



Ghana Football Association

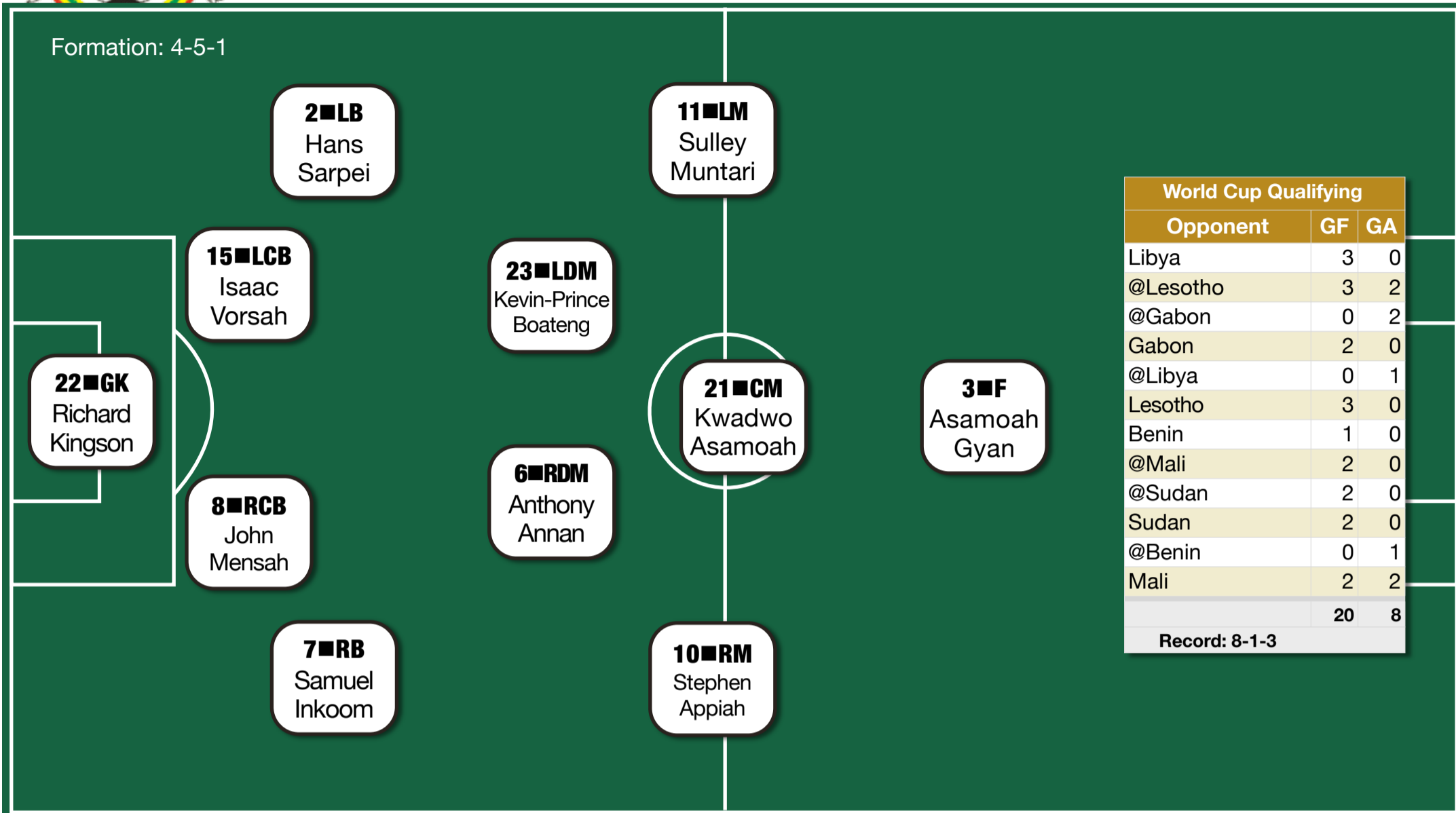
Region: Confédération Africaine de Football (CAF)

World Cup appearances: 1 (2006)

Best World Cup finish: 13th **Current FIFA Ranking:** 32nd

Continental titles: African Cup of Nations (1963, '65, '78, '82)

Country's population: 24,339,838 **GDP (per inhabitant):** \$1,500 **Life expectancy:** 60.55



World Cup Qualifying		
Opponent	GF	GA
Libya	3	0
@Lesotho	3	2
@Gabon	0	2
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@Libya	0	1
Lesotho	3	0
Benin	1	0
@Mali	2	0
@Sudan	2	0
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@Benin	0	1
Mali	2	2
Total	20	8

Record: 8-1-3

Group D	Pts	W	D	L	GF	GA
Germany						
Serbia						
Ghana						
Australia						

Name	Pos	No.	Club (league)	Caps	G
Daniel Adjei	G	1	Liberty Professionals (Ghana)	2	0
Stephen Ahorlu	G	16	Heart of Lions (Ghana)	0	0
Richard Kingson	G	22	Wigan Athletic (England)	75	1
Hans Sarpei	D	2	Bayer Leverkusen (Germany)	28	0
John Paintsil	D	4	Fulham (England)	58	0
John Mensah	D	5	Lyon (France)	62	0
Samuel Inkoom	D	7	Basel (Switzerland)	15	0
Jonathan Mensah	D	8	Free State Stars (South Africa)	3	0
Isaac Vorsah	D	15	Hoffenheim (Germany)	6	0
Abdul Rahim Ayew	D	17	El Zamalek (Egypt)	15	5
Lee Addy	D	19	Bechem Chelsea (Ghana)	3	0
Anthony Annan	M	6	Rosenborg (Norway)	38	1
Derek Boateng	M	9	Getafe (Spain)	19	3
Stephen Appiah	M	10	Bologna (Italy)	56	14
Sulley Muntari	M	11	Internazionale (Italy)	52	15
Andre Ayew	M	13	Arles-Avignon (France)	19	1
Quincy Owusu-Abeyie	M	20	Al-Sadd (Qatar)	12	1
Kwadwo Asamoah	M	21	Udinese (Italy)	30	1
Kevin-Prince Boateng	M	23	Portsmouth (England)	0	0
Asamoah Gyan	F	3	Rennes (France)	38	19
Prince Tagoe	F	12	Hoffenheim (Germany)	17	3
Matthew Amosh	F	14	NAC Breda (Netherlands)	39	13
Dominic Adiyiah	F	18	Milan (Italy)	4	0

TEAM NOTES

Top players:

Asamoah Gyan will likely be working alone up-top in a formation Ghana used to get to the Cup of Nations final in January. Beyond goal scoring, Gyan is capable of creating space for the attackers coming to support from midfield. It has been a long time since **Stephen Appiah's** knee was fully healthy, but even if it is not, the Black Stars can use his leadership, particularly considering the absence of **Michael Essien**.

John Mensah will be fighting through a spinal problem to represent the his country, playing a crucial role in the middle of a good Ghanaian defense.

Keys to success:

Ghana's depth in midfield will be an advantage in their group, but they need to have somebody make-up for the quality lost with Essien. Milovan Rajevac may tried to use the same formula employed at Cup of Nations: Use the midfield to strangle the match, and rely on eventually getting a goal.

Outlook:

Group D is very tough, and the loss of Essien could be the difference between advancing or being eliminated, but if Ghana can get strong performances from Asamoah, Appiah, and Boateng, they can beat anybody in this group.