



South African Football Association

Region: Confédération Africaine de Football (CAF)

World Cup appearances: 2 (1998, 2002)

Best World Cup finish: Round 1 **Current FIFA Ranking:** 83rd

Continental titles: African Cup of Nations (1996)

Country's population: 49,109,107 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$10,100 **Life expectancy:** 49.2

Formation: 4-5-1



World Cup Qualifying		
Opponent	GF	GA
Host Country-No Qualifying	0	0

Group A	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
France						
Mexico						
Uruguay						
South Africa						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Shu-Aib Walters	G	1	Maritzburg United (S. Africa)	0	0
Itumeleng Khune	G	16	Kaizer Chiefs (S. Africa)	21	0
Moeneeb Josephs	G	22	Orlando Pirates (S. Africa)	14	0
Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Aaron Mokoena	D	4	Portsmouth (England)	100	2
Matthew Booth	D	14	Mamelodi Sundowns (S.A.)	26	1
Tsepo Masilela	D	3	Maccabi Haifa (Israel)	27	0
Siboniso Gaxa	D	2	Mamelodi Sundowns (S.A.)	22	0
Lucas Thwala	D	5	Orlando Pirates (S. Africa)	17	1
Anele Ngcongca	D	19	Genk (Belgium)	2	0
Bongani Khumalo	D	20	Supersport United (S.A.)	6	0
Siyabonga Sangweni	D	21	Golden Arrows (S. Africa)	3	1
MacBeth Sibaya	M	6	Rubin Kazan (Russia)	52	0
Steven Pienaar	M	10	Everton (England)	46	2
Teko Modise	M	11	Orlando Pirates (S. Africa)	51	10
Siphwe Tshabalala	M	8	Kaizer Chiefs (S. Africa)	42	5
Kagisho Dikagcoi	M	13	Fulham (England)	30	2
Surprise Moriri	M	17	Mamelodi Sundowns (S.A.)	28	5
Lance Davids	M	7	Ajax Cape Town (S. Africa)	17	0
Thanduyise Khuboni	M	23	Golden Arrows (S. Africa)	5	0
Reneilwe Letsholonyane	M	12	Kaizer Chiefs (S. Africa)	3	0
Siyabonga Nomvthe	F	18	Moroka Swallows (S. Africa)	74	16
Katlego Mphela	F	9	Mamelodi Sundowns (S.A.)	29	15
Bernard Parker	F	15	FC Twente (Netherlands)	29	9

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Steven Pienaar looks set to be brought in from the wing position he plays in England to a more central role of the Bafana Bafana.

Carlos Alberto Parreira's set-up will depend on defensive midfielders **Kagisho Dikgacoi** and **MacBeth Sibaya** - quality midfielders who will allow South Africa to protect their back line and stay close in more matches than their talent would otherwise indicate.

Captain **Aaron Mokoena** had to be carefully managed at the end of his club season, dealing with an accumulation of injuries, carrying forth doubts concerning whether the captain can hold-up during the tournament.

Keys to success:

South Africa gave Brazil and Spain troubles at last year's Confederations Cup by being opportunistic in attack and responsible in defense. The same formula is the only chance the Bafana Bafana have of getting through to the second round.

Outlook:

No host has failed to make the second round, but South Africa is set to be the first. The talent gap between them and their group mates should be too much for home field advantage to offset.