

ILLUSTRATIVE LEAGUE MATCH · POST-MATCH REPORT FOR THE COACHING STAFF

Gaborone Lions **1-2** Kalahari United

Why we lost the second half

Sample report: both teams, all players and every figure are invented to show the format.

THE MATCH IN NUMBERS

We had more of the ball, they made better chances

	GABORONE LIONS	KALAHARI UNITED
Goals	1	2
Shots (on target)	14 (5)	11 (6)
Expected goals (xG)	1.08	1.71
Possession	55%	45%
Passes completed	368 of 452 (81%)	271 of 356 (76%)
Corners	7	3
Ball recoveries in opponent half	11	17

Expected goals (xG) measures the quality of each chance: a shot worth 0.38 xG is scored about 38 times in 100.

FOUR THINGS THAT DECIDED IT

01 · SECOND HALF

We faded after the break

Possession fell from about 60% to under 50%, and United created 1.54 of their 1.71 xG after half-time.

02 · TURNS

Both goals came from our mistakes

Both United goals started with us losing the ball in central midfield, 9 times in that zone.

03 · SHOOTING

Too many long shots

8 of our 14 shots came from outside the box, together worth just 0.30 xG.

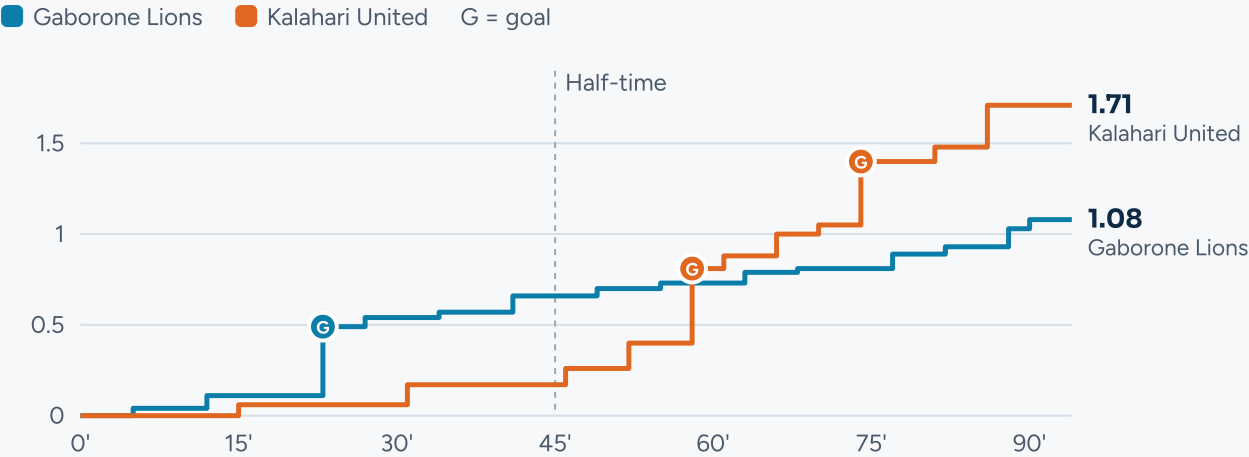
04 · SET PIECES

Seven corners, no threat

None of our 7 corners produced a shot on target. United defended the near post every time.

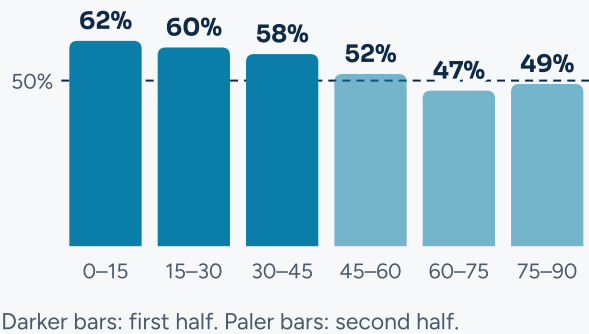
United's chances came in a 30-minute spell

CUMULATIVE EXPECTED GOALS (xG) THROUGH THE MATCH

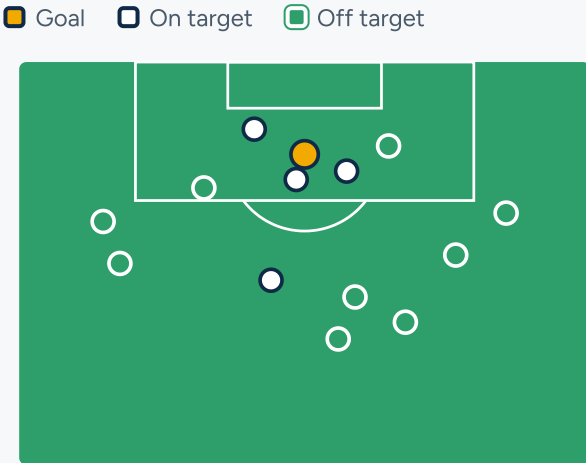


Between the 46th and 75th minute, United created 1.23 xG and scored twice. We created 0.15 xG in the same half hour.

OUR POSSESSION BY 15-MINUTE PERIOD



WHERE OUR 14 SHOTS CAME FROM



KEY MOMENTS

MIN	WHAT HAPPENED	SCORE
23'	Lions goal: cut-back from the right, finished from 9 metres (0.38 xG)	1-0
58'	United goal after a misplaced pass in central midfield (0.41 xG)	1-1
74'	United goal after a lost 50-50 duel in the same zone (0.35 xG)	1-2
88'	Our best late chance: low shot from inside the box, saved (0.10 xG)	1-2

What it means. The team kept the ball but did not get it into the box. Only 6 of 14 shots were from inside the penalty area, and those 6 produced 0.78 of our 1.08 xG.

Central midfield is where the game turned

TIMES WE LOST POSSESSION, BY ZONE



▲ Attacking direction · 33 losses in total

9 of 33 losses happened in the centre of midfield (outlined), more than any other zone.

Both goals followed a loss there: a misplaced pass under pressure (58') and a lost 50–50 duel (74').

United pressed high: 17 ball recoveries in our half against our 11 in theirs.

SET PIECES

	GABORONE LIONS	KALAHARI UNITED
Corners taken	7	3
Shots from corners (on target)	2 (0)	1 (1)
Free kicks in the final third	3	4
Shots from free kicks (on target)	1 (0)	2 (1)

FOR THIS WEEK'S TRAINING

Three recommendations

- 1 Give the midfield a safe exit**
 Rehearse a third-player option (full-back or dropping striker) so the ball is not forced through the centre under pressure.
- 2 Work the ball into the box**
 Set a shooting rule in games: shots from outside the box only when no pass into the area is on.
- 3 Change the corner routines**
 United guarded the near post on all 7 corners. Try far-post and short options against the next opponent with the same set-up.



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