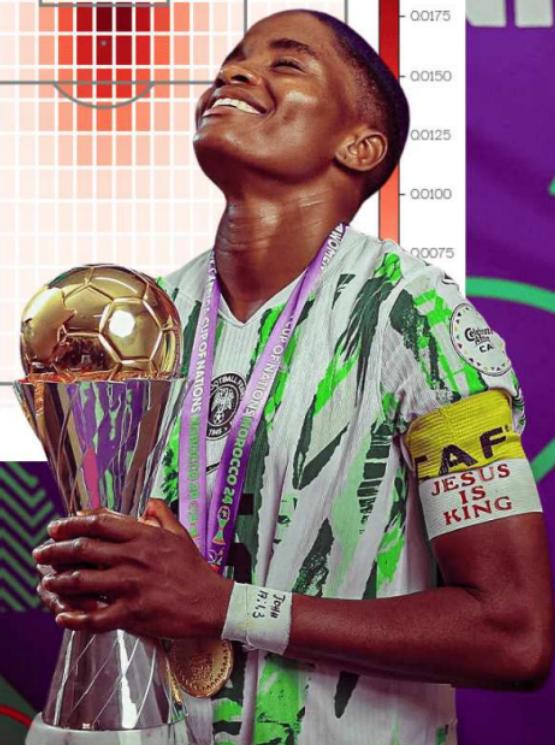
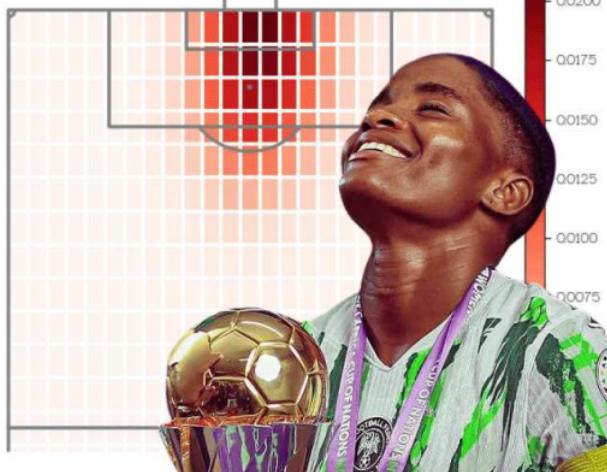


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# WAFCON IN NUMBERS

NIGERIA'S AURA, ALGERIAN LOCKDOWN, CHEBBAK'S QUALITY, GOALKEEPING WOES, ZAMBIA'S COURAGE AND MORE.

Goals Heatmap (incl. Penalties)



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# WHERE DID THE GOALS COME FROM?

## 2024 TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations

Where are the goals coming from and how does it compare to the last edition?



PS: The bespoke tagger used for data collection is still in its testing phase.

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Goals Breakdown at the 2024  
TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations



# NETBUSTERS

IN DEPTH LOOK AT THE GOAL SOURCES AND ITS COMPARISON  
WITH HISTORICAL RECORDS

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This report contains in-depth analysis of goals, performance data, spotlights and behind-the-scenes storytelling visualisations of the just concluded 2024 TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations.

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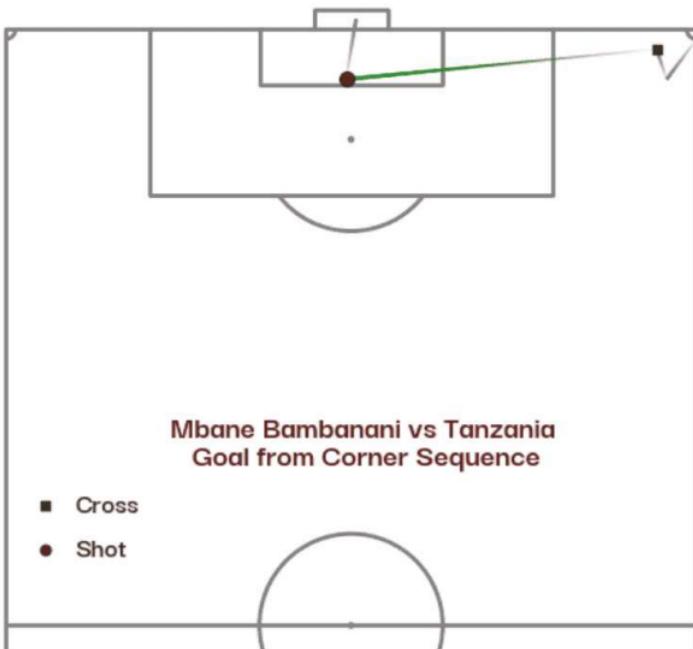
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# WHERE DID THE GOALS COME FROM?



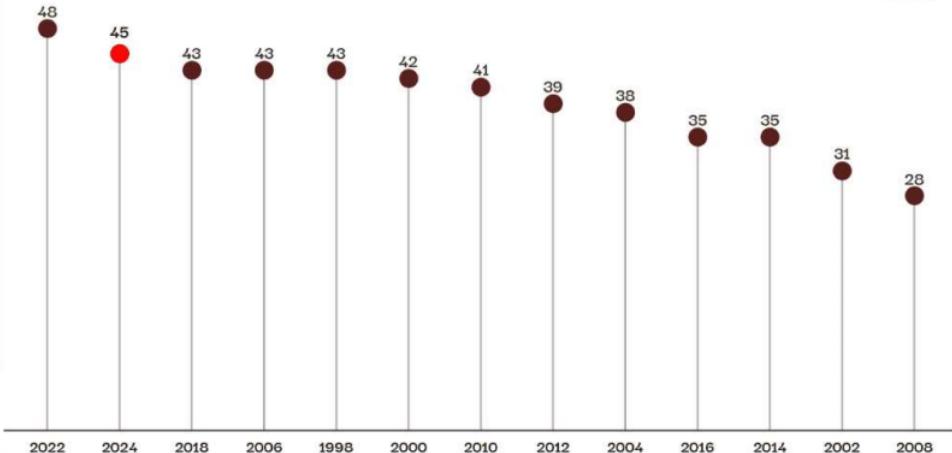
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## DO AFRICAN TEAMS HAVE SET-PIECE PROBLEMS?

Mbane Bambanani scored the only goal from a corner routine at the TotalEnergies 2024 Women's Africa Cup of Nations. This is a significant drop from the last edition and a cause for concern considering the overall setpiece outcomes at WAFCON in contrast with similar top tournaments or that of African teams on global stage.

# GROUP STAGES IN NUMBERS

WAFCON GROUP STAGE GOALS BY YEAR  
Total goals scored during the group stages  
of the Women's Africa Cup of Nations (1998-2024)

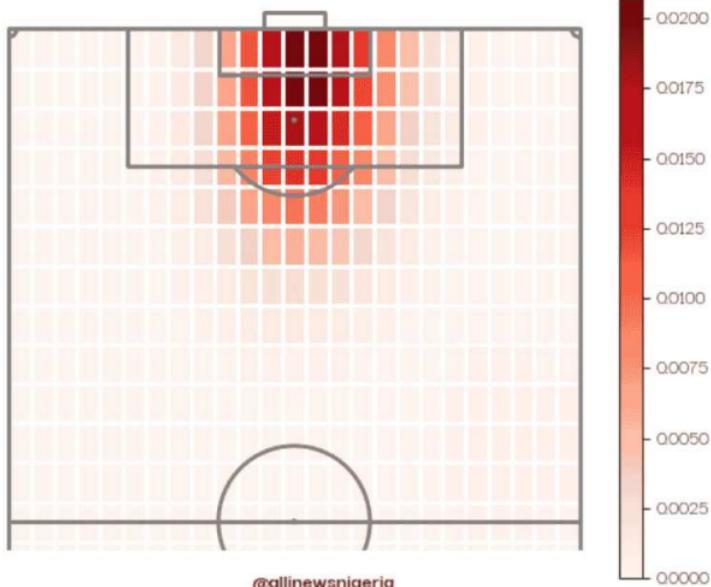


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The group stages turned out to be one of the largest goalfests in the competition's history. With a total of forty-five (45) goals, it is the second-highest goal record, one goal behind the previous edition.

This is not unexpected because the number of games has grown considerably higher given an increment in the number of participating teams since the last edition.

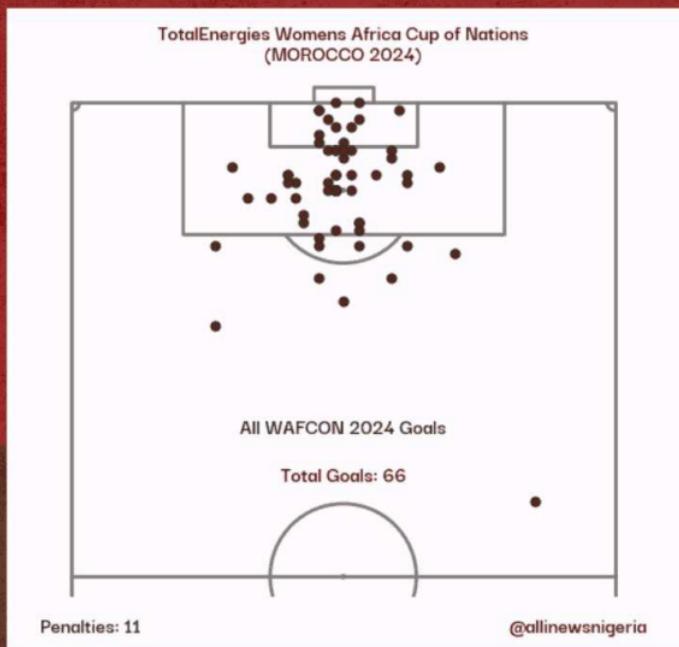
# WHERE ARE THE TEAMS SCORING FROM?



Goals Heatmap (incl. Penalties) for the 2024 TotalEnergies  
Women's Africa Cup of Nations

More than 83% of goals scored came from shots taken inside the penalty area. Out of 55 non-penalty goals, forty-four (44) were scored from shots taken inside the penalty and only 11 goals came from shots taken outside the area.

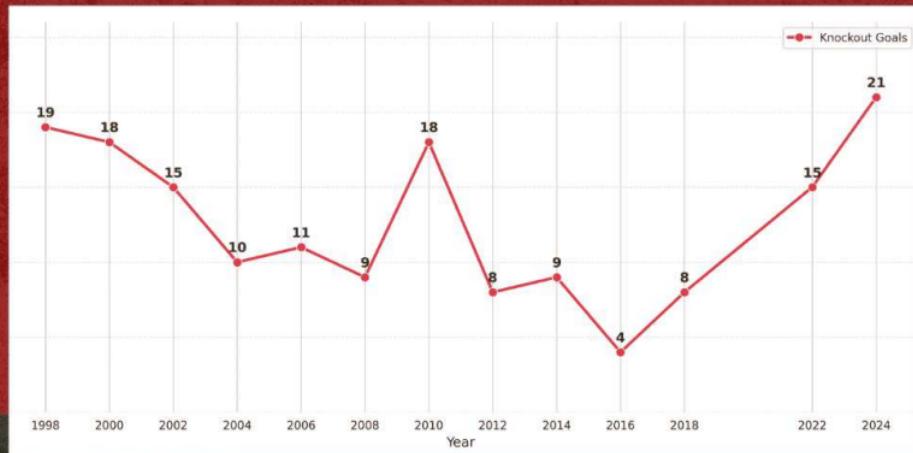
# OVERALL GOALS SHOTMAP



Out of 66 goals at the 2024 TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations, 45 came in the group stage and 21 goals in the knockout stages. This total also includes 11 goals scored from in-game penalties.

Michelle Alozie's (Nigeria) 90+4 matchwinner against South Africa in the semifinal was the goal scored from the farthest shot distance. It also ranks second, and behind Gaonyadiwe Ontlametse's (Botswana) remarkable 90+5 finish versus Tunisia on list of latest matchwinners at the tournament.

# KNOCKOUT STAGES IN NUMBERS

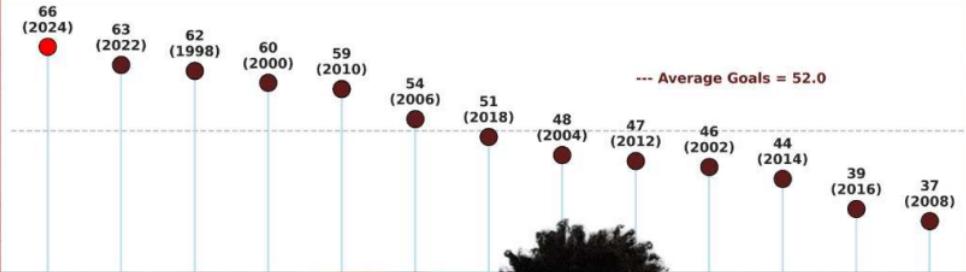


## A Trend of Knockout Stage Goals (1998 - 2024)

For the fourth edition in a row, more goals have been scored each year at the knockout stages. The 2024 edition is the record-setting tournament with 21 goals scored in the knockout stages. A 40% increase from the last edition.

This record continues the upward trend of goals scored at the knockout stage of the TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations since 2016.

# ALL-TIME GOAL RECORD

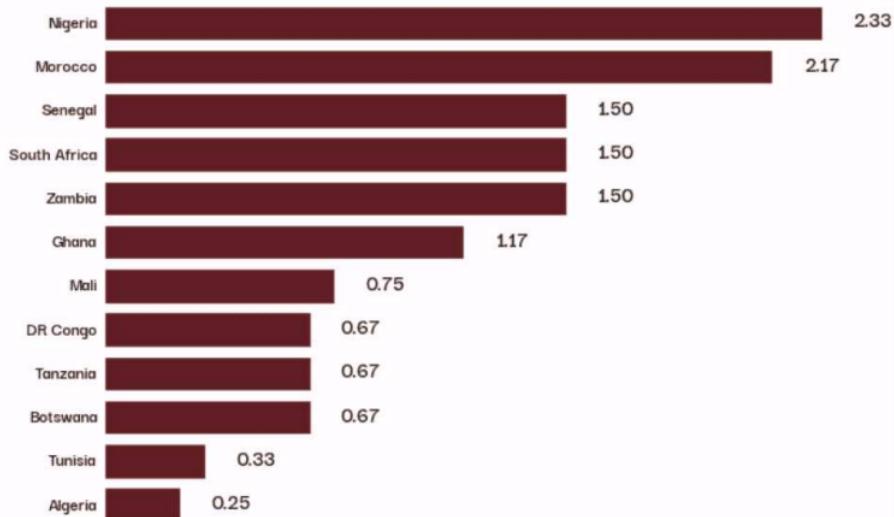


Recently, WAFCON is producing more attacking football with the last two editions consecutively exceeding 60 goals, a trend last observed in the early years (1998 & 2000).

The tournament average of 52 goals was again comfortably exceeded this year. A total of 66 goals were scored surpassing the 2022 edition which had 63 goals.

# ATTACK MODE

Top Attacks (WAFCON 2024)



Goal Scored Averages

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The Super Falcons of Nigeria top the chart with 2.33 goals per game, closely chased by host nation Morocco at 2.17. Senegal, South Africa, and Zambia weren't far behind with 1.50 goals each.

Third-placed Ghana (1.17) wasn't even in the Top 5 but is a notable mention. Others like Mali (0.75), Tunisia (0.33) and Algeria (0.25) had low goal-scoring engines.

# ATTACK MODE

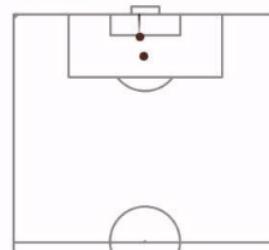
Morocco | Ghizlane Chebbak  
5 Goals



Senegal | Nguenar Ndiaye  
4 Goals



Morocco | Ibtissam Jraidi  
3 Goals



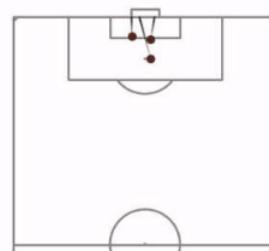
Zambia | Barbra Banda  
3 Goals



Zambia | Racheal Kundananji  
3 Goals



Nigeria | Chinwedu Ihezuo  
3 Goals

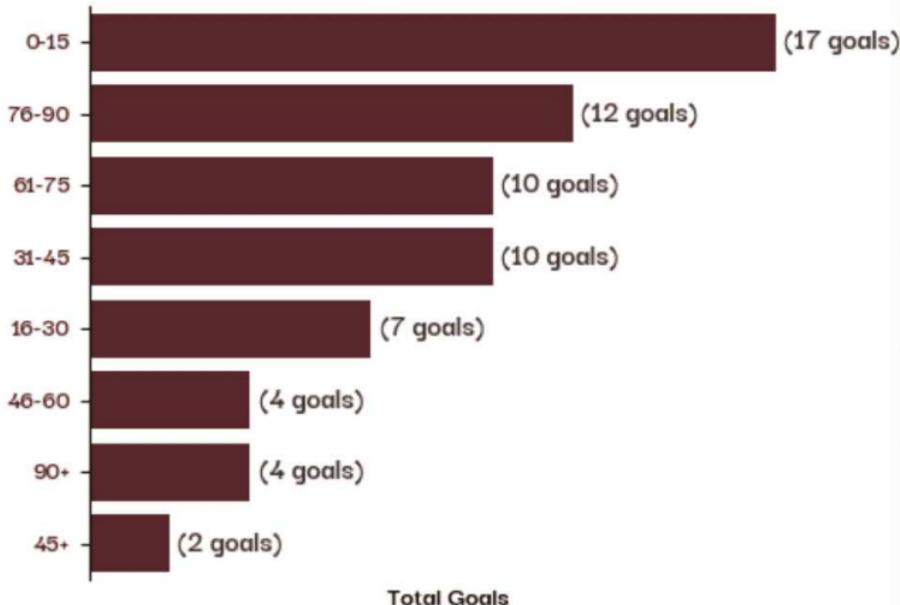


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Shotmaps of the Top Scorers at the 2024 TotalEnergies  
Women's Africa Cup of Nations

# ATTACK MODE

Total Goals Scored by Time Interval (WAFCON 2024)



Time distribution of goals scored at the 2024 TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations capturing an early goal pattern and a knack for late drama.

# ATTACK MODE

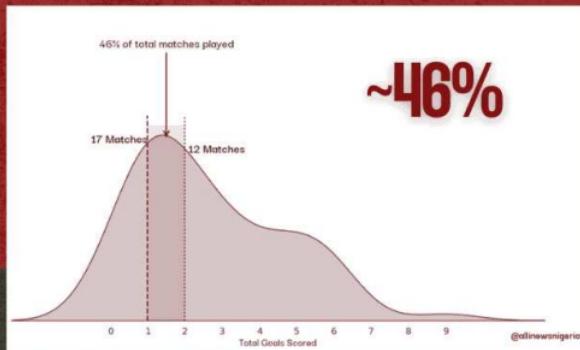
When are the Teams Scoring?

	GF	0-15	16-30	31-45	45+	46-60	61-75	76-90	90+
Algeria		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botswana		2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
DR Congo		2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ghana		7	2	1	0	0	0	2	2
Mali		3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Morocco		13	3	2	1	1	1	0	5
Nigeria		14	2	0	3	1	0	3	3
Senegal		6	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
South Africa		9	1	1	3	0	1	2	1
Tanzania		2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tunisia		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambia		6	3	1	0	0	1	1	0

When Were The Teams Scoring?

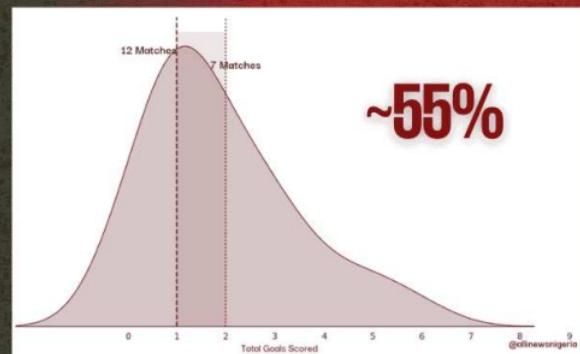
# KNOCKOUT STAGE IN NUMBERS

Out of 62 KO games, only six (6) have ended goalless. Most games end with fewer than 3 goals shared among participating teams. Historically, Nigeria were involved in 10/19 games that's finished with 4+ goals.



Interestingly, most of these KO goal fests came prior to 2012 where the Super Falcons largely blew everyone away.

(1998-2024)



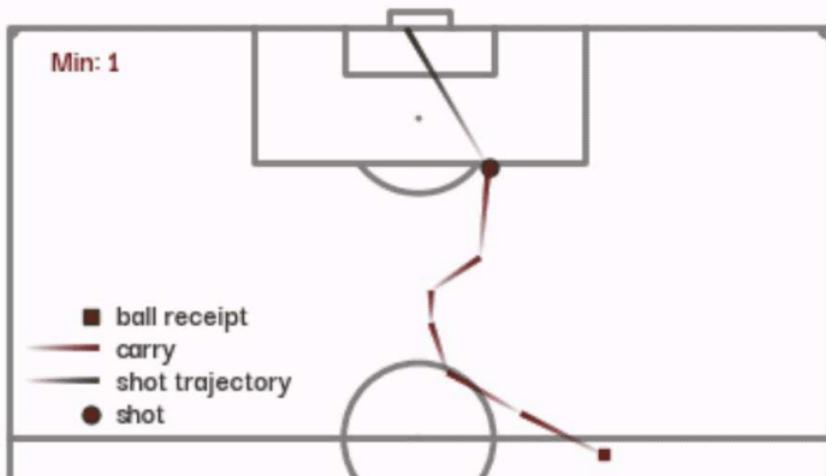
Since Nigeria largely caused the burst in the viz above, let's now adjust the timeline to reflect recency and remove that distracting swell.

(2012-2024)

Knockouts are generally low-scoring, with goals often within a range of 1 or 2. Only five (5) times have both teams scored 1-1.

# AMH GOAL OF THE TOURNAMENT

Barbra Banda Goal vs Morocco



Distance Carried: 33.34 m

Average Speed: 4.76 m/s

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Our favourite goal goes back to the opening goal of the tournament. Barbra Banda receives the ball in her own half and carries for about 33m at 4.7m/s, racing multiple Moroccan defenders, before rifling a low shot past the goalkeeper from the edge of the area.

That demonstration of individual brilliance inside the first minute of a high-profile fixture stood out for us.

# ATTACK MODE

When are the Teams Conceding?

	GA	0-15	16-30	31-45	45+	46-60	61-75	76-90	90+
Botswana		3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
DR Congo		9	3	2	2	0	0	2	0
Ghana		6	0	1	3	0	2	0	0
Mali		8	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
Morocco		9	2	2	0	0	0	1	1
Nigeria		3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Senegal		4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
South Africa		4	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Tanzania		6	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
Tunisia		5	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Zambia		9	3	0	2	0	0	2	1

When Were The Teams Conceding?

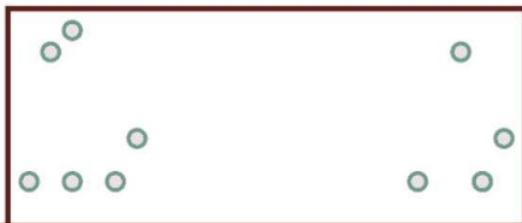
# IN-GAME PENALTIES



## IN-GAME PENALTIES AT WAFCON 2024

05 July - 26 July

Total Kick: 11 | Conversion Rate: 100.0%



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### Most Penalties Converted at WAFCON 2024:

- Morocco (4)
- Nigeria, South Africa (2)
- Ghana, Mali, Senegal (1)

Most takers steered clear of central zones during in-game penalties. Tournament hosts Morocco benefitted from penalties more than any other team in the competition, at least twice more than any other team.

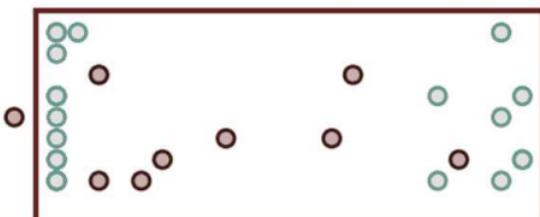
# PENALTY SHOOTOUTS



EVERY SPOT KICK AT WAFCON 2024  
(DURING PENALTY SHOOTOUTS)

05 July - 26 July

Total Kick: 33 | Conversion Rate: 72.73%



The 2024 tournament had 4 penalty shootouts  
the highest so far in a single tournament.

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## Penalty Shootouts at WAFCON 2024:

- **Ghana (2W 1L)**
- **South Africa (1W 1L)**
- **Morocco (1W 0L)**
- **Senegal, Algeria (0W 1L)**

Ghana played the most penalty shootouts in the 2024 edition on their way to winning the bronze medal. Despite having more kicks than the previous edition, the 2024 conversion during shootouts was slightly lower than in 2022 (75%).



# 12-YARD SPECIALISTS

AN ANALYTICAL LOOK AT ALL WAFCON 2024 PENALTIES AND  
HOW IT COMPARES TO THE PREVIOUS WAFCON EDITIONS

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# IN-GAME PENALTIES



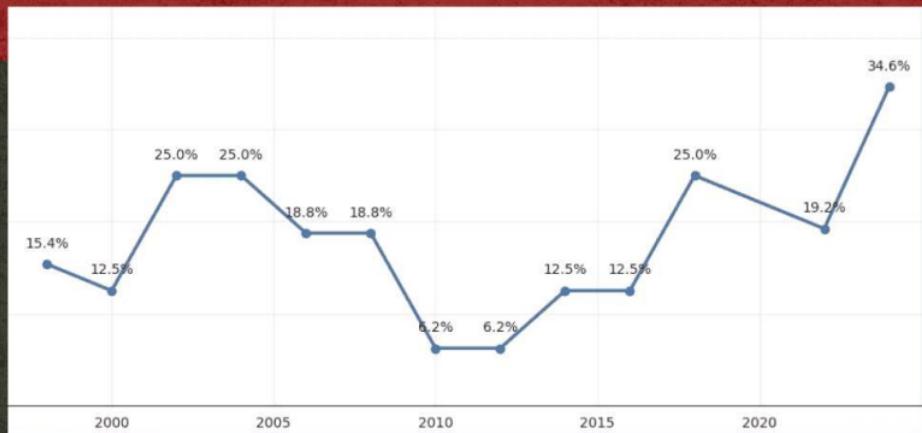
63%

DURING IN-GAME PENALTIES AT WAFCON 2024, THE GOALKEEPERS DIVED THE WRONG WAY 63% OF THE TIME.

Ibtissam Jraidi (Morocco), Yasmin Mrabet (Morocco) and Linda Motlhalo (South Africa) were the joint top scorers from the penalty spot, converting two (2) penalties each.

# ARE WAFCON GAMES GETTING HARDER TO WIN?

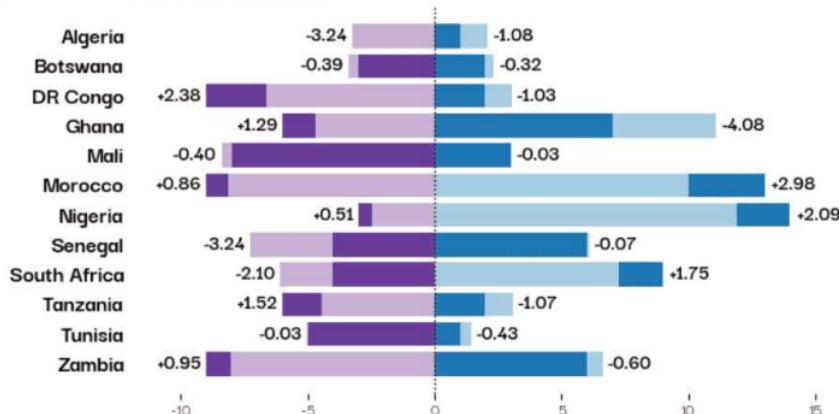
The data reveals a notable trend in draw percentages across WAFCON editions since 1998. While early tournaments (1998-2006) saw relatively moderate draw rates between 12.5% and 25%, recent competitions show a significant increase in drawn matches. The 2024 edition recorded a tournament-high 34.6% draw rate, continuing an upward trajectory from 2018 (25%) after a slight dip in 2022 (19.2%).



This progression suggests growing parity among African women's national teams, making the tournament increasingly competitive. The doubling of draw percentages from the 2010-2016 period (6.2-12.5%) to recent editions (19.2-34.6%) also indicate that emerging nations are slowly closing technical and tactical gaps.

# EXPECTED GOALS

Measuring Defensive and Attacking Success at WAFCON 2024 By Comparing Expected Goals Conceded to Goals Conceded and Expected Goals (xG) to Goals Scored.

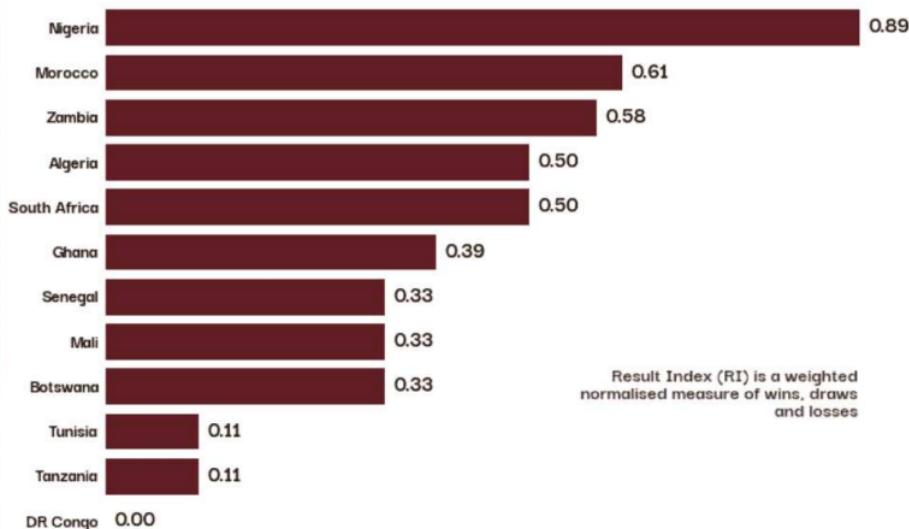


Morocco outperformed most in attack, scoring -3.0 more goals than expected.  
Ghana underperformed most in attack, with -4.1 fewer goals than expected.  
Defensively, Senegal conceded 3.2 fewer goals than xG predicted,  
while DR Congo conceded 2.4 more.

Morocco and Nigeria outperformed most teams in attack, scoring at least two more goals than expected. South Africa followed closely. On the other hand, Ghana underperformed in attack, scoring about 4 goals less than expected. On the defensive side, Senegal conceded 3 goals fewer than predicted, while DR Congo conceded 2 goals more than expected. Almost everyone else conceded as expected, save for South Africa who also conceded at least two goals less than expected.

# TEAM PERFORMANCE: RESULTS INDEX

Team Result Index (2024)



Result Index

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Results Index is a weighted measure of match outcomes with wins weighing more than draws and losses having 0 weight. This largely punishes teams who need penalties to qualify at the knockout stages since matches decided on penalties are recorded as full-time draws in our dataset.

Algeria (W1 D3 L0) and South Africa (W2 D3 L1) are interesting examples of this. Algeria (RI=0.50) fell in the quarterfinals but fourth-placed South Africa (also RI=0.50) performed similar with more games.

# PENALTY SHOOTOUTS



46%

DURING PENALTY SHOOTOUTS AT WAFCON 2024,  
THE GOALKEEPERS DIVED THE RIGHT WAY  
ABOUT 46% OF THE TIME.

Cynthia Konlan (Ghana) and Andile Dlamini (South Africa) shone brightest during penalty shootouts, saving four (4) and three (3) penalties respectively.



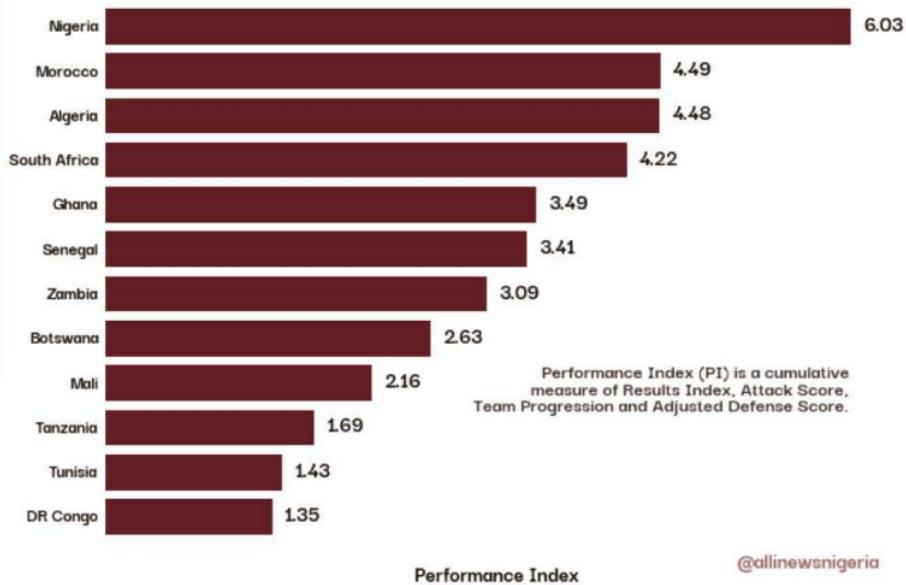
# TEAM PERFORMANCE

IN DEPTH LOOK AT THE TEAM PERFORMANCES

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# TEAM PERFORMANCE: PERFORMANCE INDEX

Top Performers at WAFCON 2024



Performance Index

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Performance Index is an aggregated measure of match outcomes, team progression (how far did they go at the tournament), and team attack and defence, all weighted. It aims to use a standard metric to assess the overall team performance. This year, the defence seems to be the make-or-break factor.

The model suggests Morocco barely edges Algeria in performance. Despite falling in the groups, Botswana ranks higher than Mali while South Africa and Ghana are likely punished for needing penalties often.

# POSSESSION IN THE ATTACKING THIRD

PASSES COMPLETED IN ATTACKING THIRD  
Group A-C | TotalEnergies WAFCON 2024

Morocco | 427  
Total Passes:1956



Zambia | 173  
Total Passes:798



Senegal | 182  
Total Passes:764



DR Congo | 81  
Total Passes:447



Nigeria | 395  
Total Passes:1500



Tunisia | 72  
Total Passes:333



Algeria | 211  
Total Passes:1168



Botswana | 109  
Total Passes:449



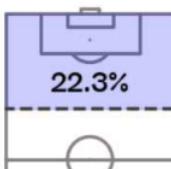
South Africa | 296  
Total Passes:1782



Tanzania | 117  
Total Passes:522



Ghana | 272  
Total Passes:1220



Mali | 129  
Total Passes:586



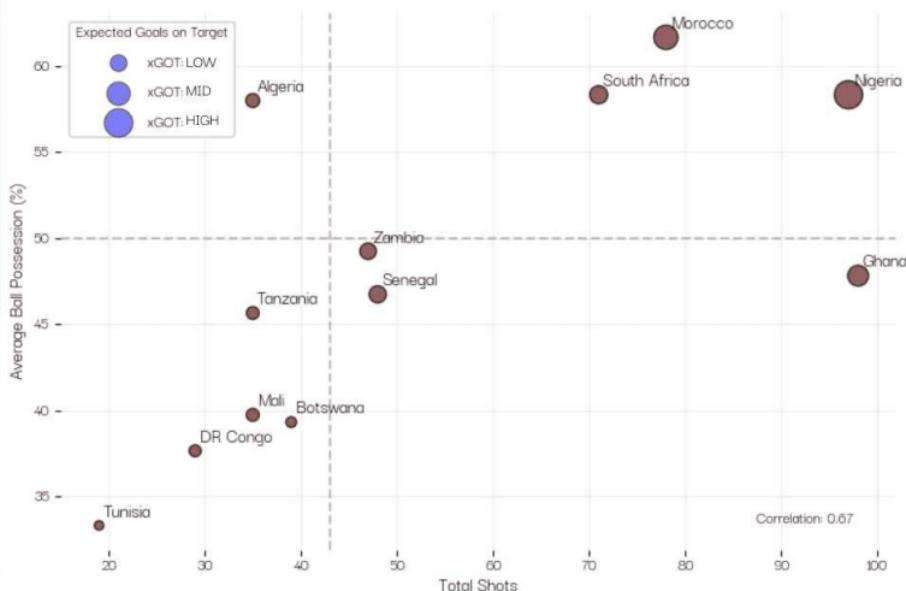
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A Measure of Overall Team Possession in the Attacking Third.

South Africa and Algeria are 2/5 teams with 1000+ passes but less than 20% of their possession came in the attacking third.

# POSSESSION VS CHANCE CREATION

Did Having More Ball Possession Lead to Attacking Success at WAFCON 2024  
Comparing Average Ball Possession to Shots Taken and  
Expected Goals (xG) from Shots on Target

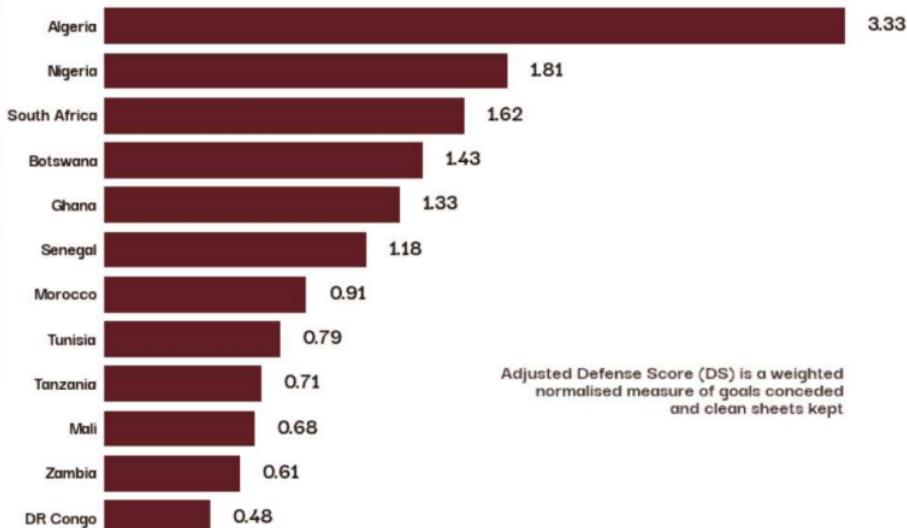


Did the teams who had more possession take more shots or create better chances?

Highly possessive sides like Nigeria, Algeria, Morocco and South Africa had different fortunes with shots taken and the quality of shooting chances. Morocco were the most possessive and created good chances. Ghana weren't possessive but took more shots and created considerably better chances than South Africa and Algeria. Only Nigeria possessed more, took more shots and created better.

# TEAM PERFORMANCE: DEFENSES

Best Team Defenses (WAFCON 2024)



Adjusted Defense Score

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Algeria's defence was almost twice as good as any other defensive setup in the competition despite playing fewer games and two teams out of those who secured top four finishes in the tournament.

Zambia and Morocco enjoyed attacking success but were defensively brittle. Zambia had one of the poorest defences in the tournament. Botswana's defensive setup was also one of the best setups, having conceded fewer goals, managed a few clean sheets and had a good goalkeeping department.

# GOAL AREA: SHOTS CONCEDED IN-BOX

SHOTS VS GOALS CONCEDED FROM INSIDE THE BOX

Group A-C | TotalEnergies WAFCON 2024



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Botswana and Nigeria allowed the least shots and consequently fewer goals. One of the two goals conceded from the sixteen shots Nigeria allowed inside their box was a Linda Motlhalo penalty. Also, Botswana's lone goal conceded in that region was from Chinwendu Ihezuo's (Nigeria) matchwinner.

South Africa was one of ONLY THREE teams to allow 40+ shots in the penalty area but were better defensively than Mali and Morocco, as we saw earlier. They conceded 3/4 of total goals compared to Mali who conceded twice as many goals (6/8 of total goals) from just as many shots inside the box. This is because, unlike others, their defensive structure reduced the quality of opposition chances to a total xGOT of ~3 goals.

# GOAL AREA: SHOTS TAKEN IN-BOX

HOW PRODUCTIVE WERE THE TEAMS WHEN SHOOTING FROM INSIDE THE BOX?

Group A-C | TotalEnergies WAFCON 2024



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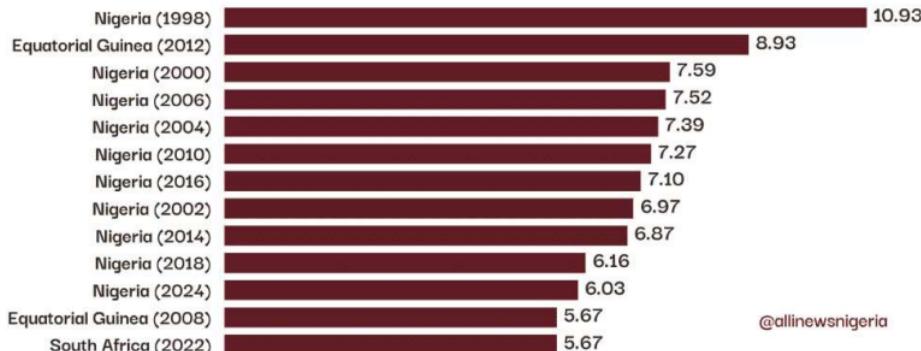
If >83% of the goals came from shots inside the penalty area, let us see how each team fared in terms of shooting within 18 yards of goal.

Zambia and Senegal performed similarly while Tunisia and Algeria did not record a goal from 27 shots in the box. This further speaks to the quality of shooting chances created by the teams, barring a few times when someone fluffs a good chance, like Toni Payne (Nigeria) vs Botswana.

Even the top four teams scored 37 times from a combined 209 shots taken from inside the penalty area.

# TEAM PERFORMANCE: BEST TITLE RUN

WHO DID IT BETTER?



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Performance Index of WAFCON Winners (1998–2024)

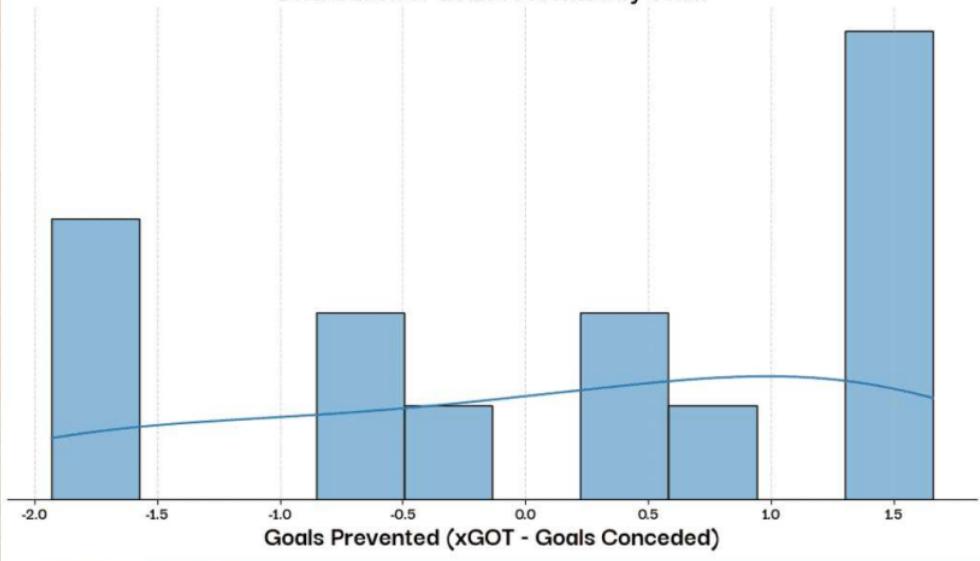
## Comparing the Performance Indexes (PI) of Past WAFCON Winners

Despite a record-setting WAFCON success with Mission X, the performance is ranked as Nigeria's lowest title-winning campaign. The criteria for selecting the parameters for the PI model were discussed earlier but a closer look at the years ranked higher would suggest that the usual heavy-score, tight-defence dominance Nigeria experienced pre-2012 is largely responsible for that ranking.

In recent times, the games have become more competitive and what it means to “dominate” is constantly changing. Especially if you consider Mission X and how the Super Falcons fared in their six games played.

# GOALS PREVENTED

Distribution of Goals Prevented by Team



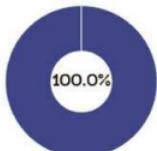
Goals prevention is often used in goalkeeping conversations and speaks majorly to defensive prowess.

Aggregated by team, the long tail here suggests some teams really quite underperformed at preventing goals but most teams performed as expected, with only a few standout performers.

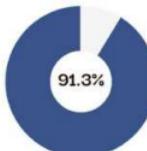
The next section speaks to this in-depth and we would dive into goals prevention in detail.

# SAVE PERCENTAGES

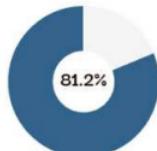
CHLOE N'GAZI (Algeria)  
Saves: 8/8 | Mins: 390



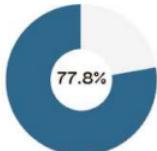
ANDILE DLAMINI (South Africa)  
Saves: 21/23 | Mins: 510



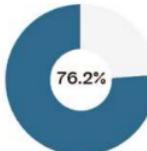
SEDLAME BOSIJA (Botswana)  
Saves: 13/16 | Mins: 270



ADJI NDIAYE (Senegal)  
Saves: 14/18 | Mins: 390



SOULAIMA JABRANI (Tunisia)  
Saves: 16/21 | Mins: 270



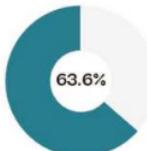
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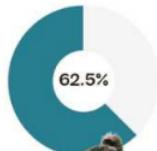
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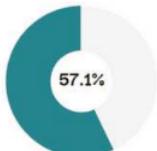
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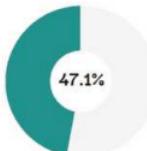
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Saves: 5/8 | Mins: 540



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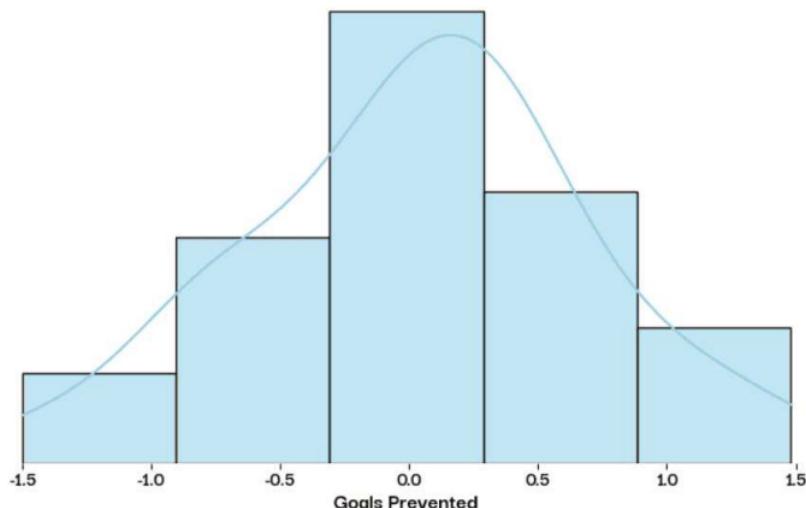


Save Percentage of Goalkeepers who Played 270+ minutes at 2024

TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations.

# GOALS PREVENTED DISTRIBUTION

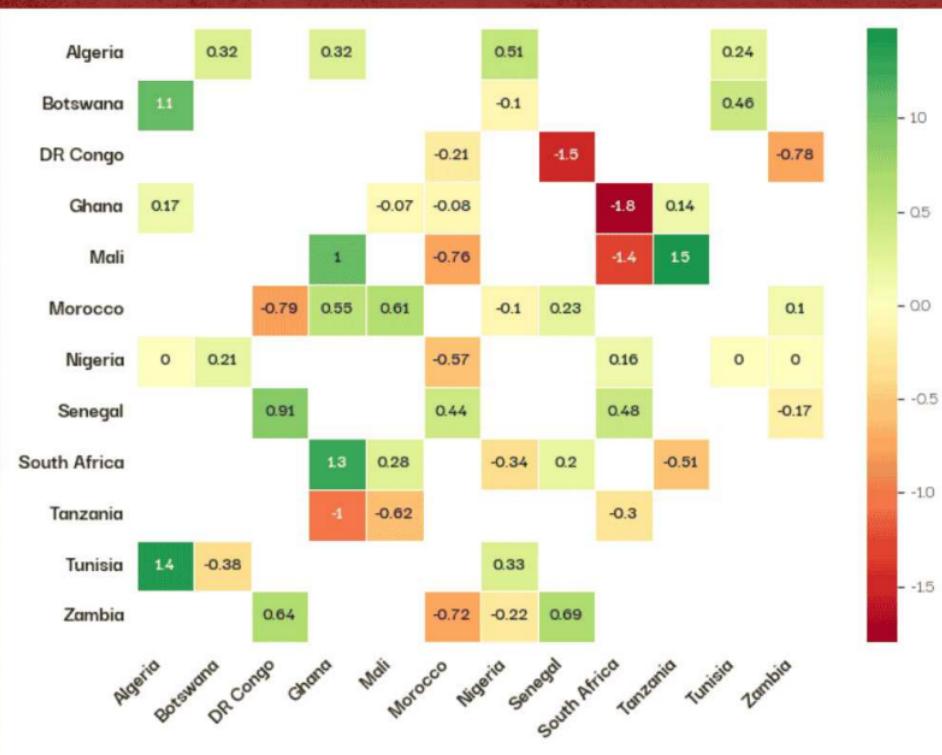
Distribution of Goals Prevented



Granulated into a distribution per match, the Goals Prevented by all the 14 goalkeepers who featured suggest a handful of lows and a few highs, but overall, goalkeepers did as expected. Ideally the mid teams would be expected to rank higher here because they are likely to concede more shots and are also expected to concede more goals.

Surprisingly, South Africa (69) conceded the most shots but the next slides have more details on goalkeepers who really turned heroes for their teams.

# GOALS PREVENTED (PER MATCH)



To spotlight a few top performances: Soulaïma Jabrani (Tunisia) and Sedilame Bosija (Botswana) did bravely against Algeria. Fatoumata Karentao (Mali) also prevented goals against Ghana and Tanzania. Andile Dlamini (South Africa) and Cynthia Konlan (Ghana) faced off twice and had contrasting fortunes in preventing goals when aggregated.

But don't rush into conclusions. Let's now combine Goals Prevented with the xGOT faced and saves made by each goalkeepers to see the heroines.

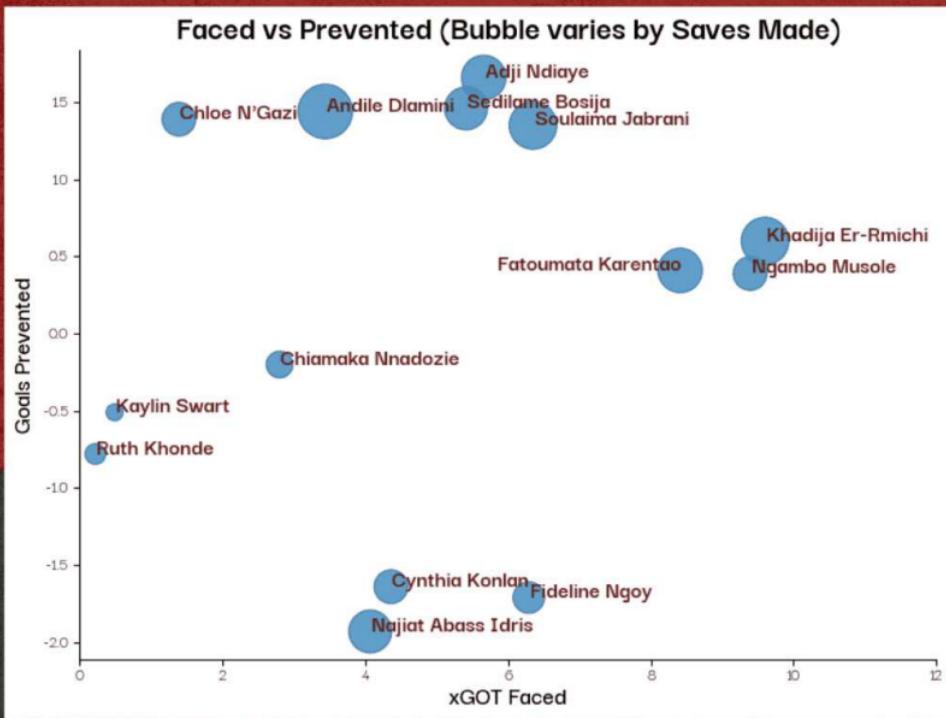


# GOALKEEPERS

A FOCUSED LOOK AT THE GOALKEEPING DEPARTMENT

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# SHOTS FACED VS GOALS PREVENTED



When Goals Prevented is aggregated per goalkeeper, five circles rise highest. Chloe N'Gazi (Algeria) faced the lowest xGOT (1.39) of the Top 5. About 50% of goalkeepers prevented below 0 goals, including Chiamaka Nnadozie. Andile Dlamini (South Africa) made the most saves judging by her circle size but mostly faced off against low-quality chances. However, Adji Ndiaye (Senegal), Sedilame Bosija (Botswana) and Soulaima Jabrani (Tunisia) all faced quality shots, prevented >1.0 goals and made a sizable number of saves, making them the top shot stoppers at the tournament.

# GOALS PREVENTED (HOW IT WORKS)



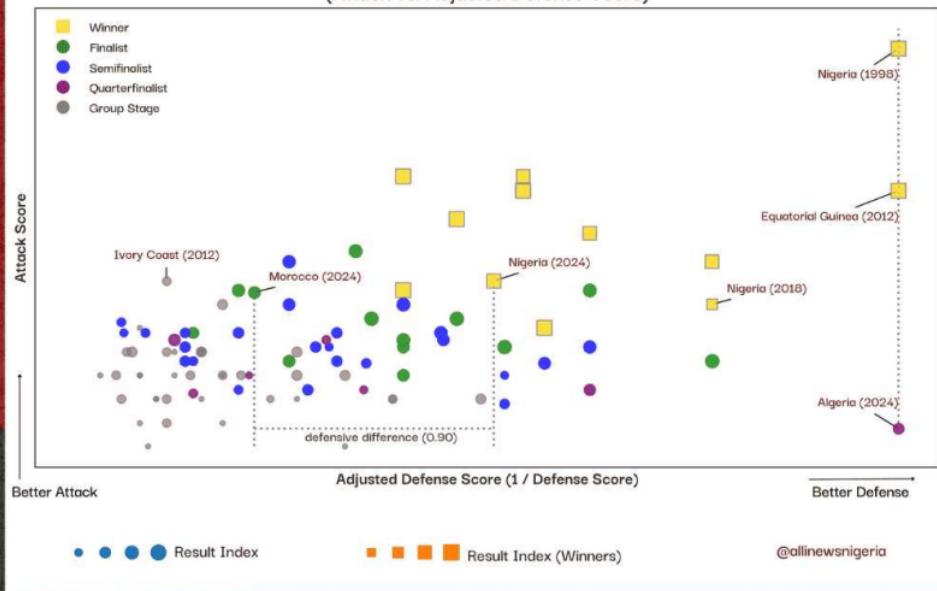
As much as Goals Prevented is a logical metric for measuring goalkeeper and defence impact, we should endeavour to add some context. For instance, Chiama Nnadozie (Nigeria) had 0 Goals Prevented in 3/5 matches played and that's because of the way the value is calculated.

Goals Prevented is xGOT (Expected Goals from Shots on Target) generated by the opponent minus the actual goals conceded by the team (Nigeria) and in those games the opponent had no shot on target.

Does this mean Chiamaka wasn't impactful? Not at all.

# TEAM PHILOSOPHY VS PROGRESSION

Where Does Team Philosophy Likely Get You?  
(Attack vs. Adjusted Defense Score)



Algeria put up a defensive performance very similar to record-setting WAFCON winners: Eq. Guinea (2012) and Nigeria (1998), but their attacking quality did not match up. Nigeria (2018) is the title-winning side with the smallest Result Index (RI).

Ivory Coast (2012) had a peculiar problem, scoring and conceding high (7 goals each, gd=0) to fall in the group stages. You can spot the defensive gap between the 2024 finalists after Fulltime as well. A few dots also surprise, like the small blue dot to the right of Nigeria (2024) line, suggesting the team had the least RI of all semifinalists. They progressed to semis defending well but winning the fewest number of games.

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# SAVES VS SHOT QUALITY



This viz also consolidates what we have been saying about goalkeepers, goals prevented, shot quality and saves made. The thick blue dots show most goals prevented, and you can see that though Khadijah Er-Rmichi (64th percentile), Soulaima Jabrani (71st percentile) and Sedilame Bosija (92nd percentile) made similar saves. However, Er-Rmichi faced more quality shots and, consequently, prevented fewer goals (it is not exactly logical to prevent <1.0 goals). N'Gazi is supposedly the “big fish” in a small pond, needing eight (8) saves and four clean sheets to prevent 1.39 goals.



# ALGERIA'S MASTERCLASS

A DEEP LOOK INTO ALGERIA'S RECORD-SETTING DEFENSIVE  
BRILLIANCE AT WAFCON 2024

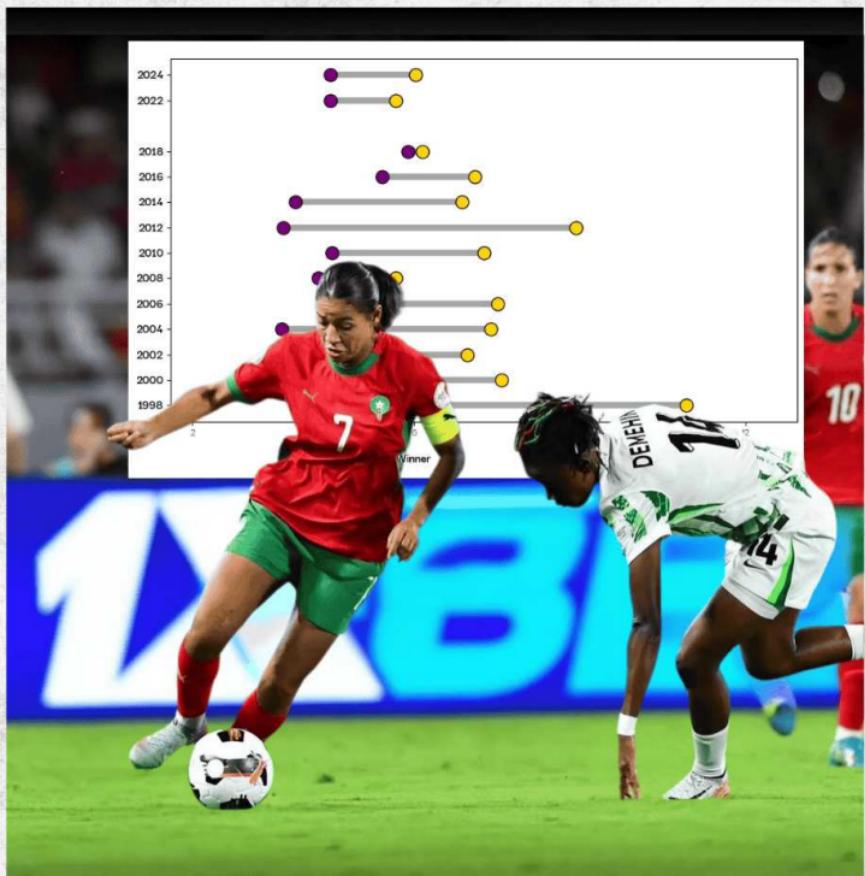
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# TEAM PHILOSOPHY VS PROGRESSION



Algeria were the only team to finish their WAFCON 2024 campaign with a 100% clean sheet record. Only two teams in history have achieved this feat before. The early years went from group stages to the semis but recently quarterfinals were introduced.

Next, we try to visualize the Team Progression as a measure of their attacking success (Attack Score), defensive success (Adj. defense Score) and the volume of games won or drawn (Result Index) till the point of exit.



## WAFCON IN FINALS

THE MOST COMPETITIVE FINALS IN HISTORY

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# SPOTLIGHTS

A MULTI-SEGMENT STORYTELLING ZOOM INTO KEY  
MOMENTS WHERE DATA MEETS DRAMA

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# THE MIRACLE OF RABAT



Christy Ucheibe (Nigeria) Visibly Emotional After Mission X Success

In WAFCON Finals, comebacks are just as rare as upsets.

Prior to kickoff, NO TEAM has ever made a COMEBACK in the Final neither has anyone EVER dropped a two-goal lead before. Nigeria reset both records in 45 minutes.

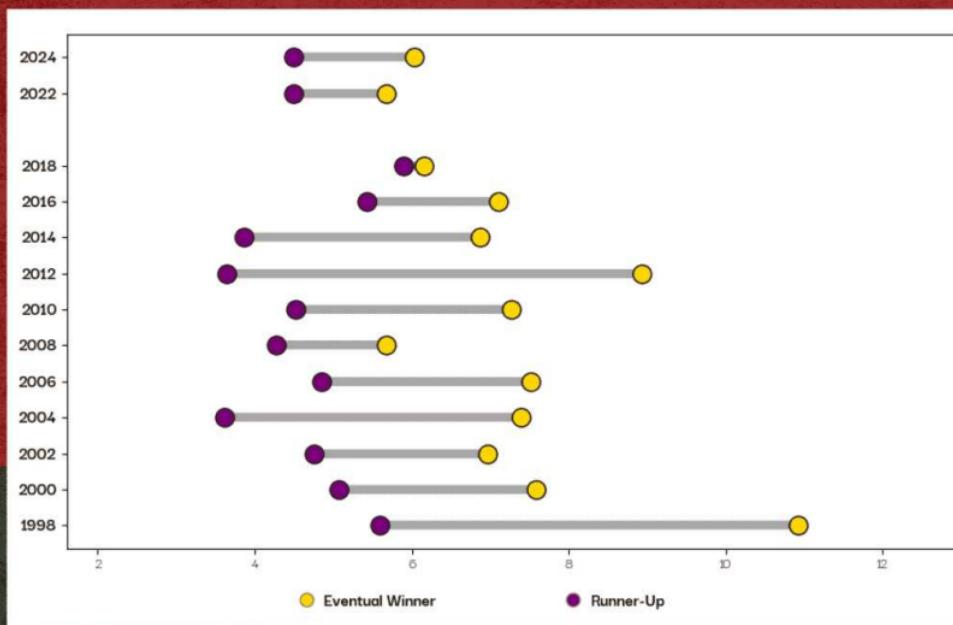
As you would see in the coming slides, Nigeria and Morocco put up very similar numbers in attack prior to kickoff, but they differed in defensive success.

# THE MIRACLE OF RABAT



Morocco struck early with goals from Ghizlane Chebbak and Sanaa Mssoudy to take a 2-0 lead in Rabat. Nigeria fought back in the second half with Esther Okoronkwo penalty on 64 minutes. Folashade Ijamilusi leveled the game with a fine finish in the 71st minute. Substitute Jennifer Echegini sealed the comeback in the 88th minute. A goal and two assists in the Final for Esther Okoronkwo as Nigeria lifted their record-extending WAFCON title after a dramatic turnaround.

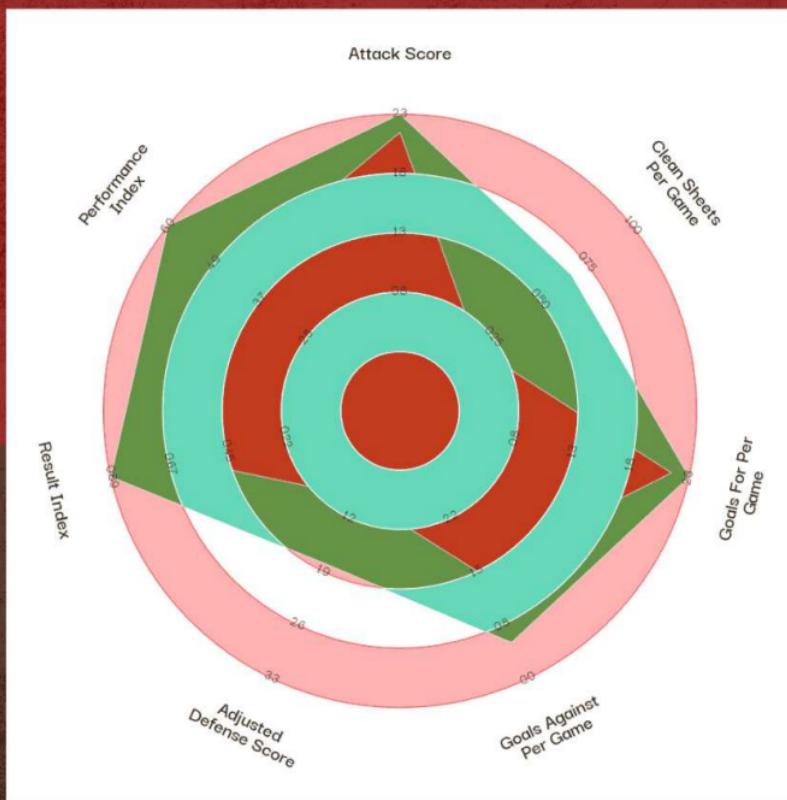
# WAFCON FINALISTS (1998 - 2024)



## Performance Index of WAFCON Finalists Before Final Kickoffs

While WAFCON Finals have been thrilling, true upsets are rare. Every single champion has entered the Final with a Performance Index that's higher than that of the eventual runner-up. Even matches with slim win margins still tend towards the highest PI suggesting a dark-horse narrative. The 2018 Final is the only one decided on penalties and remains the closest matchup till date (both teams performed similarly). A few Finals did showcase the “gulf in quality” like Nigeria (1998) and Equatorial Guinea (2012).

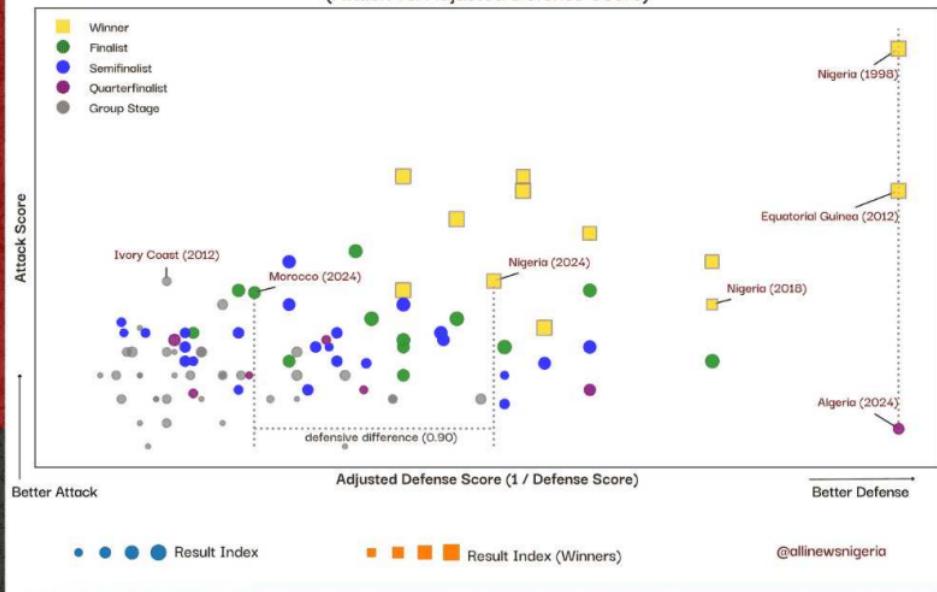
# THE FINAL | MAR 2 : 3 NGA



Before the 2024 Final actually kicked off, Nigeria and Morocco had identical attacks (both with an Attack Score of 2.2). Nigeria had the upper hand almost everywhere else, including a 1.90 lead in Adjusted Defense Score. The Super Falcons won more games so they also had a higher Result Index (RI). Being the hosts, Morocco did have the stadium atmosphere to their advantage.

# TEAM PHILOSOPHY VS PROGRESSION

Where Does Team Philosophy Likely Get You?  
(Attack vs. Adjusted Defense Score)

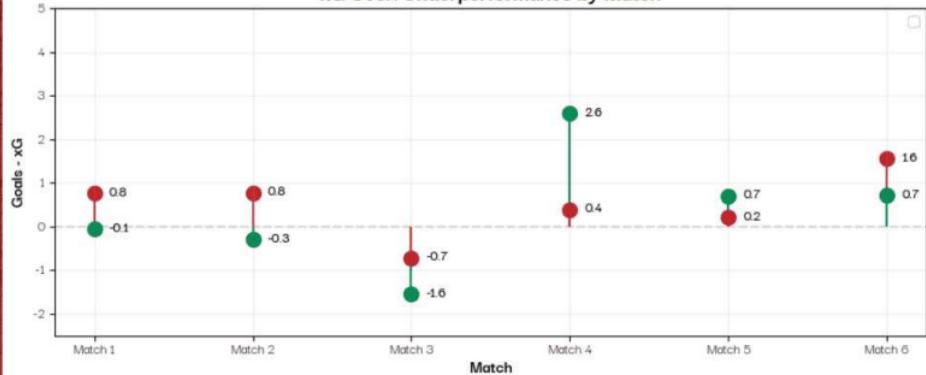


The blue dots on the leftmost side is largely due to teams progressing directly to the semis from group stage and falling there. Notice also the grey dot at the center of the plot and close to the Nigeria (2024) line suggesting that the team had the best defense of all who made group stage exits (even better defense than some past winners). That performance is also very similar to the semifinalist (blue dot) next to them, suggesting contrasting fortunes.

Summarily, defenses are important at WAFCON. But high defense, low attack teams are less likely to succeed than those who can add moderate attacking success, aside progressing on draws which affect their circle size (Low RI).

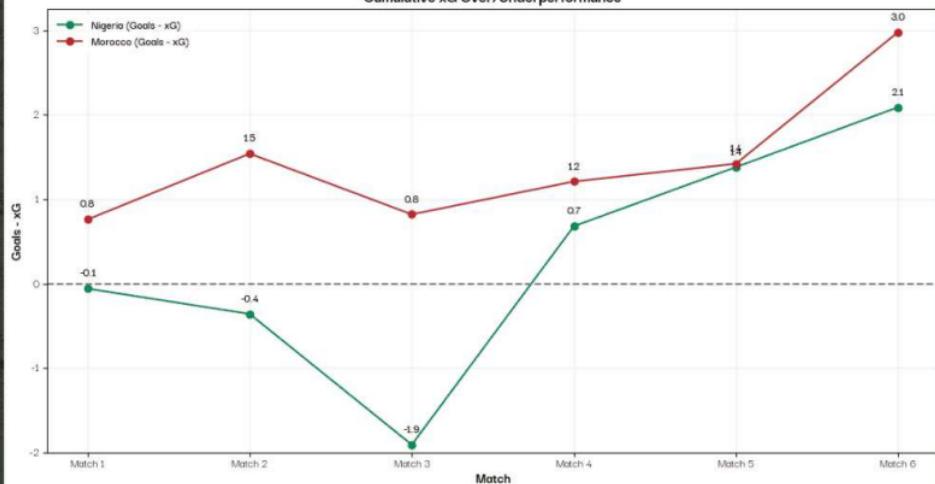
# THE FINAL | EXPECTED GOALS

xG Over/Underperformance by Match



Both teams outperformed xG in the Final but Morocco constantly outperformed their xG in most of their games.

Cumulative xG Over/Underperformance



The Super Falcons seemed to really go off in the knockout stages but Morocco were real high-flyers based on their cumulative xG.

# THE MIRACLE OF RABAT



FINAL | MAR 2 : 3 NGA

Highest Scoring WAFCON Finals:

(2024) Morocco 2 : 3 Nigeria

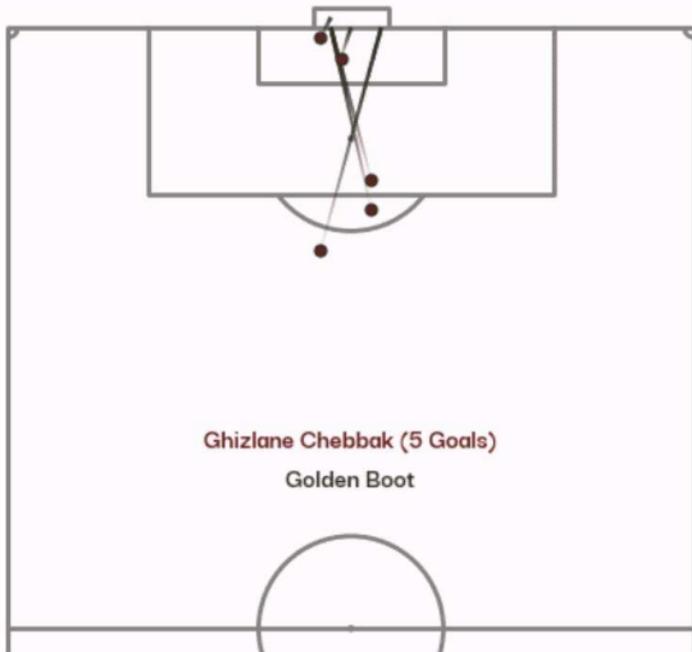
(2010) Nigeria 4 : 2 Equatorial Guinea

(2004) Nigeria 5 : 0 Cameroon

Nigeria winning 3-2 over Morocco in Rabat was only the fourth time ever that both finalists would score a goal in the Final. It is also the joint-second highest-scoring WAFCON Final.

# GOLDEN BOOT TWICE-IN-A-ROW

2024 TotalEnergies Womens  
Africa Cup of Nations



Ghizlane Chebbak (5 Goals)

Golden Boot

Goal times: 87,25,43,75,12

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Ghizlane Chebbak has been the Moroccan “live wire” at back-to-back TotalEnergies Women’s Africa Cup of Nations. Chebbak scored five times (all non-penalty goals) at this edition to claim a successive Golden Boot Award. She retains the crown after claiming it with 3 goals at the 2022 edition which also took place in Morocco.



## GHIZLANE CHEBBAK

FROM 3 TO 5: AFRICA'S GOLDEN BOOT QUEEN STANDS TWICE AS TALL

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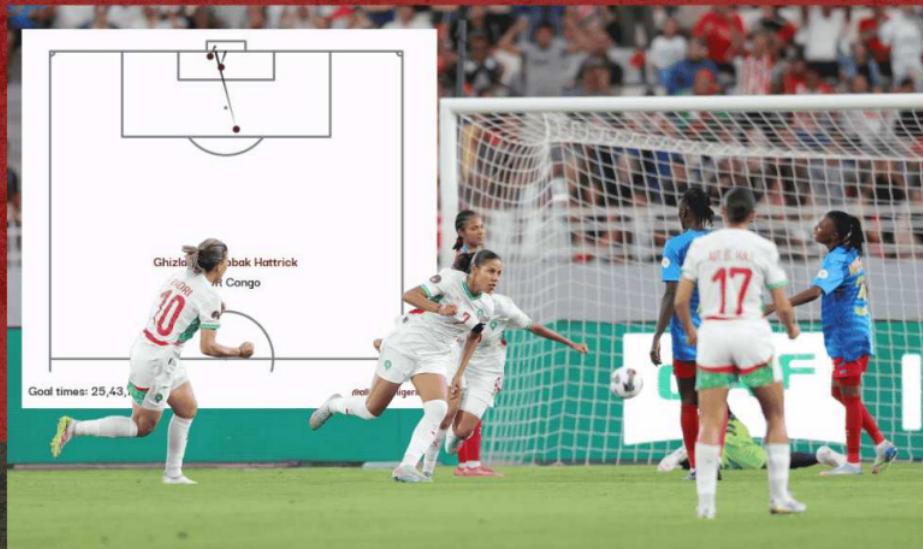
# THE FINAL | MATCH WINNER



Jennifer Echeginni Goal vs Morocco (Assist: Esther Okoronkwo)

Jennifer Echeginni's 88th minute strike is the latest matchwinner scored across all 13 WAFCON Finals. It was also Esther Okoronkwo's third matchwinning assist at the tournament. The buildup involved a shot from inside the penalty area from a ball over the top, something characteristic of Nigeria's playing style at the tournament.

# CHEBBAK'S HATTRICK VS DR CONGO



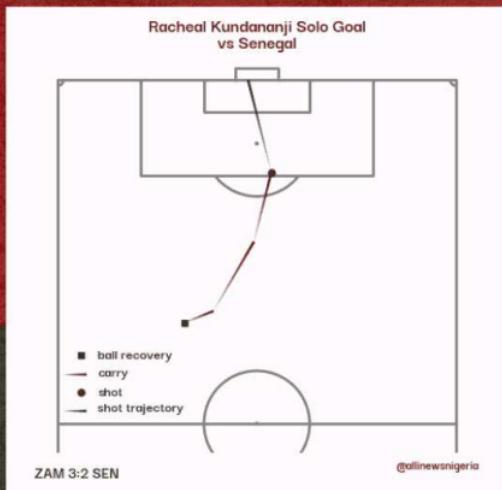
Ghizlane Chebbak Hattrick vs DR Congo

Ghizlane Chebbak also scored the only hattrick of the 2024 TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations in Morocco's blistering 4-2 demolition of DR Congo at WAFCON 2024, turning the Olympic Stadium in Rabat to her personal stage.

Her first was a low-driven missile into the bottom left corner, before poaching her second at the near post in the 43rd minute. She finally tapped in the matchwinner at full stretch as Morocco emerged with all three points.

# RACHEAL KUNDA-VIBES

Racheal Kundanaji scored the last two goals for Zambia at the tournament.



In this goal against Senegal, Racheal Kundanaji picked the pocket of the defender in a dangerous area. She then carries the ball for a considerable distance before burying the chance to give Zambia a 3-1 lead.

Racheal Kundanaji scored a direct freekick in Zambia's 1-0 win over the Democratic Republic of Congo. Again it's another firsthalf goal and it also turned out to be the matchwinner.



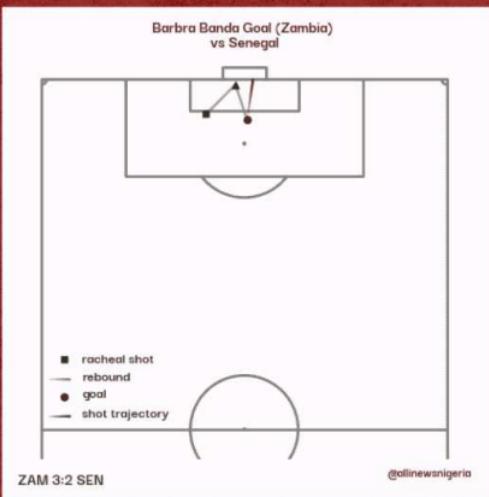
# GOAL CONTRIBUTIONS VS SENEGAL

Both players were again on target in Zambia's 3-2 win over Senegal.



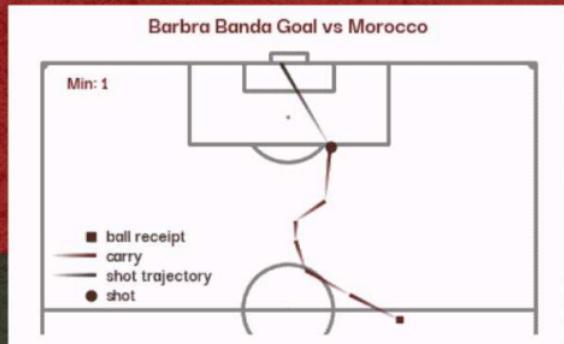
Zambia's opener against Senegal started from an initially repelled attack. The ball was then moved backwards and launched into the area. Racheal cushioned it down for Banda with a header. Banda then finished from close range.

Racheal Kundananji and Barbra Banda combined once again to give Zambia the lead. This time, Rachel Kundananji attempts a shot from inside the area but the goalkeeper makes a stop and the rebound falls for Banda who puts it away for 2-1.



# ZAMBIA'S DUO SHINE AGAINST MOROCCO

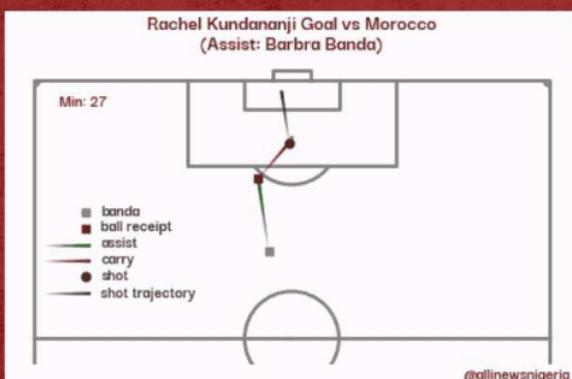
Both players were on target in Zambia's 2-2 draw with Morocco in the opening game of the 2024 TotalEnergies Women's Africa Cup of Nations.



Babba Banda got the opener with an astonishing solo run from inside the Zambian half. A Moroccan attack was thwarted and a fast break happened boom... 1-0!

Banda's goal was also the opening goal of the tournament.

Racheal Kundananji restored Zambia's lead in the 27th minute after a delicious pass (assist) from Banda put her through on goal. Rachel carried for a while before burying the chance.



# ALL FOR ZAMBIA



## 100%

Zambia's Goals at 2024 TotalEnergies Womens Africa Cup of Nations:

- Babra Banda (3 Goals)
- Racheal Kundananji (3 Goals)

They contributed a hundred percent of Zambia's goal tally scoring ~67% in the first half. Let's see their goals next from an analyst's pov.



## BANDA X RACHEAL

A CLOSER LOOK AT ZAMBIA'S FLOURISHING DUO!

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# CHEBBAK'S GOALS OUTSIDE THE BOX



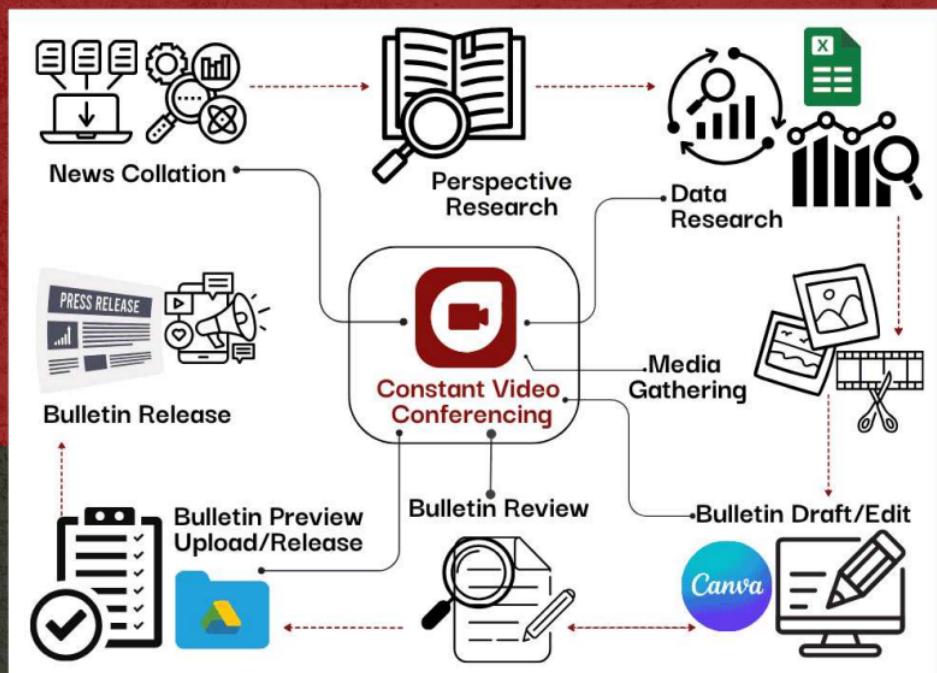
## Ghizlane Chebbak Goals From Outside the Box:

- 24th-Minute Goal vs Nigeria (Final)
- 87th-Minute Equalizer vs Zambia (Group stages)

Both goals came from around the penalty arc.

**BIG Game Chebbak!**

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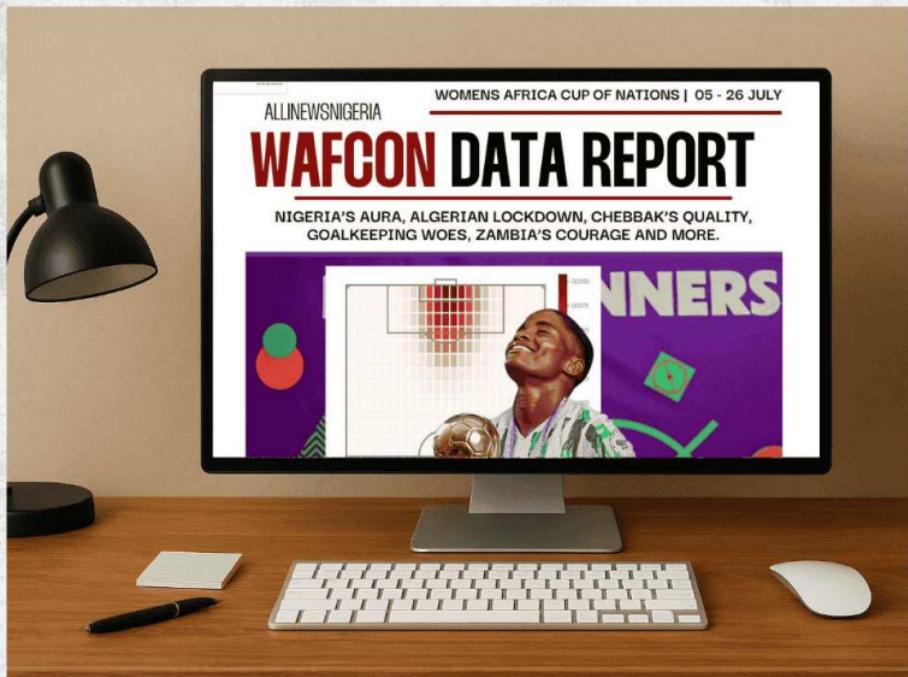


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# SOME MILESTONES AT WAFCON 2024



There was no team with maximum points (9) at the group stages this year. It's the second-time in history that has happened. The last one was at the 2018 edition in Ghana.



The 500th WAFCON group stage goal was scored by Yesmine Khanchouch of Tunisia in their 2-1 loss to Botswana.



Nigeria are just four (4) points from clinching a record 100 group stage points. They now have 96 points which is the most of any nation at the tournament.

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