

= 2000 CECAFA Cup =

The 2000 CECAFA Cup was the 24th edition of the football tournament , which involves teams from Southern and Central Africa . The matches were played in Uganda , a decision which Tanzania protested , but to no avail . Tanzania were also banned from international football by FIFA , the world football governing body . The matches were played from 18 November to 2 December 2000 . Prior to the tournament , Djibouti withdrew due to monetary difficulties , but re @-@ entered . Sudan and Zanzibar also withdrew , but stayed out . The reasoning behind their withdrawal was unknown .

Nine teams entered the tournament , as opposed to the twelve teams competing at the previous tournament in 1999 . However , there were only eight different nations competing in the tournament as Uganda entered two teams : Uganda (A) and Uganda (B) . Uganda (A) was in Group A , and Uganda (B) was in Group B , enabling the two the correct set @-@ up to be able to meet each other in the final , as occurred here . Both Ugandas topped their respective groups , and progressed to the knockout stages along with Ethiopia and Rwanda . Uganda (A) beat Rwanda , and Uganda (B) beat Ethiopia to mean that " the Cranes " (Uganda [A]) and " the Lions " (Uganda (B)) would meet in the final . In the final , Uganda (A) captained by George Ssimwogerere of Express , won 2 ? 0 . Ethiopia finished third after beating Rwanda on penalties 4 ? 2 after the match finished 0 ? 0 .

= = Background = =

The CECAFA Cup is considered Africa 's oldest football tournament , and involves teams from Central and Southern Africa . The tournament was originally named the Gossage Cup , contested by the four nations of Kenya , Uganda , Tanganyika (modern day Tanzania) , and Zanzibar ; it ran from 1929 until 1965 . In 1967 , this became the East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup , often shortened to simply the Challenge Cup , which was competed for five years , until 1971 , before the CECAFA Cup was introduced in 1973 . The 1999 champions were Rwanda (B) , in 2000 they emerged from their group second , after Uganda (B) , 5 points behind but 2 points ahead of the next team , Eritrea . They were then knocked out in the semi @-@ finals against Uganda (A) . The 2000 champions , Uganda , were knocked out in the 1999 semi @-@ finals by none other than Rwanda .

= = Participants = =

9 teams from 8 countries competed , three teams from the original tournament competed (excluding Tanganyika , which changed names and is currently called Tanzania) , all 8 nations at this tournament had competed at the 1999 CECAFA Cup .

= = Group stage = =

The group stage began on 18 November and ended on 27 November with Group A 's final match between Ethiopia and Burundi . At the end of the group stage , the teams who finished bottom of their group were eliminated , along with the two teams above them (in Group A) , and the team above them (in Group B) , whereas the teams positioned in the top two slots in the groups progressed to the knock @-@ out rounds . Due to there being an odd number of teams , Group A contained more matches and an additional team , with a total of 5 to Group B 's 4 teams .