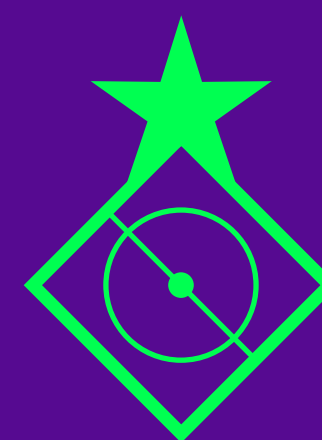
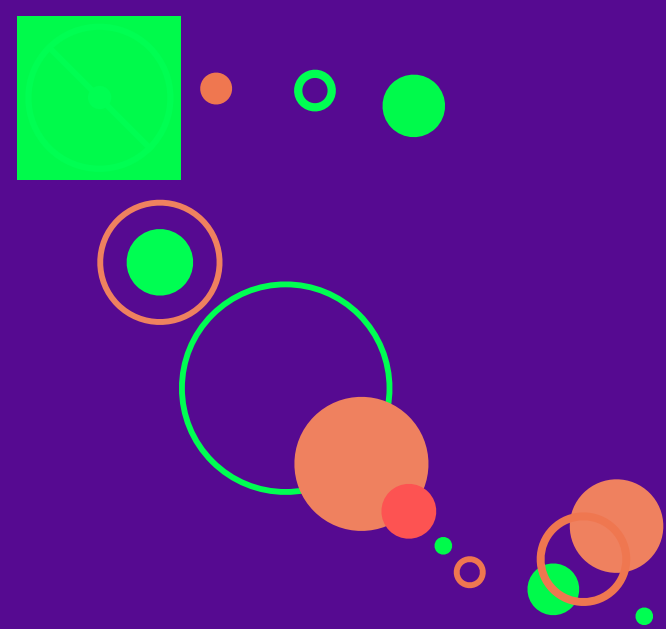




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MATCH FACTS

This will be the fourth WAFCON meeting between the sides. The first was in the 1998 group stage, where Nigeria triumphed 8-0 in Morocco's tournament debut. Their second meeting came in the 2000 group stage, with Nigeria again dominant in a 6-0 victory.

The most recent encounter was in the 2022 semi-finals. Nigeria went ahead in the 62nd minute via an own goal from Yasmin M'Rabet, but Morocco equalised four minutes later through Sanaa Mssoudy. Morocco won the match 5-4 on penalties, with Khadija Er-Rmichi saving the decisive kick from Ifeoma Onumonu.

Nigeria are appearing in their 10th WAFCON final. Morocco are in their second, having lost to South Africa in 2022. This is Nigeria's third time facing the host nation in the final – they beat South Africa in 2000 and Cameroon in 2016.

Of the 11 previous WAFCON finals, only the 2018 edition ended goalless. That game, between Nigeria and South Africa, was decided on penalties – the only time the final has gone to a shootout.

Seven finals have been decided by a two-goal margin, while four were settled by a single goal. Both teams have scored in only three previous finals: Equatorial Guinea's 2-1 win over South Africa in 2008, their 4-2 loss to Nigeria in 2010, and South Africa's 2-1 victory over Morocco in 2022.

The biggest wins in a WAFCON final are Nigeria's 5-0 victory over Cameroon in 2004 and Equatorial Guinea's 4-0 win over South Africa in 2012. Nigeria's Perpetua Nkwocha remains the only player to score a hat trick in a final, netting four goals in that 2004 triumph.

Morocco are the fifth nation to reach a WAFCON final on home soil, after Nigeria, South Africa, Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon. This is the ninth time the host nation has contested the final. Hosts have won five times: Nigeria (1998, 2002, 2006) and Equatorial Guinea (2008, 2012). South Africa (2000), Cameroon (2016) and Morocco (2022) lost their finals at home.

Victory for Morocco would see them join Nigeria and Equatorial Guinea as WAFCON hosts to win the title. It would also mark the sixth time the host nation lifted the trophy.

A second defeat would make Morocco the first host to lose multiple finals and the fourth nation overall to lose multiple WAFCON finals, after Ghana, Cameroon and South Africa. If Morocco lose, they would also become the fourth team to lose in each of their first two final appearances, joining Ghana, Cameroon and South Africa. They would be only the second nation to lose successive finals, after Cameroon's defeats in 2014 and 2016.

A win for Morocco would make them the fourth different WAFCON champion, after Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea and South Africa. It would also mark the first time there have been first-time champions in back-to-back editions, following South Africa's maiden win in 2022.

Coach Jorge Vilda would become the first Spaniard to lift the WAFCON trophy, adding to the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup title he won with Spain. If Nigeria win, Justine Madugu would become the ninth coach to win WAFCON with their country of birth. Nigeria's previous titles were secured under seven different Nigerian coaches, with only one won by a foreign coach – Sweden's Thomas Dennerby in 2018.

Past WAFCON Meetings

17 October 1998: Nigeria 8–0 Morocco (Group A, Kaduna, Nigeria)

15 November 2000: Nigeria 6–0 Morocco (Group B, Tembisa, South Africa)

18 July 2022: Morocco 1–1 Nigeria (Mssoudy 66', M'Rabet 62' o.g.), Morocco won 5–4 on penalties (Semi-final)



MOROCCO FACTS

- ◆ Second WAFCON final appearance; lost 2-1 to South Africa in 2022
- ◆ Could become the first North African nation to win WAFCON
- ◆ Would join Nigeria and South Africa in winning both men's and women's continental titles
- ◆ Ghizlane Chebbak could emulate her father Larbi, an AFCON winner in 1976
- ◆ Undefeated in the group stage: drew Zambia (2-2), beat DRC (4-2) and Senegal (1-0)
- ◆ Beat Mali 3-1 in the quarter-finals and Ghana on penalties in the semi-finals
- ◆ Conceded first in three matches and came back each time
- ◆ Scored 11 goals (joint-most with Nigeria); conceded 6
- ◆ Five different players have scored for Morocco
- ◆ No clean sheets in any of their five knockout matches
- ◆ No knockout game involving Morocco has ended in a clean sheet for either side
- ◆ Won both previous penalty shootouts (vs Nigeria in 2022, vs Ghana in 2024)
- ◆ Scored all 17 of their last 17 penalties (including shootouts)
- ◆ Only knockout defeat came in the 2022 final
- ◆ Scored 11 goals from 20 shots on target (22.45% conversion rate)

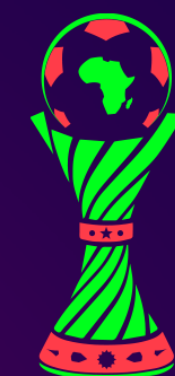
- ◆ Conceded 6 goals from 19 shots faced
- ◆ Won 270 duels, more than any other team
- ◆ Completed 1,784 passes with 78.62% accuracy (highest in tournament)
- ◆ Used the same starting XI in their first four matches; made two changes in the semi-final
- ◆ Four players (Ait El Haj, Er-Rmichi, Benzina, Redouani) have played every minute (480 total)
- ◆ Redouani had 108 touches vs Ghana (semi-final)
- ◆ Scored in each of their last 11 WAFCON matches
- ◆ Last failed to score in a WAFCON match in 2000 vs Ghana (3-0 loss)



NIGERIA FACTS

- ◆ Played in 9 previous WAFCON finals and won them all
- ◆ Would become the most successful continental team globally with a 10th title
- ◆ Only one final (2018) was decided on penalties
- ◆ Won 8 finals in regular time
- ◆ 2024 results: beat Tunisia (3-0), Botswana (1-0), drew Algeria (0-0), beat Zambia (5-0), beat South Africa (2-1)
- ◆ Conceded first goal of the tournament in semi-final (60th minute penalty vs South Africa)
- ◆ Faced only 5 shots on target across the tournament
- ◆ Penalty shootout record: W3 L1
- ◆ Shootout wins: Cameroon (2008), Cameroon and South Africa (2018); only loss to Morocco (2022)
- ◆ Morocco is their fifth different final opponent
- ◆ Scored in 8 of their 9 finals; 19 goals scored, 2 conceded
- ◆ Kept 8 clean sheets in 9 finals; only conceded in 2010 final (4-2 vs Equatorial Guinea)
- ◆ Only trailed once in a final: 1-1 in 2010, later won 4-2
- ◆ Won four finals 2-0, two finals 1-0, and one final 5-0 (2004)
- ◆ Scored 11 goals at the 2024 edition (joint-most); most in a tournament since 2016 (13)
- ◆ Scored 11 goals from 29 shots on target (17.19% conversion rate)

- ◆ Nine different goal-scorers; Chinwendu Ihezuo scored 3
- ◆ Conceded just once in five matches
- ◆ Rasheedat Ajibade created 15 chances, the most in the tournament
- ◆ Esther Okoronkwo created 9 chances and provided 4 assists (tournament-high)
- ◆ Four clean sheets so far; only matched once before (1998)
- ◆ Completed 166 passes vs South Africa and 167 vs Zambia – their lowest totals
- ◆ Playing in their 28th WAFCON knockout match: record W23 L5 (including penalties)



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