


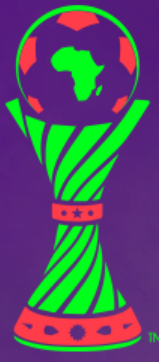


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# **MEDIA MATCH-DAY PACK**

**THIRD PLACE**  
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**SOUTH AFRICA**

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**STADE LARBI ZAOULI**

# MATCH FACTS

This is their ninth meeting at WAFCON. Ghana holds the edge with four wins to South Africa's three; the other game ended in a draw.

They last met on matchday one of Group C on 7 July, when South Africa beat Ghana 2-0 in Oujda. Linda Motlhalo scored a 28th-minute penalty, and Jermaine Seoposenwe added a second in the 34th minute.

That win was South Africa's biggest over Ghana at WAFCON—their previous victories were both 1-0.

All eight previous encounters between the two have produced goals; there has never been a 0-0 draw.

This is their fourth meeting in the knockout stages. They have met in two semi-finals—South Africa won 1-0 in 2000, and Ghana triumphed 1-0 in 2006.

They also clashed in the third-place play-off in 2016, with Ghana winning 1-0 thanks to a 48th-minute goal by Linda Eshun.

Of the eight WAFCON meetings between them, seven have produced a winner, and in all of those matches, only the winning team scored. The only time both scored was in a 1-1 group-stage draw in 2014.

This is their second meeting in a third-place match. Ghana becomes the second team South Africa will face more than once in this fixture—Banyana's previous three bronze medal games were all against Cameroon.

Ghana, meanwhile, have faced South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Ethiopia in this fixture.

This is the 13th third-place play-off. Of the previous 12, Ghana were involved in the only one to end 0-0—a shootout win over Ethiopia in 2004.

Two other matches have been decided on penalties: South Africa beat Cameroon after a 2-2 draw in 2006, and Nigeria overcame Cameroon following a 1-1 draw in 2008.

The first ever third-place play-off, in 1998, saw DR Congo beat Cameroon on penalties after a 3-3 draw.

Ghana also featured in the highest-scoring third-place game: a 6-3 win over Zimbabwe in 2000. Other high-scoring games include Cameroon's 3-3 with DR Congo (1998) and 4-2 win over Mali (2018).

Cameroon have played in the third-place game more than any other team—seven times—winning three. South Africa are next with six appearances, followed by Ghana (four) and Nigeria (three).

Four bronze medal matches have ended 1-0, including the most recent in 2022, when Zambia beat Nigeria.

South Africa are the fourth defending champions to be knocked out in the semi-finals and play in the third-place match. Nigeria did so in 2008 (won), 2012 (lost), and 2022 (lost to Zambia).

Ghana are facing a team in the knockout round they also played in the group stage for the third time. In 2002, they beat Nigeria in the group stage and lost to them in the final. In 2004, they beat Ethiopia twice—once in the group and then on penalties in the third-place match.

This is also South Africa's third such scenario. In 2012, they lost to Equatorial Guinea in both the group and final, and in 2018, they beat Nigeria in the group stage but lost to them on penalties in the final.

Ghana have committed 103 fouls at the tournament—the most of any team. In contrast, South Africa have committed only 46, the fewest among the semi-finalists.

**Past WAFCON Meetings:**

18 Oct 1998: Ghana 4–0 South Africa, Group B – Ijebu Ode, Nigeria

21 Nov 2000: South Africa 1–0 Ghana, Semi-final – Vosloorus, South Africa

18 Sep 2004: South Africa 0–3 Ghana, Group A – Pretoria, South Africa

7 Nov 2006: Ghana 1–0 South Africa, Semi-final – Oghara, Nigeria

19 Nov 2008: Ghana 0–1 South Africa, Group B – Bata, Equatorial Guinea

15 Oct 2014: Ghana 1–1 South Africa, Group B – Windhoek, Namibia

2 Dec 2016: Ghana 1–0 South Africa, Third Place – Yaoundé, Cameroon

7 Jul 2025: South Africa 2–0 Ghana, Group C – Oujda, Morocco



# GHANA FACTS

- ◆ Eliminated after losing to hosts Morocco on penalties in the semi-finals, despite taking the lead in a 1-1 draw.
- ◆ Last two matches have gone to penalties; they beat Algeria in a shootout in the quarterfinals.
- ◆ Three of their five games have ended in draws; their only outright win was against Tanzania.
- ◆ Could become the first team to contest three successive WAFCON matches decided by penalties.
- ◆ Making their fourth appearance in a third-place match—unbeaten in this fixture so far.
- ◆ Wins in third-place matches: 6-3 vs Zimbabwe (2000), penalties vs Ethiopia (2004), 1-0 vs South Africa (2016).
- ◆ A win would give Ghana a fourth bronze medal—currently tied with Cameroon on three.
- ◆ Have never finished fourth at WAFCON.
- ◆ Would mark their seventh overall top-three finish (runners-up in 1998, 2002, 2006).
- ◆ Six goals scored by five different players; Alice Kusi has scored two.
- ◆ Have conceded five goals—only Morocco (6) have conceded more among the last four teams.
- ◆ Comfort Yeboah has created 9 chances—second-most in the tournament.
- ◆ 25 shots on target across five games; 6 goals scored, conversion rate of 8.96% (lowest of the last four teams).



# SOUTH AFRICA FACTS

- ◆ Lost 2-1 to Nigeria in the semi-finals, ending a 15-match unbeaten run in open play at WAFCON.
- ◆ Sixth appearance in a third-place match; previously played in 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2016.
- ◆ Bronze match wins: Cameroon (2006, on penalties), Cameroon (2010, 2-0).
- ◆ Bronze match losses: Cameroon (2002, 3-0), Côte d'Ivoire (2014, 1-0), Ghana (2016, 1-0).
- ◆ Could complete a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd finish under coach Desiree Ellis (runners-up in 2018, champions in 2022).
- ◆ Only one WAFCON defeat under Ellis—against Nigeria in the semi-finals.
- ◆ Three clean sheets at the tournament; have never kept four (also kept three in 2022).
- ◆ Could finish top three for the eighth time.
- ◆ Would mark a third consecutive top-three finish—previously achieved from 2006–2012.
- ◆ Guaranteed to finish in the top four for the ninth straight tournament (since 2012).
- ◆ Only failed to reach the top four twice in 13 appearances (1998 and 2004).
- ◆ Scored 8 goals; scoring at least 10 would mark third straight tournament reaching double figures.
- ◆ Conceded just 3 goals—only Nigeria (1) have conceded fewer.

- ◆ Seven different players have scored; only Linda Motlhalo has more than one goal.
- ◆ 27 shots on target; 13.33% conversion rate.
- ◆ Faced 23 shots; goalkeeper Andile Dlamini has made 17 saves in 4 games.
- ◆ Dlamini has the most saves of any goalkeeper at the tournament (11 saves in 6 games in 2022).
- ◆ Had three clean sheets before conceding against Nigeria.

# MATCH OFFICIALS



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