

The Making of Morocco

One of the huge upsets²⁶ of the tournament was Morocco, a team which very few²⁷ would have put money on progressing through²⁸ from the group stages. But in addition to beating²⁹ Canada, they put two goals past powerhouses³⁰ Belgium, securing themselves a top-place slot³¹.

Morocco were praised³² by many for their superb³³ 'team ethic'³⁴ – with goalkeeper³⁵ Bono being singled out³⁶ on more than one occasion for his outstanding³⁷ performances³⁸. Not only did they reach the third and fourth semi-finals, they managed to see off³⁹ footballing giants such as Spain and Portugal in the knock out stages⁴⁰ along the way. Not bad for a team nobody would have given a second glance⁴¹ to a mere four weeks previous⁴². Testaments⁴³ to a growing interest? Maybe so... It's certainly shone a light on⁴⁴ the nation as a whole⁴⁵ and has helped open it up to bigger commercial prospects⁴⁶ and opportunities⁴⁷. Soccer coach Frankle Taylor has piled his trade⁴⁸ right around the globe teaching an array⁴⁹ of devotees⁵⁰, from aspiring kids to professional adults. As he explains to BEAM, he's witnessed⁵¹ a sharp and noticeable rise in interest from the Middle East over the last few years. "When I first started out coaching in schools and youth clubs, it was a completely different demographic," he states. "It's fair to say that since Qatar was announced, more and more young Arabic lads⁵² and lasses⁵³ have been getting onboard with it all. It's



great really and shows just how diverse⁵⁴ the game really is. It's helped open it up to a much wider spectrum."

"Morocco has seen a steady increase⁵⁵ over the years which will have gone under the radar⁵⁶ for many. More youngsters branching out⁵⁷ and wearing foreign shirts, showing interest in different leagues and setting their sights on⁵⁸ travelling abroad to play in them. It's amazing really as there's so much talent here and elsewhere yet to be uncovered."

Significant Signings⁵⁹

Perhaps one of the biggest recent shocks to world-football took place earlier this year, when Saudi Arabian club Al Nassr announced global phenomenon Cristiano Ronaldo as their latest record signing. With numerous titles under his belt⁶⁰, Ronaldo has been on the books⁶¹ of some of the biggest names in football including Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus. For many, move to the Middle East still seems something

upset⁶² ,ap'set tu: nieoczekiwana wygrana drużyny skazanej na porażkę

few⁶³ few: niewiele

to progress through tu: 'prɒɡres θru: tu:

awansować

to beat sb tu bit: 'sambet pokonać kogoś

powerhouse 'paʊəhaʊs potęga

top-place slot top plets slot miejsce

w czółwie

praised prez: 'chwalony

superb su: 'pab: doskonały

team ethic 'ti:m etik tu: sposób gry

goalkeeper 'gəʊlki:pə(r) bramkarz

singled out 'sɪŋɡlɪd aʊt wyróżniony

outstanding aʊt'stændɪŋ wybitny

performance pə'fɔ:məns występ

to see sb off tu si: 'sɒbədɪ of pożegnać, tu:

pokonać

knock out stage nɒk aʊt steɪdʒ faza pucharowa

not give sb/sth a second glance nɒt gɪv

ambled/ɪp/ 'səkənd gla:ns oznacza kogoś/

coś za niewarte go/niewarte uwagi

mere four weeks previous ma(r) fɔ:(r) wɪk

przetas ledwie cztery tygodnie wcześniej

testament 'testəmənt tu: świadectwo

to shine a light on sth tu jaɪn ə laɪt ɒn 'sʌmθɪŋ

rzucić światło na coś

as a whole əz ə həʊl jako całość
prospect 'prɒspekt perspektywa
opportunity ɒpə'tju:nəti szansa
to ply one's trade tu plai wɒnz treɪd pracować
w swojej branży
array ə'reɪ szeroka grupa
devotee 'devə'ti: entuzjasta
to witness sth tu wɪtnəs 'sʌmθɪŋ być
świadkiem czegoś
lad həd 'chɒpɪlec, chłopak
lass læs dziewczyna
diverse daɪ'vɜ:s różnicowana
increase ɪn'kri:s wzrost
under the radar 'ʌndə(r) də'reɪdɑ:(r)
niezauważony, zignorowany
to branch out tu brɑ:ntʃ aʊt rozwijać
zainteresowanie
to set sights on doing sth tu set 'saɪts ɒn
during 'sʌmθɪŋ stawiać sobie za cel zrobienie
czegoś
signing 'saɪnɪŋ podpisanie (np. kontraktu)
to have sth under one's belt tu həv
'sʌmθɪŋ 'ʌndə(r) wɒnz belt mieć coś na
swój koncie (np. osiągnięcia)
to be on the books tu bi ɒn
də bʊks tu: znajdować się
na liście

