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2011 METROPOLITAN COSAFA UNDER-20 YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

DAY 10 PREVIEW

Defending champions Zambia take on Angola in the final of the 2011 Metropolitan COSAFA Under-20 Youth Championships that will be played at the University of Botswana Stadium in Gaborone on Saturday (kick-off 15h00).

The title decider will bring the curtain down on a magnificent regional championships that have yielded much excitement for supporters, with an incredible 80 goals scored in just 20 games so far, an average of four goals per game.

Zambia have won the last three titles at the tournament, while by contrast Angola are still seeking their first, despite reaching the final three years in a row between 2000 and 2002.

It is difficult to pick a winner from this one, the Zambians have looked solid and steady throughout, with their highlight a 5-1 hammering of South Africa in their final Group C game on Tuesday.

Angola have an explosive mix of talent though and have shown on more than one occasion in this tournament that they can come from behind if needs be. They certainly have goals in them, and look to be getting better as the tournament wears on.

One area of concern might be their defence, which has conceded 10 goals in four games, compared to the Zambians who have let in just four, three of those on one game against East African guests Tanzania.

Before the final match, hosts Botswana will take on Malawi in the battle for the bronze medal (kick-off 11h00).

The Young Flames lost out in the semi-finals to Zambia when they went down 2-0, while Malawi lead by that scoreline over Angola late in their semi-final, only to end up on the losing side of a 4-2 result.

The two goals Botswana conceded against the Zambians were their first of the tournament and they have looked solid enough as a unit. Malawi plays a bit more loose, but perhaps have the greater attacking flair.

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