
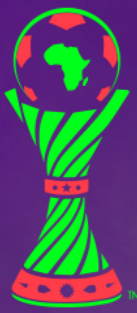


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SOUTH AFRICA



GHANA

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GROUP C

7 JULY, 2025

16:00 GMT

STADE D'HONNEUR
OUJDA

MATCH FACTS

Defending champions South Africa begin their title defence against Ghana in Group C at the TotalEnergies CAF Women's Africa Cup of Nations, Morocco 2024. The match is set for Monday at the Honor Stadium in Oujda (kick-off 17:00 local time / 16:00 GMT).

This will be the eighth meeting between the two sides at the WAFCON finals.

Ghana have the upper hand historically with four wins to South Africa's two, and one match drawn. They also lead 10-3 on aggregate goals across those seven encounters.

The first meeting came in the group stage of the 1998 tournament, where Ghana won 4-0. Two years later, South Africa—playing as hosts—claimed a 1-0 semi-final win thanks to Jo-Ann Solomon's ninth-minute strike. That day, current coach Desiree Ellis captained Banyana Banyana, having also played in the 1998 defeat.

The nations clashed again in 2004, with Ghana winning 3-0 in Pretoria through goals from Akua Anokyewaa (39'), Gloria Foriwa (51') and Bernice Asante (89'). Ghana triumphed again in the 2006 semi-final, with Florence Okoe scoring an 88th-minute penalty.

South Africa snapped their losing run at the finals with a 1-0 group-stage win in 2008 in Bata, Veronica Phewa netting the only goal in the 24th minute. In 2014, the sides played to a 1-1 draw in Windhoek—Octovia Nongwanya scored first for Banyana, before Elizabeth Cudjoe equalised just before half-time.

Their last WAFCON meeting came in 2016, with Ghana winning 1-0 in the third-place play-off in Yaoundé via a 48th-minute strike from Linda Eshu.

This will be the third time the teams face off in an opening match at the finals—Ghana won both previous openers, 4-0 in 1998 and 3-0 in 2004. Of their four previous group-stage meetings, Ghana have won twice (1998, 2004), South Africa once (2008), and one match ended in a draw (2014). On all four previous occasions where they shared a group, only one team advanced—Ghana (1998, 2004) and South Africa (2008, 2014).

Past WAFCON Meetings:

- 18 Oct 1998, Group B: Ghana 4–0 South Africa – Ijebu Ode, Nigeria
- 21 Nov 2000, Semi-final: South Africa 1–0 Ghana – Vosloorus, South Africa
- 18 Sep 2004, Group A: South Africa 0–3 Ghana – Pretoria, South Africa
- 7 Nov 2006, Semi-final: Ghana 1–0 South Africa – Oghara, Nigeria
- 19 Nov 2008, Group B: Ghana 0–1 South Africa – Bata, Equatorial Guinea
- 15 Oct 2014, Group B: Ghana 1–1 South Africa – Windhoek, Namibia
- 2 Dec 2016, Third-place: Ghana 1–0 South Africa – Yaoundé, Cameroon



SOUTH AFRICA FACTS

- ◆ South Africa are making their 13th WAFCON appearance, tied with Nigeria for the most.
- ◆ They are the defending champions, having won their maiden title in 2022 by beating hosts Morocco 2-1 in the final.
- ◆ Banyana had previously been runners-up four times (2000, 2008, 2012, 2018).

They've reached at least the semi-finals in their last eight appearances.

- ◆ South Africa have reached the final in the past two editions (2018 and 2022).
- ◆ Their last group stage exit was in 2004, and the only other was in 1998—both times they were drawn with Ghana.
- ◆ Under Desiree Ellis, Banyana are unbeaten in 11 WAFCON games in open play (W9 D2). Their only loss came via penalties in the 2018 final against Nigeria.
- ◆ South Africa have never conceded first in a WAFCON match under Ellis.
- ◆ Ellis is leading South Africa into her third WAFCON finals and fifth major tournament overall.
- ◆ Banyana are unbeaten in 11 WAFCON games in open play since their 1-0 loss to Ghana in the 2016 third-place play-off.
- ◆ They are seven group-stage games unbeaten (W6 D1), last losing in 2016 to Cameroon.
- ◆ Their opening game record: P12 W7 D1 L4. Their last three openers: Draw vs Zimbabwe (2016), Wins vs Nigeria (2018, 2022).

- ◆ A win would mark the second time they've won three straight openers—first achieved in 2006, 2008, 2010.
- ◆ Biggest opening win: 4-0 vs Algeria in 2006.
- ◆ This is the 11th time defending champions open a WAFCON campaign. Only once (Equatorial Guinea in 2014) did the previous champions not qualify.
- ◆ Record of defending champions in openers: P10 W5 D3 L2.
- ◆ Nigeria, as defending champions, lost both their openers in 2018 and 2022—to South Africa on both occasions.
- ◆ 14 players from the 2022 winning squad are back, including Kaylin Swart, Andile Dlamini, Jermaine Seoposenwe, and Linda Motlhalo.
- ◆ Dlamini and Seoposenwe started all six games in 2022; Motlhalo featured in all six (5 starts).
- ◆ Hildah Magaia returns, having scored three goals in 2022—including both in the final.
- ◆ Refiloe Jane and Noxolo Cesane also featured prominently in 2022.
- ◆ Banyana qualified by beating Burkina Faso 3-1 on aggregate (1-1 away, 2-0 home).



GHANA FACTS

- ◆ Ghana return after missing the 2022 tournament.
- ◆ This is their 11th appearance, having missed out in 2012 and 2022.
- ◆ They qualified for the first seven editions (1998–2010) but were group-stage casualties in four of their last five finals (2008, 2010, 2014, 2018).
- ◆ Between 1998 and 2006, Ghana consistently progressed past the group stage, finishing runners-up three times (1998, 2002, 2006) and third in 2000 and 2004.
- ◆ Opening game record: P10 W7 D2 L1. Only loss: 1-0 to Algeria in 2014.
- ◆ They've never had a 0-0 draw in an opener.
- ◆ Ghana have won their opening game in each of their last two tournaments (2016 vs Kenya, 2018 vs Algeria).
- ◆ Ghana have always recorded at least one win in every WAFCON they've played.
- ◆ Record vs defending champions: P6 W1 D3 L2.
- ◆ Only win against defending champions came in 2002 vs Nigeria (1-0).
- ◆ They are winless in their last four such matches (D2 L2).
- ◆ Ghana have scored in five of their last six games against reigning champions.
- ◆ Qualified for 2024 with a 12-0 aggregate win over Rwanda (7-0 away, 5-0 home), and a 3-2 aggregate victory over Namibia (3-1 home, 0-1 away).

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 **Sabah SADIR**

VAR

 **LAHLOU BENBRAHAM**

ASSISTANT VAR

 **Fatiha JERMOUMI**



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MALI



TANZANIA

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GROUP C

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STADE MUNICIPAL DE
BERKANE

MATCH FACTS

Mali and Tanzania meet for just the second time at the TotalEnergies CAF Women's Africa Cup of Nations when they kick off their Group C campaigns in Berkane on Monday (kick-off 22:00 local time / 19:00 GMT).

Their only previous WAFCON encounter came in 2010 during the group stage at the Sinaba Stadium in Daveyton, South Africa, where Mali edged a thrilling contest 3-2.

That 2010 meeting saw four goals scored in a dramatic seven-minute span. Mali took the lead in the 25th minute before Sophia Mwasikili equalised for Tanzania on the half-hour mark. A minute later, Mali went ahead again, only for Fatuma Swalehe to level for Tanzania immediately after. Mali sealed the win in the 67th minute.

Both teams had lost their opening games in 2010—Mali were beaten 5-0 by Nigeria, while Tanzania lost 2-1 to South Africa. They also lost their final group matches: Mali 4-0 to South Africa, and Tanzania 3-0 to Nigeria, with both teams eliminated at the group stage.

The sides most recently met in a friendly on 31 May 2024 in Dar es Salaam, which ended in a 2-2 draw.

Mali have won five matches in their WAFCON history, including two against East African opposition—beating Tanzania 3-2 in 2010 and Kenya 3-1 in 2016. Their other game against an East African side ended 2-2 vs Ethiopia in 2002, all in group stages.

Mali are unbeaten against East African opponents (W2 D1), scoring at least two goals in each of those matches.

Tanzania have played two matches against West African opponents—both in 2010—and lost both: 3-2 to Mali and 3-0 to Nigeria.

Previous WAFCON Meeting:

- 4 November 2010, Group A: Mali 3 (Konaté 25', Diarra 31', N'Diaye 67') – Tanzania 2 (Mwasikili 30', Swalehe 32'), Sinaba Stadium, Daveyton, South Africa



MALI FACTS

- ◆ This is Mali's eighth WAFCON appearance and their first since 2018.
- ◆ They qualified for four straight editions between 2002 and 2010, missed out in 2012 and 2014, and returned in 2016 and 2018.
- ◆ Overall WAFCON record: P23 W5 D2 L16.
- ◆ Mali have never been involved in a 0-0 draw; their two draws both ended 2-2 (vs Ethiopia in 2002 and Cameroon in 2004).
- ◆ They have never won an opening game at the finals (D1 L6), with their only point coming in a 2-2 draw vs Cameroon in 2004.
- ◆ Mali have lost their opening match in each of their last five appearances (2006, 2008, 2010, 2016, 2018).
- ◆ In seven opening games, they've scored just three goals while conceding 19.
- ◆ They failed to win any of their first seven matches at the finals (D2 L5), before registering their first win in 2006 vs DR Congo.
- ◆ Their best performance came in 2018, when they reached the semi-finals and finished fourth.
- ◆ Since their 2-2 draw vs Cameroon in 2004, all of Mali's last 18 WAFCON matches have produced a winner (W5 L13).
- ◆ Mali scored eight goals in 2018—their highest at a single edition.
- ◆ They have never kept a clean sheet at the finals.
- ◆ Mali qualified with dominant aggregate wins in both rounds: 10-1 vs Central African Republic and 10-2 vs Guinea.
- ◆ Paris Saint-Germain forward Agueissa Diarra scored four goals in each tie, including hat-tricks in both first-leg matches.



TANZANIA FACTS

- ◆ Tanzania are making their second WAFCON appearance and first since 2010.
- ◆ They were eliminated in the group stage in 2010 after losing all three games: 2-1 to South Africa, 3-2 to Mali, and 3-0 to Nigeria.
- ◆ They are yet to win a match at the finals (L3) and have never drawn a game, with all three previous outings producing a winner.
- ◆ Tanzania have scored three goals and conceded eight in their WAFCON history.
- ◆ They have yet to score the opening goal in a WAFCON match and are seeking their first clean sheet.
- ◆ Tanzania aim to become only the second East African team—after Ethiopia in 2006—to reach the knockout stages.
- ◆ They qualified by defeating Côte d'Ivoire in the first round—losing 2-0 away, winning 2-0 at home, and advancing 4-2 on penalties.
- ◆ In the second round, they beat Togo 3-2 on aggregate—winning 3-0 at home, then losing 2-0 in the return leg.
- ◆ Ahead of the tournament, Tanzania went on a nine-match unbeaten run, including six straight wins, before falling 4-0 to Morocco in a friendly on 28 June.

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