



# Robyn eager to show her prowess on the big stage

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East London-linked Banyana Banyana star Robyn Moodley says it feels great to be back in the national set-up once again.

Formerly based in the United States, Moodley, 25, was recalled by coach Desiree Ellis to be part of her squad for the Cosafa Women Champions taking place in Port Elizabeth.

Due to studies the midfielder has not played in the national side since 2016.

After missing the opening 17-0 rout of Comoros Island, Moodley made her debut in the Cosafa tournament during Banyana's 3-1 win against Malawi in the group stages. She also played in the victory over Madagascar.

"I was nervous at the beginning because there are different expectations and the level is higher, but it was a great feeling and the support from the team made it easy for me to get into things.

"I wanted to be part of the first game, but watching them and the football that they have been displaying is amazing.

"This is my first Cosafa tournament and it feels real good to be part of the team. I was not part of the previous ones, but I have seen the games on social media and to be part of it this year is amazing, especially that it's back home in South Africa."

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**Years since she has turned out for the Banyana and it's great to be back**

Banyana are through to the semifinals of the Cosafa tournament after winning all three of their group matches to top group A with nine points.

They play Zimbabwe in the semi on Thursday, with the hopes of winning that game and going straight to the finals.

Asked about her Cosafa experience so far, Moodley said: "I think the exceptions are high knowing that we are the defending champions. But what we have been doing like getting our goals in, playing simple, keeping position and protecting our goals has worked.

"I think that is all we can do right now and we will make it to the final for sure."

The former University of Pretoria's High Performance Centre player made her move overseas to join AIB College of Business in Des Moines, Iowa in 2013.

In 2015 she made a move again to join University of Northwestern in Ohio where she completed her degree in Sport Management last year.

She has been in SA since December 2018 and now plays for JVW FC, a team Banyana skipper Janine van Wyk and Mamello Makhabane are also a part of.

Moodley's ambition is to turn professional and says now that she is done with her studies she can actually focus on her football career.