



Success as Somalia Crowned CECAFA champions

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The CECAFA U17 competition was won by Somalia, making them the new champions. It began with Somalia winning consecutive tournaments and performing very well while crushing many teams who were stronger than Somalia in the past in terms of performance, culminating in Somalia qualifying for the final stage and ultimately winning the cup, the first for Somalia, which represents a new beginning for the Somali national team and a challenge to other Somali national teams to bring similar success to the country.

The final match of the games was between South Sudan and Somalia, and the semifinal match between Somalia and Uganda ended with Somalia prevailing 8-7 on penalties following a 1-1 draw in regular time at the Abebe Bikila Stadium in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. South Sudan and Somalia faced off in the final match of the games.

The championship game finished with a score of 3-1 in favor of Somalia, bringing the tournament to an end with Somalia becoming victorious.

All Somalis took part in the jubilation that followed their country's victory. The nation has not

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lately emerged victorious in the majority of tournaments, and sports commentators have noted Somalia's surprising triumph in which they overcame heavyweight nations in the area as an example of a one-of-a-kind achievement.

CECAFA regional heavyweights couldn't escape Somalia strong squad, the triumph was unexpected and the surprise success was applauded and embraced by many Somalis, the win has as well as aroused a sense of patriotism throughout Somalia.

The victory for Somalia may be attributed in large part to two individuals. Abdihafid Mohamed Abdi is the young man who scored all three goals, giving Somalia the victory that they so well deserved. Many Somalis see Abdihafid as a pivotal figure in their country's victory and point to his role as one of the primary contributors to Somalia's success in reaching the championship round.

The story of Abdihafid, who was once



subjected to discrimination in Jubaland due to the fact that he was a member of a clan minority, has also been brought up in discussions. Many people believe that in order for Somalia to be successful in competitions in the future, clan issues should be ignored in favor of a focus on individual talents.

Another important figure in the game was the team's coach, Nur Mohamed Amin, who was praised afterward for the important part he played. The coach put in a lot of effort to make sure that the team was successful and at one point he paid for items that the team needed out of his own money. Without the coach, the team never would have been able to achieve such a level of success.

The coach expressed his happiness after their victory, stating that his players had performed well and were deserving of the victory, and that they had done so by following his instructions. Amin, who was overcome with joy, said, "I am pleased of my guys who performed what I wanted them to do."

Ali Abdi Mohamed, the interim president of the Somali Football Federation, had the same thoughts as Amin. He expressed his optimism that winning the tournament will lead to new prospects for the growth of football in the nation. Mohamed expressed his happiness by saying, "We are really proud of our squad, and this success will open many additional avenues towards the growth of football in the nation."

The reactions of the win was massive across the Somali spectrum, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud was among the first leaders to send a congratulatory message. The president noted that the nation under 17- football team have shown that Somali youth are determined to compete with their counterparts in the world.

The President has also held an event at the National Presidency, praised the 17-year-old for winning the East and Central Africa Qualifying Cup, and praised them for raising



the name of the Somali nation and opening the doors to the youth of the country. success.

The President, , the Governor of Banadir, Mr. Yusuf Hussein Jimale and the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Federal Government of Somalia, Mr. Mohamed Barre Mohamud, presented gifts and medals to the administration, coach and players of the 17-year-old team,

Hormuud Salaam Foundation provided \$15,000 in cash and free internet connection for a year to the players and coaches of the national team as a token of encouragement.

Prime Minister of the Federal Government of Somalia, Mr. Hamza Abdi Barre, stood with the national team during his tour to Ethiopia, where he held a dinner in Addis Ababa for the players of the 17-year-old national team that won the CECAFA East and Central Africa Sports Cup and complimented them.

The victory means a lot to a lot of Somali people. It implies that if the correct and essential resources are provided to the football community, then the team will make a big success, and the football of the country will

make a huge stride.

Sports In Somali

In the middle of the 1940s, the first Somali football teams were formed and started to play. They engage in very little international competition and focus mostly on the local competition. Their national football team, the Ocean Stars, are known more generally as the "giant killers." This is due to the fact that whenever they do participate internationally, they are often thought to be the underdogs.

Similar to this cecafta, Somalis will always fondly remember the 5th of September 2019 as the day the national team made their mark on the world stage. They defeated Zimbabwe in their very first World Cup qualifying match, and Anwar Sayid Ali came off the bench to score the game-winning goal. It will go down in history as one of the most memorable goals in the history of Somalian football. Even if there is a possibility that an international match would be played in Somalia, the country has excellent sporting facilities.