

The interim Rwanda head coach Gérard Buschier, has named a 25 man provisional squad for the return leg against Senegal.

The team is composed of six foreign players, while the rest are locals.

There are only a few days to go before Rwanda plays the 6th match to qualify for the Africa Cup of Nations next year in Côte d'Ivoire.

The Amavubi will face Senegal in the African Cup of Nations Group I qualifiers match on September 9, 2023 at Huye International Stadium.

Rwanda is currently locked up at the bottom of the table with just two points, Senegal is ranked at the top and has qualified for the tournament slated in Ivory Coast next year. Mozambique and Benin are ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively in this group.

Rwanda has no chance of making it through to Ivory Coast in January next year, as they're locked at the bottom of the Group L with just 2 points, but the final game against the African Champions Senegal will offer them a chance to test some new players ahead of the World Cup qualifiers game in November.

The game in Huye stadium is first for caretaker head coach Gérard Buschier who recently took over after the departure of outgoing coach Carlos Alos Ferrer who left the position in July to coach the Belarusian national team.

Buschier, who currently serves as Rwanda's football governing body (FERWafa) Technical Director since his appointment on September 15, 2022, will be assisted by Amavubi legend Jimmy Mulisa and Innocent Seninga who is without a club since he was relieved of his duties as Sunrise FC head coach since the end of the 2022/23 season.

And, considering the short time available for preparations, the Ferwafa's Executive committee decided to assign the three men to take charge for the only match before a substantive coach is named ahead of the world cup qualifiers which begins in November.

Among the foreign players called up are i Fiacre who plays in South Africa, Djihadi Bizimana who plays in Ukraine, Mugisha Bonheur (Libya), Ange Mutsinzi (Norway), Lague Byiringo (Sweden) and Manzi Thierry (Libya).