

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

IN HIS 22 YEARS AS ARSENAL MANAGER, FRENCHMAN ARSENE WENGER MADE 126 SIGNINGS ... AND 24 OF THOSE PLAYERS WERE ALSO FRENCH, SOME CAME FROM LEAGUES OTHER THAN FRANCE'S TOP FLIGHT -- THIERRY HENRY WAS SIGNED FROM JUVENTUS, FOR EXAMPLE -- BUT THE MAJORITY WERE SIGNED FROM A LIGUE 1 CLUB.

IDENTIFY THESE FRENCH PLAYERS SIGNED BY WENGER:

- FULL-BACK SIGNED FROM AUXERRE IN 2007 FOR £7 MILLION, HE JOINED MANCHESTER CITY ON A FREE TRANSFER IN 2014, SHORTLY AFTER WINNING THE FA CUP.
- SIGNED FROM LORIENT IN 2010, A CENTRE-BACK OF POLISH 2 HERITAGE WHO WON THREE FA CUPS IN HIS NINE SEASONS WITH ARSENAL AND WAS CAPPED 51 TIMES BY FRANCE.
- MIDFIELDER WHO HAD TWO SPELLS AT ARSENAL UNDER WENGER, EITHER SIDE OF FIVE SEASONS WITH AC MILAN, DURING WHICH HE WON A SERIE A TITLE, HE JOINED CRYSTAL PALACE IN 2016.
- THE FIRST PLAYER TO JOIN ARSENAL FROM MANCHESTER UNITED SINCE BRIAN KIDD IN 1974, A FULL-BACK SIGNED IN 2008 AFTER NINE SEASONS AT OLD TRAFFORD THAT HAD SEEN HIM WIN FIVE PREMIER LEAGUE TITLES, THE UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, AN FA CUP, A LEAGUE CUP AND AN INTERCONTINENTAL CUP. HE MOVED ON TO **WERDER BREMEN** IN 2010.
- CAPPED 84 TIMES BY FRANCE, A CENTRE-BACK WHO WON 5 TWO PREMIER LEAGUE TITLES WITH CHELSEA, WAS AWARDED AND STRIPPED OF THE CAPTAINCY IN HIS FOUR SEASONS WITH ARSENAL, AND THEN JOINED TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR IN 2010.
- CAPPED 21 TIMES BY FRANCE AND THREE TIMES BY CORSICA. R CENTRE-BACK WHO HAD WON HONOURS WITH AJACCIO, MONACO, LYON AND SEVILLA PRIOR TO SPENDING THREE RELATIVELY UNHAPPY SEASONS WITH THE GUNNERS AFTER JOINING IN A £4 MILLION DEAL IN 2010.

- DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER SIGNED TO ARSENAL AS A TEEN, FOLLOWING LOAN SPELLS WITH LORIENT, SC FREIBURG AND CHARLTON ATHLETIC. HE WON TWO FA CUPS UNDER WENGER BEFORE JOINING VILLARREAL, WITH WHOM HE WON THE EUROPA LEAGUE IN 2020-21.
- A TITLE WINNER WITH MONACO, HE JOINED ARSENAL IN 1997 R AND WON A LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLE IN HIS DEBUT SEASON, HE WON A SECOND DOUBLE IN HIS FINAL SEASON WITH THE GUNNERS BEFORE HEADING TO THE MLS. HE LATER SCOUTED FOR ARSENAL.
- 2001-02 FWA FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR, A MIDFIELDER WHO WON 9 THE 1998 WORLD CUP AND EURO 2000 WITH FRANCE, FOR WHOM HE WAS CAPPED 79 TIMES.
- 11 EURO 2000 WINNER CAPPED 92 TIMES BY FRANCE, A FORWARD WHO WON A LEAGUE TITLE WITH BORDEAUX, TWO PREMIER LEAGUES WITH ARSENAL AND THREE TITLES WITH LYON.



EURO HERO



19-YEAR-OLD BUKAYO SAKA WAS ONE OF THE STAND-OUT STARS FOR ENGLAND AT UEFA EURO 2020, WINNING THE MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD IN THE GROUP GAME AGAINST THE CZECH REPUBLIC. HIS TOURNAMENT ENDED IN SADNESS WHEN HE MISSED ENGLAND'S FIFTH PENALTY KICK IN THE SHOOTOUT THAT DECIDED THE FINAL TO GIVE ITALY THE CROWN.

OVER THE YEARS, A NUMBER OF PLAYERS -- INCLUDING THE LIKES OF TONY ADAMS, DAVID SEAMAN, ALAN SMITH AND JACK WILSHERE -- HAVE REPRESENTED **ENGLAND** IN A EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP WHILE THEY WERE ARSENAL PLAYERS, NAME THE TEAMS THAT THE FOLLOWING WERE PLAYING WITH AT THE TIME OF THESE TOURNAMENTS:

1968: **ALAN BALL**

1980: KENNY SANSOM 2

3 1980: TONY WOODCOCK

1980: VIV ANDERSON Д

5 1980: RAY KENNEDY

1988: VIV ANDERSON R

1992: MARTIN KEOWN 7

1992: DAVID PLATT R

1996: SOL CAMPBELL 9

1 2000: RICHARD WRIGHT

2008: ASHLEY COLE 11

12 2008: DANNY WELBECK

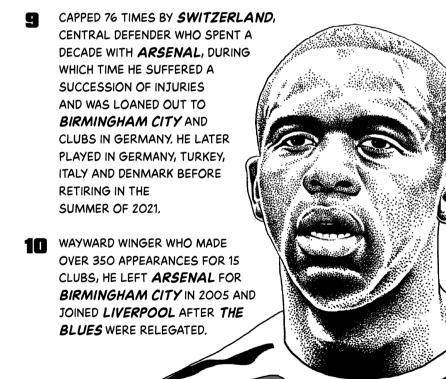
THE BLUES BROTHERS

A PRODUCT OF THE YOUTH SYSTEM AT ARSENAL, FABRICE MUAMBA REPRESENTED ENGLAND AT ALL YOUTH LEVELS AND CAPTAINED THE UNDER-19 SIDE. HE ESTABLISHED HIS REPUTATION AS A DYNAMIC CENTRAL MIDFIELDER WITH BIRMINGHAM CITY, MOVING ON TO BOLTON **WANDERERS** IN 2008, DURING AN FA CUP GAME AGAINST **TOTTENHAM** HOTSPUR IN 2012, FABRICE SUFFERED A CARDIAC ARREST AND COLLAPSED, AFTER ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE HIM FAILED, THE GAME WAS ABANDONED, AND HE WAS RUSHED TO A NEARBY HOSPITAL, IT WAS LATER REVEALED THAT HIS HEART HAD STOPPED FOR 78 MINUTES, FORTUNATELY, HE RECOVERED -- BUT RETIRED FROM THE GAME ON MEDICAL ADVICE.

IDENTIFY THESE OTHERS WITH ARSENAL AND BIRMINGHAM CITY LINKS:

- DOGGED BY INJURIES, CENTRAL DEFENDER WHO STRUGGLED TO BECOME A REGULAR AT ARSENAL -- DESPITE EARNING A PREMIER LEAGUE WINNER MEDAL IN 2002 -- HE PLAYED 21 TIMES FOR **ENGLAND** IN A CAREER THAT TOOK HIM TO **BIRMINGHAM** CITY, WEST HAM, STOKE CITY, BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION. LEICESTER CITY AND MORE.
- LEGENDARY ARSENAL GOALKEEPER WHOSE EARLY CLUBS 2 INCLUDED **LEEDS UNITED**, **PETERBOROUGH UNITED** AND BIRMINGHAM CITY.
- POWERFUL DANISH STRIKER WHO WAS LOANED OUT BY ARSENAL 3 TO BIRMINGHAM CITY, SUNDERLAND AND JUVENTUS BEFORE JOINING VFL WOLFSBURG IN 2014 AFTER A DECADE WITH THE GUNNERS.
- POLAND DEFENDER SIGNED FROM LEGIA WARSAW IN 2014, HE 4 WAS LOANED OUT TO BIRMINGHAM, WALSALL AND CHARLTON ATHLETIC BEFORE JOINING DERBY COUNTY IN 2019.
- FULL-BACK WHO, SHORTLY AFTER WINNING THE FA CUP IN 2014, 5 HAD THE FIRST OF TWO LOANS WITH **WEST HAM**, FOLLOWED BY A LOAN PERIOD WITH BIRMINGHAM CITY, BEFORE SIGNING FOR **NOTTINGHAM FOREST** IN 2019.

- LIBERIA STRIKER WHO PLAYED UNDER ARSÈNE WENGER ß AT MONACO, WON A LEAGUE AND FA CUP DOUBLE WITH THE GUNNERS IN 1998, SPENT TIME ON LOAN AT AEK ATHENS, BIRMINGHAM CITY AND DEN BOSCH, BEFORE HIS TRAVELS TOOK HIM TO TEAMS IN SCOTLAND, SAUDI ARABIA AND INDONESIA.
- CAPPED 133 TIMES BY **SWEDEN**, HE WON A LEAGUE CUP WITH BIRMINGHAM AFTER LEAVING ARSENAL IN THE MID-2000S.
- ENGLAND WINGER WHO RETIRED AT THE AGE OF 29 IN 2014 R AFTER PLAYING FOR ARSENAL, NORWICH CITY, BLACKBURN ROVERS, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, BIRMINGHAM CITY, WEST **HAM UNITED** AND **FC ROSTOV**.



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, AND EUROPA LEAGUE WITH

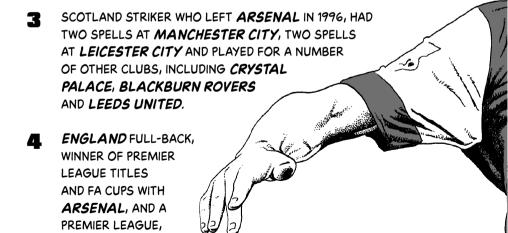
EARLY IN HIS CAREER.

EAGLES HAVE LANDED

MAROUANE CHAMAKH WAS BORN TO MOROCCAN PARENTS IN TONNEINS, FRANCE, ON JANUARY 10, 1984. HE ESTABLISHED HIS GOALSCORING PROWESS AT BORDEAUX, HELPING THE CLUB TO WIN A LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLE IN 2009, BEFORE JOINING ARSENAL IN THE SUMMER OF 2010. DURING HIS THREE SEASONS WITH THE GUNNERS HE BECAME THE FIRST PLAYER TO SCORE IN SIX CONSECUTIVE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GAMES.

FOLLOWING A LOAN PERIOD AT **WEST HAM UNITED**, HE JOINED **CRYSTAL PALACE** IN 2013. IDENTIFY THESE OTHERS WHO ALSO PLAYED FOR BOTH **ARSENAL** AND "THE EAGLES":

- 1 ENGLAND STRIKER WHO PLAYED FOR SIX LONDON CLUBS -QPR, ARSENAL, CRYSTAL PALACE, SPURS, WEST HAM AND
 MILLWALL -- AS WELL AS BORDEAUX, MANCHESTER CITY AND
 MORE BETWEEN 1978 AND 1995.
- **ENGLAND** STRIKER WHO IS **ARSENAL'S** SECOND-HIGHEST SCORER OF ALL TIME AND **CRYSTAL PALACE'S** THIRD-HIGHEST.



CHELSEA, WHO SPENT TIME ON LOAN AT CRYSTAL PALACE

- REPUBLIC OF IRELAND WINGER WHO WAS PLAYER OF THE YEAR 5 AT CRYSTAL PALACE, WON A UEFA CUP WINNERS' CUP WITH ARSENAL IN 1994, MOVED ON TO MANCHESTER CITY AND BECAME A YOUTH TEAM COACH AT PALACE IN 2014.
- **ENGLAND'S** SECOND MOST-CAPPED FULL-BACK WHO WAS TWICE CRYSTAL PALACE PLAYER OF THE YEAR, AND WON THE 1987 LEAGUE CUP AND WAS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AT ARSENAL.



RED & WHITE DRAGONS

AN FA YOUTH CUP WINNER WITH CRYSTAL PALACE, PETER NICHOLAS HELPED THE CLUB WIN PROMOTION TO THE TOP FLIGHT IN 1979 BUT WAS SOLD TO ARSENAL SHORTLY BEFORE THE EAGLES SLIPPED BACK DOWN INTO THE SECOND TIER IN 1981, HE EARNED THE FIRST OF HIS 73 CAPS FOR WALES IN 1979 AND WENT ON TO CAPTAIN HIS COUNTRY.



- 1 PETER NICHOLAS MADE HIS WALES DEBUT IN MAY, 1979 AND PLAYED HIS LAST INTERNATIONAL IN NOVEMBER, 1991, NAME ONE OF THE FOUR **WALES** MANAGERS HE PLAYED UNDER.
- BROTHER OF A *LEEDS UNITED* AND *JUVENTUS* LEGEND 2 NICKNAMED "THE GENTLE GIANT", WHICH VERSATILE ARSENAL PLAYER HAD REPRESENTED WALES AT THE 1958 WORLD CUP?
- WHICH WALES STAR -- A MEMBER OF THE GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD 3 AT THE 2012 OLYMPICS -- WON THREE FA CUPS WITH ARSENAL BEFORE SIGNING FOR **JUVENTUS** IN EARLY 2019?
- A LEAGUE AND FA CUP WINNER WITH ARSENAL, WHICH WALES 4 INTERNATIONAL MANAGED THE NATIONAL TEAM DURING THE FINAL TWO YEARS OF HIS PLAYING CAREER BETWEEN 1954 AND 1956?
- STRIKER CAPPED 51 TIMES BY **WALES**, HE LEFT **ARSENAL** FOR 5 **WEST HAM** IN EARLY 1997, WON MULTIPLE HONOURS WITH **CELTIC** AND SUCCESSFULLY BATTLED CANCER.
- CAPTAIN OF **WALES** AT THE 1958 WORLD CUP, HE SPENT NINE ß YEARS WITH ARSENAL, SANDWICHED BETWEEN TWO SPELLS WITH **NORTHAMPTON TOWN**, THE TEAM HE WOULD LATER MANAGE TWICE, HE ALSO MANAGED WALES BETWEEN 1964 AND 1974.
- JOURNEYMAN ENGLISH STRIKER WHO PLAYED FOR ARSENAL AND 7 A NUMBER OF CLUBS BEFORE EMBARKING ON A MANAGEMENT CAREER THAT SAW HIM WIN THE 1988 FA CUP WITH WIMBLEDON AND SPEND FOUR YEARS MANAGING **WALES** IN THE LATE 1990S.
- GOALKEEPING GREAT WHO WON THE LEAGUE WITH ARSENAL IN R 1954 AND KEPT GOAL FOR **WALES** AT THE 1958 WORLD CUP.