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WAFU A U17 QUALIFIERS TOURNAMENT **SENEGAL 2024**



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The recently concluded WAFU A U17 Senegal 2024 tournament was a great success, giving our talented young players the chance to showcase their skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officials and delegations from the 7 countries taking part in this great competition.

Our sincere thanks go to the Senegalese Football Federation and the Government of Senegal for this umpteenth welcome to the land of Teranga.

The WAFU A U17 Tournament, which is the starting point for the African Cup of Nations and the Under-17 World Cup, has already enabled many generations of talented players to showcase their skills and be recruited by top clubs around the world.



Mr Lamin Kaba BAJO
Chairman WAFU A

The enthusiasm surrounding this 3rd edition gives us the opportunity to appreciate and salute the remarkable work that has gone into raising the standards of our organisation to offer teams a top-class tournament.

The sporting and hotel facilities enabled our talented players to express their potential and produce some fine football throughout the tournament.

We salute the Senegalese public who admired the game produced by our young talents.

Well done to Senegal and Mali, who will be our ambassadors at the next Under-17 Africa Cup of Nations in 2025.

We can't wait for the 2025 edition!



Mr Mapathé GAYE
WAFU A Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The performance of our various teams gives us hope for our Zone, which is resolutely committed to improving the competitiveness of our national teams (men's and women's) by identifying and developing talent.

Our ambition in the Zone is to continue to be the driving force behind African football at youth level. To this end, we have embarked on initiatives aimed at promoting and stimulating the activities of national youth teams, in collaboration with CAF. Moreover, we will never cease to express our pride and gratitude to CAF, through its Competitions Division, for having entrusted the Zonal Unions with the qualifiers for the AFCON U20 Total and U17 Total.

The 2024 edition of the qualifying tournament for the AFCON U17 that we have just experienced was a great opportunity for our young talents to showcase their skills in a spirit of fair play, but above all to hoist their country's respective flags on the zonal, African and world stage, as is customary.

Our congratulations go to the Organising Committee and the Local Organising Committee (LOC), who spared no effort to ensure that the tournament took place in the safest and most sporting conditions.

Finally, we would like to thank the Senegalese authorities and the Senegalese Football Federation for hosting the tournament. Our thanks to them.

WAFU A is very satisfied with the commitment of its member associations, who prepare our competitions with the utmost seriousness to improve the level of play.

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WAFU A U17 TOURNAMENT SENEGAL 2024, 3RD EDITION

Senegal crowned 2th time by beating Mali

Senegal's Under-17 team won the WAFU A U17 Tournament for the second time in its history on Monday 4 January 2024 in Dakar. In the final, the Lion Cubs of Senegal beat the Malian Aiglonnets in a penalty shoot-out (3-3, tab 5-4), after a match full of twists and turns and plenty of goals.

Senegal have won their 2nd(ish) WAFU A U17 Tournament trophy, following on from the one they won in 2021. And who would have thought? Trailing 2-0 at half-time, Senegal's U17 team went on to beat Mali in the tournament final.

In a final in which Mali quickly took control, Seydou Dembélé opened the scoring after 53 seconds. Senegal, struggling to get their game going, conceded a second goal in the 44th minute, scored by Bakary Simpara.

Trailing 2-0 at half-time, Mali's Aiglonnets thought they had pulled off a major coup. But the Senegalese Lion Cubs showed their will to win and came back on the scoreboard in the 48th minute

through El Hadj Yamar N'Diaye, who had come on as a substitute earlier in the game. A few minutes later, Étienne Mendy (53rd) set the record straight. El Hadj Malick Lo (64th) restored Senegal's lead (3-2).

Surprised by Senegal's response, Mali threw everything they had into the battle and found an equaliser through Aboubacar Kamara (74').

The 3:1 scoreline led to a penalty shoot-out between Senegal and Mali, where the Cubs showed their precision by taking 5 out of 5 shots compared with 4 out of 5 for Mali.

Senegal, winners of the tournament, Mali, runners-up, and Gambia, 3rd in the tournament, will represent WAFU A at the next Under-17 Africa Cup of Nations in Morocco, from 1 to 19 April 2025.

SENEGAL SUCCEEDS MALI



After the first edition, which took place in Thiès from 5 to 13 February 2021, Senegal, the land of Teranga, was once again in the limelight at the 3rd edition of the WAFU A U17 Tournament, a qualifier for the Africa Cup of Nations U17 Total.

The tournament, which ran from 20 October to 4 November 2024, featured two groups of three and four teams. Group A comprised hosts Senegal, Liberia and Gambia. Guinea were disqualified after MRI tests. Group B comprised defending champions Mali, Sierra Leone, Mauritania and Guinea Bissau.

The Lat Dior stadium in Thiès and the Abdoulaye Wade stadium annex in Diamniadio played host to the tournament.

The opening match pitted Senegal against Liberia (3-1) on Tuesday 22 October 2024 at the Lat Dior Stadium in Thiès.

The final pitted Senegal against Mali on 4 November 2024 at the Annexe of the Abdoulaye Wade stadium. The Lion Cubs of Senegal won the trophy for this 3rd edition (3-3, 5-4 tab).



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TOURNOI QUALIFICATIF WAFU A SENEGAL 2024



Du 20 octobre au 04 novembre 2024

GRUPE A



GRUPE B



WAFU A TOURNAMENT U17 SENEGAL

The matches

DAY 1		
GROUP A		22.10.2024
SENEGAL	2 - 1	LIBERIA
GROUP B		23.10.2024
MALI	1 - 0	SIERRA LEONE
MAURITANIA	0 - 0	GUINEA BISSAU

DAY 2		
GROUP A		25.10.2024
GAMBIA	1 - 3	SENEGAL
GROUP B		26.10.2024
SIERRA LEONE	1 - 0	MAURITANIA
GUINEA BISSAU	0 - 1	MALI

DAY 3		
GROUP A		28.10.2024
GAMBIA	4 - 0	LIBERIA
GROUPE B		29.10.2024
MALI	4 - 0	MAURITANIA
GUINEA BISSAU	1 - 0	SIERRA LEONE

SEMI FINALS		02.11.2024
SENEGAL	0 - 0 TAB 4-3	GUINEA BISSAU
MALI	3 - 2	GAMBIA

3 TH PLACE		04.11.2024
GUINEA BISSAU	0 - 0 TAB 5-6	GAMBIA

FINAL		04.11.2024
SENEGAL	3 - 3 TAB 5-4	MALI



SENEGAL

GOALKEEPERS

Vincent **GOMIS** (Académie Génération Foot)
Assane **SARR** (Ndangane FC)

DEFENDERS

Lamine **Mbengue** (Académie Génération Foot)
El Hadji **CISSE** (Sahel FC de Dakar)
Madické **N'DIAYE** (Académie Génération Foot)
Hyppolite **N'DOUR** (Keur Madior FC)
Moussa **CISSE** (Académie Génération Foot)
Etienne **MENDY** (Diambars FC)
Ibrahima **AIDARA** (Diambars FC)

COACH

Papa Ibrahima **FAYE**

MIDFIELD

El Hadji **SOW** (Dakar Sacré Cœur)
Mouhamed **DABO** (C., Sahel FC de Dakar)
Mbaye Ibrahima **N'DIAYE** (Espoirs de Guédiawaye)
Mahamet **BA** (Diambars FC)

ATTACKERS

Sidy Barhama **N'DIAYE** (Diambars FC)
Youssou **MANE** (Olso FA)
El Hadji Yamar **N'DIAYE** (Challenge Foot Center)
El Hadji Malick **LO** (Guelwars de Fatick)
Ibrahima **DIALLO** (Académie Génération Foot)
Tafsir Ousmane **DIOP** (Espoirs de Guédiawaye)



GAMBIA

GOALKEEPERS

Mbemba JAMMEH

(New Yundum Upper Basic Shool)

Momodou KUYATEH

(Latrikunda Sabiji Secondary Shool)

Fallou Mbye (St. Joseph Upper Basic Shool)

DEFENDERS

Abdou MBOOB (Yunnus English school)

Muhammed DANSO

(KGH Sports Football Academy)

Kawsu SANNEH (Presentation secondary Shool)

Abdou Wadou SARR

(C., KGH Sports Football Academy)

MIDFIELD

Alagie Baba LEIGH

(Etoile Lusitane Football Academy)

Sambujang DAFEH

(Farafeni Senior Secondary Shool)

Ahmed Njundu KANYI

(Sporting Supreme Football Academy)

ATTACKERS

Bubacar SUSSO (Tahirr Senior Secondary Shool)

Francis GOMEZ (Sibanor United FC)

Bakary JAMMEH (Brikama Upper Basic Secondary)

Ismaila SONKO (Nasirr Senior Secondary Shool)

Abdou Karim SARR (St. Joseph Upper Basic Shool)

Adama SONKO (St. Augustine Upper Basic Shool)

COACH

Yahya MANNEH



GUINEA BISSAU

GOALKEEPERS

Alfucene QUEBE (AC Vitalaise)
Seco Ansumane Seide FATI (AC Effemberg)

DEFENDERS

Eliseu Agostinho Amena SAMBE
(AC Fidjus de Bidera)
Dino També Faustino ANTONIO (AC Inter GB)
Edney Vename Bampoque CERINA (AC Inter GB)
Alexandre Nicolau BIAI (AC Fidjus de Bidera)
Edmilson Afonso DAFA (AC Inter GB)

COACH

Alfa Umaro BALDE

MIDFIELD

Gute Lobo Vieira (AC Bissau Star)
José Henrique INDI JUNIOR (C., AC Vitalaise)
N'Dami Humberto PINTO COLNA (AC Demba Sano)
Herminio Marcelino SANUO (AC Inter GB)

ATTACKERS

Aladje DABO (AF Juzepe)
Ismael VAZ (AC Bissau Star)
Adelcio de Oliveira SANCA (AC Geração de Songho)
Carlos Alberto Jalo (AC Inter GB)
Adimir Iero DJU DJAU (AC CFDGB)



LIBERIA

GOALKEEPERS

Mark FAZZI (Devine FC)
Abdulaye KIETA (Jireh)

DEFENDERS

Blessing BARTUAH (FC Kallon)
Bashir MUAZU (Blackman Warriors)
Marbert QUAYEE (Lead Academy)
Eric KAMARA (Young Pro)
William KILIMA (Tebeh)

COACH

Lartey Nyenekon ROBERT

MIDFIELD

Nawoe FINEBOY (Tebeh)
Cassius PEWEE (C., Eleven Stars)
Moses NYANFORE (Caldwell United)
Ezekiel VARNEY, JR. (FC GAR'UOR)
Henry YONTON III (Tebeh)
Psalm KOLENDA (Viktoria Berlin, Allemagne)
Eric MARSHALL (FC GAR'UOR)

ATTACKERS

Myers SWEN (Caldwell United)
Ralph WEAH (Tebeh)
Alvin KOLLIE (Tebeh)
Alex WILE (Ansu FA)
Sheku SANNOH, JR. (Discoveries FC)
Prince TOE JR. (Lead Academy)



MALI

GOALKEEPERS

Lamine **SINABA** (Cherifla Académie)
Cheick Oumar **DIARRA** (FC Diarra)

DEFENDERS

Ousmane **CISSE** (ATS Koro)
Tiemoko **BERTHE** (Etoile du Mandé)
Aboubacar **CAMARA** (AFE)
Mohamed **DOUMBIA** (Yeelen Olympique FC)
Souleymane **DOUMBIA** (Derby Académie)
N'Djicoura **BAMBA** (CSB)
Mahamadou **KONATE** (FC DIARRA)

COACH

Adama Djefla **DIALLO**

MIDFIELD

Ibrahim **DIAKITE** (JMG)
Issa **TOUNKARA** (C., Etoile du Mandé)
Seydou **DEMBELE** (JMG)
Issa **KONE** (Africa Foot)
Mahamadou **TRAORE** (Players Dream)
Williams **KANTE** (AFE)

ATTACKERS

Soungalo **COULIBALY** (Yeelen Olympique FC)
Bakary **SIMPARA** (JMG)
Mohamed **DHIARRA** (Djoliba AC)
Daouda **TOGOLA** (Stade Malien de Bamako)
Soumaila **FANE** (AFBD)



MAURITANIA

GOALKEEPERS

El Houssein MAHMOUD (Star Arafat)
Mohamed COULIBALY (ASC Gendrim)

DEFENDERS

Ledib MAATALA (Académie FFRIM)
Beyane AHMED (ASAC Concorde)
Beiny COULIBALY (Académie FFRIM)
El Hadje SIBY (C., ASAC Concorde)
Souvi BADIANA (Chemal FC)
Cheikh BRAHIM (FC Tevragh-Zeina)
Abderrahmane YAHYA
(Atletico Huracan, Espagne)

MIDFIELD

Varajou Abeid MOU (AS Pompiers)
Amadou SARR (Académie FFRIM)
Isselmou MHAIMID (Académie FFRIM)
Sidi HMEYADA (Rush-SPF Academy, Espagne)
Abdallahi JEDOU (Académie FFRIM)
Abdoul Aziz KEITA (ASAC Concorde)

ATTACKERS

El Id BOUWAH (FC Tevragh-Zeina)
Malamine BEIDEJL (FC Nouhadhibou)
Yacoub Mohamed TENOUB (Star Arafat)
El Hady SOUEIDY (Nouakchott Kings)
Saed CAMARA (ASC Gendrim)

COACH

Yusef Mohammed ALDOSSARY



SIERRA LEONE

GOALKEEPERS

Abu Bakarr **KAMARA** (Starsport Academy)

DEFENDERS

Chernor **MANSARAY** (Wusum Stars FC)

Abu **KARGO** (Wilerforce strikers)

Ali **FOFANA** (FC Kallon)

Abu **KAMARA** (Starsport Academy)

MIDFIELD

David **CONTEH** (Wilerforce strikers)

Alhadji **CONTEH** (FC Kallon)

Alie **KABIA** (C., Starsport Academy)

Alpha **JALLOH** (Starsport Academy)

Ibrahim **BAH** (Edwards Shool)

Richmond **KAMARA** (Luawa Football Association)

Musa **BANGURA** (Old Edwardians FC)

ATTACKERS

Mohamed **BANGURA** (Wilerforce strikers)

Mohamed **JALLOH** (Starsport Academy)

Suliaman **KAMARA** (Goderich FC)

Abu **SAMURA** (Hada FC)

COACH

Dominic John **KONNEH**

WAFU A U17 TOURNAMENT SENEGAL 2024 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS Mali take it all



As in the 2nd edition, the Malians dominated the tournament on an individual level. The trophy for best player of the tournament went to Seydou Dembélé (Mali); Bakary Simpara (Mali) finished top scorer with 5 goals. Lamine Sinaba (Mali) won the trophy for best goalkeeper of the tournament.



Gambia, who beat Guinea Bissau (0-0, 6-5 tab) in the third-place play-off, were named the tournament's fair-play team.



WAFU A U17 BOYS TOURNAMENT PAST EDITIONS

1ST EDITION (THIES 2021)

The very first edition of the UFOA A U17 Tournament was held in Thiès, Senegal, from 5 to 13 February 2021, in the midst of the COVID pandemic.

Hosts Senegal won the tournament with a 2-0 victory over Mali in the final. Senegal and Mali are expected to represent West Zone A at the Africa Cup of Nations U17 Total in Morocco. The final

phase initially scheduled for 13 to 31 March 2021 was cancelled by CAF following a meeting of the CAF Emergency Committee on Monday 08 March 2021 in Rabat, Morocco.

Six (06) countries took part in this first edition. These were Senegal, the organising country, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania and

2ND EDITION (NOUAKCHOTT 2022)



Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, hosted the second edition of the UFOA A U17 Tournament from 1 to 10 October 2022

Six (06) countries had signed up to take part in the tournament: Cape Verde, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal and Sierra Leone. Liberia was disqualified from the tournament after MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) tests.

In the final, Mali beat Senegal on penalties (1-1 tab 4-2).

During the final phase of the Africa Cup of Nations, the Senegalese Lion Cubs finished on top of Africa after beating Morocco 2-1. Senegal's goals came from Serigne Fallou Diouf (80th) and Mamadou Savané (83rd).

In the third-place play-off, Mali lost to Burkina Faso 2-1.

Senegal and Mali have thus secured their tickets to represent UFO A and CAF, along with Morocco (UNAF) and Burkina Faso (UFOAB), at the Under-17 World Cup Indonesia 2023. At the end of the tournament, Mali occupied the lowest step on the podium after their 3-0 victory over Argentina in the third-place match. Senegal fell to France in the Round of 16 (0-0, 5-3 tab).

FOOTBALL SCOUTS AND A GREAT CROWD !



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The UFOA A U17 Tournament Senegal 2024 saw an all-time record attendance at the final on Monday 4 November 2024, when the Annexe of the Abdoulaye Wade stadium in Diamniadio was filled to capacity. Football fans flocked to this mouth-watering clash between Senegal and Mali, which lived up to all its promises.

Among the spectators were a large number of Football Scouts (recruiters) from well-known clubs in France, with around sixty accreditations issued.

The presence of recruiters from European clubs was a great opportunity for budding talent to showcase their skills.







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