

Iconic Strikers: Samuel Eto'o



1) Discussion

- a) Who is your favourite African striker over the past 20 years?
 - b) Can you think of any strikers who have won a lot of trophies?
 - c) Which strikers have played for the biggest clubs?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Star-studded (adjective) | a) A group of three. |
| 2) To shine (verb) | b) Very strong or impressive. |
| 3) To form (verb) | c) Full of famous or talented people. |
| 4) Formidable (adjective) | d) Someone who moves around a lot without a permanent home. |
| 5) Trio (noun) | e) All the people born around the same |
| 6) Nomad (noun) | f) Stand out or do really well. |
| 7) Generation (noun) | g) Make or create something.time. |



b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Star-Studded

To shine

To form

Formidable

Trio

Nomad

Generation

- 1) At the end of their careers some footballers choose to live like _____ , moving from country to country to play in different leagues
- 2) The current _____ of footballers, including Mbappé and Haaland, promises an exciting future for the sport.
- 3) Real Madrid's attacking _____ of Bale, Benzema, and Ronaldo was feared by defenders across Europe.
- 4) In 2004, Jose Mourinho _____ one of the best defences in Premier League history.
- 5) Erling Haaland _____ as one of the brightest stars in world football.
- 6) .In the early 90's, Colombia had a _____ team, and were very difficult to beat.
- 7) The World Cup final was a _____ match, with Messi's Argentina vs Mbappé's France.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) Where did Samuel Eto'o finish his career?

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Samuel Eto'o was one of the greatest strikers of the 21st century. Playing in star studded teams and spearheading some of football's best attacks, Eto'o will be remembered as a football great.

He started in Cameroon and then joined Real Madrid. But he really shone when he moved to Mallorca in 2000. There, he scored 70 goals in 165 appearances.

Later, Eto'o played for FC Barcelona. He formed a great team with Ronaldinho and Deco. Together, they won lots of trophies, such as La Liga and the UEFA Champions League. Perhaps his best season at Barcelona was the 2008-2009 season, where he played alongside Thierry Henry and Leo Messi in a formidable front three. Barcelona captured a historic treble. During his time at Barcelona, Eto'o scored 130 goals in 199 matches before joining Inter in 2009.

At Inter Milan he was part of an attacking trio containing Diego Milito and Goran Pandev. With Jose Mourinho in charge, the club won the treble, winning Serie A, The Coppa Italia and The Champions League, meaning he won a treble in the 2008-2009 season and the 2009-2010 season, a unique achievement. In total, Eto'o scored 53 in 102 games for Inter Milan.

In 2011 Eto joined Russian team Anzhi Makhachkala. He played for the club for 2 full seasons before reuniting with Mourinho at Chelsea in the summer of 2013. He scored 12 goals in 35 games for the blues during the 2013-2014 season.

After Chelsea, Eto'o became a football nomad, playing for Everton, Sampdoria, Antalyaspor, Konyaspor and Qatar SC before announcing his retirement in September 2019.

Eto'o didn't just shine in clubs. He also helped Cameroon win the Africa Cup of Nations twice. He's not only a great player but also a kind person. He helps people in need through charity work.



Samuel Eto'o leaves behind an amazing legacy. From Cameroon to Mallorca, Barcelona to Inter Milan, his journey inspires us all. Samuel Eto'o will always be remembered as an energetic, fast, strong forward, and one of the best of his generation.

4) Discussion

- a) What do you think of Samuel Eto'o's career?
- b) Do you think Eto'o was better at FC Barcelona or Inter Milan?
- c) Do you think Eto'o is the best African Striker ever? If yes, why? If not, why?

