

Tunisia, Mali, and Guinea first to reach quarter-finals

Cameroon, Morocco, Algeria, Senegal, and Nigeria almost there

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One week into the 2004 African Cup of Nations, and 4 teams have already secured their quarter-finals spots. Tunisia, the host country, now awaits the result of the last two games in Group B to know its quarter-finals opponent. The Carthage Eagles, playing with a home field advantage, have high hopes in this year's competition.

Algeria's young and relatively inexperienced team has been the surprise of the 2004 tournament so far. Starting with a 1-1 draw with Cameroon in their first game, Algeria beat the four-time champion Egypt 2-1 in their second game.

Nigeria's Augustine Okocha scored the African competition's 1,000th goal in a 4-0 win over South Africa bringing hope and relief to the Green Eagles after their first game loss 0-1 with Morocco.

All teams in Groups B, C, and D still have one game to play, and by Wednesday Feb. 4, we will know the 8 competing teams of the quarter-finals.

GROUP A									
Team	Pld	W		D	L	F	Α	Pts	
Tunisia*	3	2		1	0	6	2	7	
Guinea*	3	1		2	0	4	3	5	
Rwanda	3	1		1	1	3	3	4	
DR Congo	3	0		0	3	1	6	0	
GROUP B									
Team		Pld	W	D	L	F		Α	Pts
Mali*		2	2	0	0	6		2	6
Senegal		2	1	1	0	3		1	4
Burkina Fas	0	2	0	1	1	1		3	1
Kenya		2	0	0	2	1		6	0
GROUP C									
Team	Pld	I \	N	D.	ı	F	Α	Pts	
Cameroon	2		1	1	0	6	4	4	
Algeria	2		1	1	0	3	2	4	
Egypt	2		1	0	1	3	3	3	
Zimbabwe	2		0	0	2	4	7	0	
GROUP D									
Team	Pld	V	V	D	L	F	Α	Pts	

Morocco	2	2	О	0	5	0	6
Nigeria	2	1	О	1	4	1	3
S Africa	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Benin	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

^{*} Qualified to quarter-finals

2004 Best Strikers	Team	Goals	
M'boma Patrick	Cameroon	4	
Aboubacar Titi Camra	Guinea	3	
Frédéric Kanouté	Mali	3	
Silva Dos Santos	Tunisia	3	
Peter Ndlovu	Zimbabwe	3	

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