First Round	0-2	-
22-3-03	Maputo	MOZAMBIQUE	First Round	0-0	-
29-2-04	Maseru	BOTSWANA	First Round	0-0	-
11-6-05	Lusaka	MALAWI	Group Stages	1-2	Potse
29-4-06	Maseru	MOZAMBIQUE	Group Stages	0-0	-
30-4-06	Maseru	ANGOLA	Group Stages	1-3	Moletsane
28-7-07	Gaborone	ANGOLA	Group Stages	0-2	-
29-7-07	Gaborone	NAMIBIA	Group Stages	2-3	Muso 2
20-7-08	Secunda	MALAWI	Group Stages	0-1	-
22-7-08	Secunda	NAMIBIA	Group Stages	1-1	Rankara
24-7-08	Secunda	COMORES	Group Stages	1-0	Lesesa
19-10-09	Harare	ZIMBABWE	Group Stages	2-2	Maile 2
21-10-09	Harare	MAURITIUS	Group Stages	1-0	Boakang
8-7-13	Kitwe	KENYA	Group Stages	2-2	Mokhahalane (pen), Tale
9-7-13	Kitwe	BOTSWANA	Group Stages	3-3	Mokhahlane (pen), Lerotholi, Tale
11-7-13	Lusaka	ESWATINI	Group Stages	2-0	Letsie, Seturumane
14-7-13	Kitwe	ANGOLA	Quarterfinals	1-1	Tale
17-7-13	Ndola	ZIMBABWE	Semifinals	1-2	Mofolo
20-7-13	Ndola	SOUTH AFRICA	3rd-4th Play-Off	1-2	Maile
18-5-15	Phokeng	MADAGASCAR	Group Stages	1-2	Tale
20-5-15	Phokeng	ESWATINI	Group Stages	0-2	-
22-5-15	Moruleng	TANZANIA	Group Stages	1-0	Kamela

DATE	VENUE	OPPONENT	ROUND	RESULT	GOALSCORERS
12-6-16	Windhoek	MAURITIUS	Group Stages	3-0	Thaba-Ntso, Kamela, Motebang
14-6-16	Windhoek	ANGOLA	Group Stages	2-0	Khutlang, Kalake
16-6-16	Windhoek	MALAWI	Group Stages	1-0	Thaba-Ntso
18-6-16	Windhoek	SOUTH AFRICA	Quarterfinals	1-1	Thaba-Ntso
21-6-16	Windhoek	ZAMBIA	Plate Semifinals	2-3	Tsosane, Makepe
1-7-17	Phokeng	NAMIBIA	Quarterfinals	0-0	-
5-7-17	Moruleng	ZIMBABWE	Semifinals	3-4	Motebang, Potloane, Koetle
7-7-17	Moruleng	TANZANIA	3rd-4th Play-Off	0-0	-
2-6-18	Polokwane	ESWATINI	Quarterfinals	1-0	Motebang
6-6-18	Polokwane	ZIMBABWE	Semifinals	0-0	-
8-6-18	Polokwane	MADAGASCAR	3rd-4th Play-Off	1-0	Nkoto
1-6-19	Durban	UGANDA	Quarterfinals	0-0	-
5-6-19	Durban	BOTSWANA	Semifinals	1-2	Motebang
7-6-19	Durban	ZIMBABWE	3rd-4th Play-Off	2-2	Thaba-Ntšo, Bereng

GOALSCORERS
4 goals – Motebang, Tale, Thaba-Ntso
3 – Maile, Ntsonyana
2 – Kamela, Mokhahalane, Muso
1 – Bereng, Boakang, Kalake, Khutlang, Koetle, Lerotholi, Lesesa, Letsie, Majara, Makepe, Maseela, Mofolo, Moletsane, Nkoto, Potloane, Potse, Rankara, Seturumane, Tsosane

HAT-TRICKS
None

RECORDS AND SEQUENCES
Biggest win: 3-0 vs Mauritius (2016)
Heaviest defeat: 0-3 vs Zimbabwe (2000, twice)
Biggest home win: 2-1 vs Angola (2000)
Biggest away win: 3-0 vs Mauritius (2016)
Heaviest home defeat: 0-3 vs Zimbabwe (2000)
Heaviest away defeat: 0-3 vs Zimbabwe (2000)
Highest scoring match: 3-4 vs Zimbabwe (2017)
Longest winning run: 4 games (from 29-05-15 to 14-06-16)
Longest losing run: 4 games (from 13-08-00 to 07-04-02; from 30-04-06 to 20-07-08; from 17-07-13 to 20-05-15)
Longest unbeaten run: 8 games (from 22-07-08 to 14-07-13)
Longest run without a win: 13 games (from 13-08-00 to 22-07-08)
Total clean sheets: 18 matches (30.8%)
Total failed to score: 17 matches (40.0%)
Clean sheets at home: 4 matches (33.3%)
Clean sheets away: 14 matches (41.2%)
Failed to score at home: 8 matches (66.67%)
Failed to score away: 10 matches (29.4%)