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LESOTHO
HOLLYWOODBETS
COSAFA CUP 2024



LESOTHO FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

President: Salemane Phafane

Established: 1932

Affiliated to FIFA: 1964

Affiliated to CAF: 1964

Honours: None

BRIEF HISTORY

Lesotho have now twice previously been runners-up in the COSAFA Cup, reaching the final in 2000 when they lost convincingly 6-0 on aggregate to Zimbabwe, and then losing to Zambia in 2023.

The progress of Likuena to the deciding tie 24 years ago 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 Comoros, 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 reached the semifinals of the competitions in 2017, 2018 and 2019, but narrowly lost on each occasion, before they were successful in 2023.

They beat Malawi on penalties in the semifinals, before losing 1-0 to Zambia in the decider to take the silver medal again.



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



2021 – First round

2022 – First round

2023 – Runners-up

COSAFA CUP RESULT RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	12	2	3	7	5	16
Away	46	13	13	20	51	64
Total	58	15	16	27	55	80
vs Angola	7	2	1	4	8	12
vs Botswana	4	0	2	2	4	9
vs Comoros Islands	1	1	0	0	1	0
vs Eswatini	5	2	0	3	4	7
vs Kenya	1	0	1	0	2	2
vs Madagascar	2	1	0	1	2	2
vs Malawi	5	2	1	2	5	5
vs Mauritius	4	4	0	0	8	1
vs Mozambique	4	1	2	1	1	2
vs Namibia	4	1	2	1	4	4
vs South Africa	3	0	1	2	2	7
vs Tanzania	2	1	1	0	1	0
vs Uganda	1	0	1	0	0	0
vs Zambia	6	1	1	4	5	9
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	Mokhalane (pen), Tlale
9-7-13	Kitwe	BOTSWANA	Group Stages	3-3	Mokhalane (pen), Lerotholi, Tlale
11-7-13	Lusaka	ESWATINI	Group Stages	2-0	Letsie, Seturumane
14-7-13	Kitwe	ANGOLA	Quarterfinals	1-1	Tlale
17-7-13	Ndola	ZIMBABWE	Semifinals	1-2	Mofolo
20-7-13	Ndola	SOUTH AFRICA	3rd-4th Play-Off	1-2	Tlale
18-5-15	Phokeng	MADAGASCAR	Group Stages	1-2	Tlale
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, Sera
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	Sera, Potloane, Koetle
7-7-17	Moruleng	TANZANIA	3rd-4th Play-Off	0-0	-
2-6-18	Polokwane	ESWATINI	Quarterfinals	1-0	Sera
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	Sera
7-6-19	Durban	ZIMBABWE	3rd-4th Play-Off	2-2	Thaba-Ntso, Bereng
6-7-21	Gqeberha	ESWATINI	Group Stages	1-3	Khutlang
8-7-21	Gqeberha	ZAMBIA	Group Stages	2-1	Sera 2
10-7-21	Gqeberha	BOTSWANA	Group Stages	0-4	
13-7-21	Gqeberha	SOUTH AFRICA	Group Stages	0-4	
6-7-22	Durban	MALAWI	Group Stages	2-1	Mkandawire og, Makateng
8-7-22	Durban	MAURITIUS	Group Stages	2-1	Makha, Thaba-Ntso
10-7-22	Durban	ESWATINI	Group Stages	0-2	
7-7-23	Durban	MAURITIUS	Group Stages	2-0	Mokhachane, Sera
10-7-23	Durban	MOZAMBIQUE	Group Stages	1-0	Mokhachane
12-7-23	Durban	ANGOLA	Group Stages	2-4	Makha, Mokhachane
14-7-23	Durban	MALAWI	Semifinals	1-1	Thaba-Ntso
16-7-23	Durban	ZAMBIA	Final	0-1	

GOALSCORERS

7 goals – Sera

6 – Thaba-Ntso

5 – Tlale

3 – Mokhachane, Ntsonyana

2 – Kamela, Khutlang, Maile, Makha, Mokahalane, Muso

1 – Bereng, Boakang, Kalake, Koetle, Lerotholi, Lesesa, Letsie, Majara, Makateng, 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: 0-4 vs Botswana (2021); vs South Africa (2021)

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: 0-4 vs Botswana (2021); vs South Africa (2021)

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: 20 matches (34.5%)

Total failed to score: 21 matches (36.2%)

Clean sheets at home: 4 matches (33.3%)

Clean sheets away: 16 matches (34.8%)

Failed to score at home: 8 matches (66.67%)

Failed to score away: 14 matches (30.4%)

