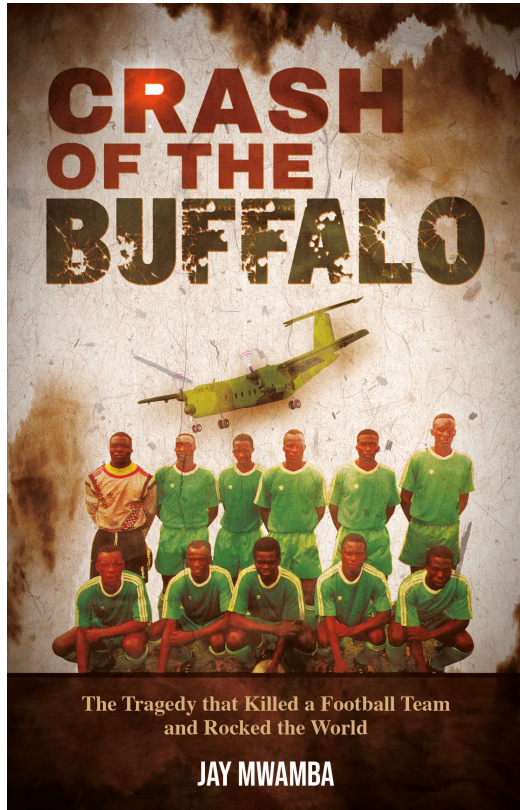




## Title information



### Crash of the Buffalo

The Tragedy that Killed a Football Team and Rocked the World

By Jay Mwamba

#### Key features

- In-depth research and interviews with key figures on Zambia's rise as an African footballing power that, as it approached its pinnacle, would be shattered by a horrific plane crash claiming most of its top players in a generation
- Insightful interviews with those who spent time with the team in its last hours and minutes – including one who boarded the plane and disembarked before take-off
- Before it crashed, the DHC-5D Buffalo military plane carrying Zambia's national team had been parked for four months at an air force base with a technical fault
- More than 30 years on, no official report on the crash has been released by Zambia – according to former Zambian president Rupiah Banda, none was written or exists
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*Crash of the Buffalo* is a compelling account of the 1993 plane crash that wiped out Zambia's national soccer team, and the inspiring story of the nation's remarkable comeback. The book details the tragedy, its aftermath and the incredible resilience and determination of a nation to rebuild and honour the memories of its fallen heroes. Zambia was on the cusp of qualifying for the 1994 World Cup in the US when the DHC-5D Buffalo military transport aircraft carrying the team crashed into the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 30 people on board. The nation was devastated, but the government announced that the team would continue with its quest to qualify for both the World Cup and the Africa Cup of Nations. A new squad was built around star player Kalusha Bwalya, who'd escaped the crash; with a young coach named Roald Poulsen. Rebuilt Zambia went on to defeat Morocco in their first game ten weeks after the crash. And 11 months later, they stormed into the final of the 1994 Africa Cup of Nations. Meticulously researched, gripping and emotive.

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