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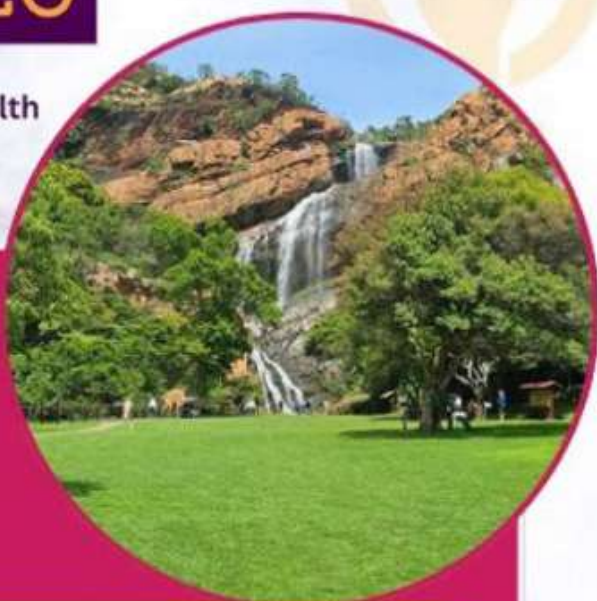
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2026 Fifa World Cup: How Artificial Intelligence Has Transformed Football

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Ten AI Innovations Transforming World Cup 2026

Artificial intelligence has become one of the biggest unseen stars of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. While fans marvel at spectacular goals and dramatic upsets, AI is quietly helping players perform better, broadcasters tell richer stories, referees make faster decisions and supporters enjoy a more personalised experience than ever before. Here are ten of the most interesting AI developments making this World Cup unlike any before it.

1 Smart Cameras Never Miss Moments

AI-powered cameras now track every movement on the pitch without needing constant human control. They automatically follow the ball, identify key players and even anticipate where the next exciting moment will happen. The result is smoother television coverage and better replays from multiple angles.

2 Wearables Predict Player Performance Instantly

Elite footballers are wearing sophisticated GPS trackers and biometric sensors that feed data into AI systems during training. Coaches can monitor fatigue, sprint speeds and recovery levels in real time, helping decide substitutions before tired legs become costly mistakes.

3 Artificial Referees Improve Decision Accuracy

Video Assistant Referee technology continues to evolve with AI identifying possible offsides, handballs and fouls within seconds. Human officials still make the final call, but AI dramatically reduces the time needed to analyse dozens of camera angles, making controversial decisions faster and more consistent.

4 Personalised Highlights For Every Supporter



Gone are the days when everyone watched the same highlights package. AI now creates customised clips based on each fan's favourite players, teams and moments. A supporter of England, Brazil or Argentina can receive completely different highlight reels from the very same match.

5 Instant Translation Connects Global Fans

With the tournament spanning North America, AI translation tools are helping visitors communicate effortlessly. Fans can instantly translate conversations, menus, transport information and interviews, making international travel easier and helping supporters from dozens of countries share the World Cup experience.

6 Digital Commentators Create New Experiences

Artificial intelligence is changing sports broadcasting by generating real-time statistics, tactical insights and alternative commentary feeds. Fans can choose analytical commentary packed with data or

simpler explanations designed for younger viewers or newcomers to football.

7 Predictive Analytics Shape Team Tactics

Before every match, coaching staffs feed thousands of hours of video into AI systems. The software identifies patterns in opponents' formations, pressing styles and set-piece routines. Rather than replacing coaches, AI gives them another tactical assistant capable of spotting trends that humans might overlook.

8 Stadium Operations Become Surprisingly Intelligent

Artificial intelligence is making the fan experience smoother from arrival to departure. Smart systems predict crowd movements, optimise security screening, manage concession queues and even direct supporters to the quickest entrances and exits, reducing waiting times throughout matchday.

9 Social Media Powered By Algorithms

The World Cup generates billions of social media interactions. AI identifies trending moments almost instantly, automatically producing captions, subtitles and short-form videos that appear online within minutes. Fans around the world experience major moments almost as quickly as those inside the stadium.

10 Generative AI Inspires Fan Creativity

Perhaps the most entertaining development is the explosion of generative AI among supporters. Fans are creating football-inspired artwork, parody videos, personalised chants, fantasy kits and humorous memes within seconds. Every spectacular goal or dramatic upset sparks thousands of original AI-generated creations, making supporters active participants in the tournament's storytelling rather than simply spectators.

The Bigger Picture

The most remarkable aspect of World Cup 2026 is that much of this technology operates quietly in the background. AI is not replacing football's emotion, unpredictability or human brilliance. Instead, it enhances nearly every aspect of the tournament—from player preparation and refereeing to broadcasting and fan engagement.

The greatest stars remain the footballers themselves, but artificial intelligence has become football's ultimate supporting player. It helps coaches make smarter decisions, broadcasters tell richer stories, referees reach more accurate conclusions and supporters experience the world's biggest sporting event in ways that would have seemed impossible just a few years ago.

As AI technology continues to evolve, World Cup 2026 may well be remembered as the tournament where artificial intelligence truly became part of the beautiful game—not by taking centre stage, but by making every moment just a little bit smarter.

A Brutal Knockout Stage For African Teams At The 2026 Fifa World Cup

DSE Football News

African teams made unprecedented history at the 2026 Fifa World Cup, with nine of the continent's record ten representatives advancing to the Round of 32.

Following the tournament's expansion to 48 teams, Africa's collective performance rewrote the record books, proving that the continent is a dominant force in global football.

However, the initial knockout phase proved brutal. A series of narrow, late-game heartbreaks saw seven African sides fall in the Round of 32.

Ultimately, only North African giants Morocco and Egypt survived the chaotic penalty shootouts to secure their places in the coveted Round of 16.

The tournament provided a stunning showcase of depth, resilience, and high drama. Here are ten fascinating facts about how each African representative left its mark on this historic World Cup.

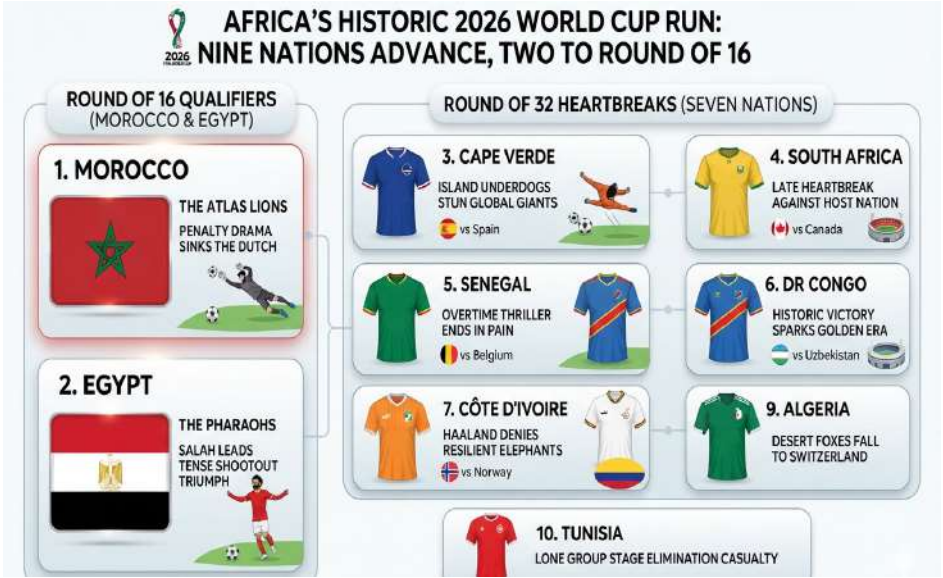
Here is what the football experts have observed on the DSE News Network

Morocco
Penalty Drama Sinks The Dutch

Morocco continued their formidable World Cup legacy by advancing to the Round of 16 through pure composure under pressure. After holding a heavily favored Netherlands squad to a fierce 1-1 draw through extra time, the Atlas Lions proved flawless from the spot. They dramatically defeated the Dutch 3-2 in a nerve-shredding penalty shootout. This monumental victory cemented their status as Africa's modern knockout kings, building directly on their historic semi-final run from 2022.

Egypt
Salah Leads Tense Shootout Triumph

Egypt fought their way into the Round of 16 after an absolute



battle of attrition against Australia at Dallas Stadium. The Pharaohs took an early lead via Emam Ashour but were forced into extra time after an unlucky own-goal. Undeterred, Egypt displayed supreme psychological strength in the shootout. Spearheaded by a clinical penalty from captain Mohamed Salah, Egypt edged out the Socceroos 4-2 on penalties to book an elite matchup against Argentina or Cape Verde.

Cape Verde
Island Underdogs Stun Global Giants

Cape Verde captured the hearts of football neutrals by operating as the tournament's ultimate giant-killers. Despite hailing from a tiny island nation, they fearlessly navigated a brutal group stage, which included a shocking 0-0 masterclass against former world champions Spain. Their magical run finally concluded in the Round of 32, where they pushed Lionel Messi's Argentina to the absolute limit in a 3-2 extra-time thriller.

South Africa
Late Heartbreak Against Host Nation

Bafana Bafana showed immense tactical organization throughout their North American campaign, successfully navigating out of a difficult group. Facing co-hosts Canada in front of a hostile crowd in the Round of 32, South Africa held firm for 90 minutes. Tragically, their dreams of a deep-

er run were shattered in the 92nd minute when Canada poked home a dramatic stoppage-time winner to seal a 1-0 result.

Senegal
Overtime Thriller Ends In Pain

Senegal provided arguably the most entertaining and agonizing match of the first knockout round against Belgium. The Teranga Lions showcased their explosive attacking style, shockingly coming back from behind to lead the star-studded European side. However, an 89th-minute Belgian equalizer forced extra time, where Senegal suffered a crushing 3-2 defeat courtesy of a penalty in the 121st minute.

DR Congo
Historic Victory Sparks Golden Era

The Democratic Republic of Congo proved they belonged on the world stage by sealing their first-ever World Cup victory during a brilliant group-stage campaign, culminating in a 3-1 win over Uzbekistan. They carried that momentum into the Round of 32, shockingly taking the lead against England. Heartbreak arrived late, as England rallied with an 86th-minute winner to edge the Leopards 2-1.

Côte d'Ivoire
Haaland Denies Resilient Elephants

Côte d'Ivoire displayed incredible resilience throughout the competi-

tion, highlighted by a massive 1-0 group-stage statement victory over South American giants Ecuador. In the Round of 32, the Elephants went toe-to-toe with Norway. The match hung perfectly in the balance until the 86th minute, when Norwegian talisman Erling Haaland struck a lethal late blow to eliminate the West African giants 2-1.

Ghana
Narrow Loss Defeats Black Stars

Ghana safely navigated a highly taxing Group L to reach the knockout stages, setting up a highly anticipated clash against South American heavyweights Colombia. The Black Stars fought valiantly but fell behind early to a 14th-minute strike from Jhon Arias. Despite throwing bodies forward late in the game, Ghana struggled to break down Colombia's defense, bowing out after a narrow 1-0 loss.

Algeria
Desert Foxes Fall To Switzerland

Algeria showcased brilliant flashes of their signature fluid, technical football, dramatically squeezing into the knockout phase as one of the best third-placed teams following a wild 3-3 group-stage draw. Their defensive structural issues finally caught up to them in the Round of 32, where a highly disciplined Switzerland team capitalised on clinical counter-attacks to eliminate the Desert Foxes 2-0.

Tunisia
Lone Group Stage Elimination Casualty

While nine African nations celebrated a historic migration into the tournament's knockout bracket, Tunisia suffered the lone heartbreak of the opening round.

Placed in a fiercely competitive group, the Carthage Eagles struggled to find their offensive rhythm, suffering heavy defeats including a tough 5-1 loss to Sweden. They finished bottom of their group, making them the only African team to miss the Round of 32.



Musina Repatriation Centre: Conditions Improve As Facility Processes Thousands Of Migrants

■ *Hungry and displaced: thousands moved to new Musina repatriation centre*

■ *Conditions have improved but facilities are inadequate and food in short supply*

By Thembi Siaga
GroundUp

This week thousands of immigrants who were left stranded at the Musina showgrounds in Limpopo this week, are being transferred to a newly-established repatriation centre – Proefplaas Farm operation centre – about 20km outside the town.

Many complained of hunger after spending days waiting to be processed in order to leave through the Beitbridge Border Post. Some had relied on relatives and friends to buy food, while others tried to earn money by selling cigarettes, sweets and cooldrinks.

Richard Isa, who will return to Malawi to his wife and two children, started cutting people's hair for R10 or R20 to get money for food.

After church leaders visited the showgrounds on Monday, the Musina Council of Churches appealed



to local businesses and community members for donations. Businesses donated bread, bottled water, juice, nappies and other necessities.

"This situation is very sad because children are suffering. That is why we intervened as pastors," said council spokesperson Peter Madamalala-Ndlovhu.

Gift of the Givers also distributed food, bottled water, nappies, sanitary towels and other essential

items. Community liaison officer, Clifford Mabe, said they donated about 15,000 meals at the showgrounds on Wednesday and would continue to provide meals at the new repatriation centre.

Large tents have been erected at the centre. Police and emergency personnel are stationed around the site and there is a mobile Home Affairs office.

The new centre provides shelter, mattresses, toilets and access to

water, a marked improvement on conditions at the showgrounds, where many people slept in the open.

However, people who have been at the facility since it was established said food was scarce and there were no bathing facilities.

"We are starving. We have toilets and water, but there is no place to bathe," said Dika Nicholas from Malawi. She is pregnant and had not had anything to eat yet that day.

"We have not had enough to eat because there are so many of us, and more people keep arriving," said John Timothy, who will return to his wife and two children in Malawi.

On Thursday, the Limpopo MECs for social development, health, transport and community safety joined Justice Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi and Home Affairs Minister Leon Schreiber to inspect Proefplaas Farm and the Beitbridge border post.

According to the provincial government, their team was satisfied with the progress of the operation.

Pictures: By Thembi Siaga



A bus leaves the showgrounds for the temporary repatriation centre. The bus was on its way to Malawi Picture

Growing **Voluntary** Repatriations

Source: IOL News

The Department of Home Affairs says at least 50 buses are expected to arrive at the Musina repatriation centre this weekend to help clear a growing backlog as thousands of Zimbabwean and Malawian nationals wait to return home.

The move comes as anti-migrant organisations continue to call for undocumented immigrants to leave South Africa.

Some foreign nationals have also been deported or voluntarily repatriated amid rising anti-migrant tensions and protests.

The repatriation and deportation process is taking place at the Beitbridge Port of Entry in Musina following the closure of the Durban Repatriation Centre. KZN Home Affairs official Cyril Mncwabe said the Musina site had been established as the country's official repatriation centre.

"We are currently here at the Musina repatriation site. This is a formal structure that has been put in place by the government of South Africa to ensure that we do the repatriation."

He said the facility was created after large numbers of people had been gathering at the Durban Showgrounds. "As you would know, everybody was arriving at the showgrounds. We have

now put structures in place here to facilitate the process. We are busy processing people as they arrive, and most of them come from different provinces to this official repatriation centre," he told eNCA.

Mncwabe said officials are currently processing Mozambican, Zimbabwean and Malawian nationals.

"Those are the predominant countries that we are trying to assist here."

He said 2,068 people were processed on Friday.

"We hope that today the numbers will increase because the challenge has been the availability of buses to take people out of the country."

Home Affairs expects at least 50 buses to arrive at the site to reduce the growing backlog.

"We are expecting not less than 50 buses to be on site today while processing continues."

Mncwabe acknowledged that the growing number of arrivals was placing pressure on officials.

"Now that this is the official repatriation centre, all the provinces are sending people here."

He said about 100 Home Affairs officials had been deployed to process arrivals and estimated operations could continue for another month, depending on the number of people still expected. "People continue to arrive because they fear for their lives or because of developments taking place in the communities where they have been living."

Meanwhile The ANC in Limpopo has warned that the Musina Temporary Repatriation Centre must not become a permanent fixture, saying prolonged operations could strain resources in the Vhembe region as government accelerates efforts to process undocumented foreign nationals following last week's nationwide anti immigration protests

The warning is contained in a statement on the outcomes of the ANC Limpopo Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) meeting held on June 29, 2026, released on Wednesday, July 1, by the Office of the Provincial Secretary and issued under the name of Provincial Secretary Vhamusanda Reuben Madadzhe.

"The PEC welcomed the National Government's intervention on immigration matters and urges the government to act swiftly to process individuals of different nationalities to prevent the Musina Temporary Repatriation Centre from becoming permanent and to avoid straining the resources of the Vhembe Region," the statement reads.

The statement follows the nationwide June 30 anti-immigration protests, which took place across Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban, Cape Town and other cities, and comes amid the continued expansion of the repatriation facility outside Musina.

The Musina Temporary Repatriation

Processing Centre (TRPC) was established after the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on Migration resolved on June 26 to relocate repatriation operations from a site in eThekweni, KwaZulu-Natal, to Limpopo.

The IMC is chaired by Justice Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi and includes Home Affairs Minister Leon Schreiber.

The relocation followed conditions at temporary sites in Durban, including the Durban Drive-In, Sherwood Park and Che Guevara Road, where Malawian nationals awaiting repatriation had been camping outdoors.

The eThekweni Municipality confirmed on June 27 that Malawian nationals housed at the Durban Drive-In site were being moved to the new Musina facility, and said the Durban site would be decommissioned once the relocation process was complete.

According to the IMC, the jurisdiction of the Musina Refugee Reception Office was extended to allow it to conduct verifications, and logistics were activated involving the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the Red Cross, the Musina Legal Advice Office, the Outreach Foundation, Save the Children and the Consul General of Malawi.

United Methodist Church Central District Women Donate Food To Migrants At Old Zim Consulate

UMC South Africa

The Central District of the South Africa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church (UMC), based in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province, this week embarked on a humanitarian outreach to support Zimbabwean nationals currently staying at the old Zimbabwe Consulate, Bedfordview, Johannesburg. The initiative is being led by the Central District United Methodist Women (UMW).

The Zimbabwean nationals were recently relocated from the new Zimbabwe Consulate offices, where they had been waiting for buses to repatriate them to Zimbabwe following displacement of the 30 June deadline for all undocumented foreign nationals to leave South Africa by March and March Movement group. During this period, many endured harsh conditions, sleeping outdoors in the cold and rain while awaiting their return home.

In response to this humanitarian need, various circuits within the Central District UMC Women have united to demonstrate Christ's love by providing hot meals, drinking water, clothing, sanitary items, and other essential supplies on a daily basis. Through these acts of compassion, the Church continues to bear witness to God's love, offering hope, dignity, and care to those in need.

"We warmly invite individuals, churches, organizations, and members of the community to partner with us by donating food, clothing, blankets, toiletries, sanitary products, bottled water, or any other essential items," the church said, adding "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

"Together, let us be the hands and feet of Christ by extending love, compassion, and hope to our brothers and sisters during this challenging time."

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The New Teller Is A Black Box



By Jabulani Chibaya

From a Spanish bank's open-sourced code to Zimbabwe's new national AI strategy, the rules for the machines that now decide who gets paid, insured and lent to are being written in real time — and Southern Africa has a rare chance to help write them.

Somewhere in London or Cape Town, a Zimbabwean nurse sends money home to Harare this weekend, the way millions of others do every month. Before it lands, it will pass through the hands of several decision-makers who have never met her, never met her mother, and have no hands at all. An algorithm will score the transfer for fraud.

Another will screen it against sanctions lists. A third may quietly decide the payment "looks unusual" and needs a human to look again on Monday.

Zimbabweans abroad sent home an estimated US\$2.45 billion last year alone, according to the Reserve Bank, with South Africa and the United Kingdom supplying most of it; add the corridors running the other way, and across the region, and you start to see the real story hiding behind a phrase that sounds bloodless: AI governance.

It is easy to dismiss "AI governance" as a slide from a consulting deck, nodded through before lunch. That would be a mistake. Deloitte's own governance research puts numbers behind the anxiety: more than half of organisations say they are moving "fast" on generative AI, three-quarters expect to overhaul their talent strategies within two years because of it, and nearly eight in ten plan

to spend even more next year.

South Africa is telling the same story at home: banks that spent under a million rand on AI in 2024 are, on current plans, set to spend upwards of thirty million rand each in 2026, with the financial sector projected to add hundreds of billions of rand to GDP through AI by 2030.

Zimbabwe, not to be left behind, launched its own National AI Strategy in March, naming finance as one of the sectors it is built to transform. Adoption, in short, is not coming. It has arrived. The only open question is whether oversight arrives with it, or three years too late.

That question matters more in finance than almost anywhere else, because the product a bank, insurer or remittance company sells is not really money. It is trust, wrapped in money. Deloitte's own research on AI risk lists the obvious suspects: hallucination and inaccuracy, bias and unethical use, breaches of intellectual property and confidentiality.

In a hospital, a hallucinating model is a scandal. In a bank, it is someone's rent money, someone's insurance claim, someone's loan for school fees, decided wrongly by a system that cannot be cross-examined. Get AI governance right, and you get faster underwriting, sharper fraud detection and decisions people can actually query. Get it wrong once, publicly, and you can spend years

re-earning the trust an algorithm burned in a second.

Two rulebooks, one landing date

Two frameworks are doing more than anything else to set the global tone here, and both are worth understanding in plain language rather than legal jargon. The European Union's AI Act works like a graduated traffic law: the riskier the system, the stricter the rules. Credit scoring and insurance underwriting are explicitly named as "high-risk," in the same category as systems that touch someone's safety or livelihood.

This year Brussels pushed the compliance deadline for those high-risk systems from August 2026 out to December 2027, after admitting its own technical standards weren't ready in time. Here is the sharp part many risk teams are missing: that delay does not touch the rules on general-purpose AI models or on labelling AI-generated content, which still land in August 2026 as originally planned. Anyone quietly telling their board "we have more time now" is reading only one of two clocks.

The second framework, ISO 42001, is not law at all — it is closer to the certificate of fitness your local garage issues before a kombi is allowed to carry passengers. Nobody is forced to get it. But increasingly, the banks, card networks and correspondent institutions that African fintechs depend on for cross-border rails

are starting to ask for it, the same way international clients started asking for ISO 27001 certificates once cybersecurity got serious.

Neither South Africa nor Zimbabwe yet has a binding AI law of its own — South Africa's national AI policy is still working through public consultation, and Zimbabwe's brand-new strategy is deliberately built around sandboxes and principles rather than fines. That is not a loophole. It is a head start, for any institution willing to build the discipline before a regulator forces it to.

A bank opens its playbook

In June, Spain's Banco Santander did something no major global bank had done before: it put its actual AI governance tools, not just a glossy ethics statement, into the public domain, free, under an open licence. The flagship release, built by its internal AI Lab, sets hard checkpoints on high-stakes AI decisions, tiered from light-touch review up to mechanical, non-negotiable gates a model cannot talk its way around.

Alongside it came tools for testing lending and screening models for bias, and a way to generate realistic but entirely synthetic fraud data, so smaller institutions can stress-test their fraud systems without ever touching a real customer's information. Think of it as a stokvel treasurer publishing her exact ledger format so every stokvel in the neighbourhood can adopt the same trustworthy bookkeeping, instead of each one improvising and hoping. No African bank or fintech needs to build this kind of infrastructure alone from a blank page any more. The code is sitting on GitHub, waiting to be forked.

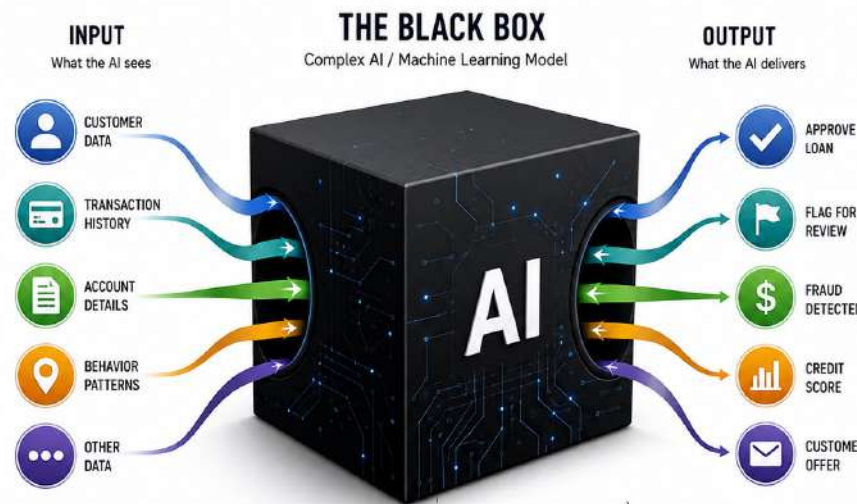
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AI systems process inputs and deliver results, but the reasoning inside remains hidden.





Why **Polygamy** Debate Dominates Public Discourse On Blockbuster Series

DSE News Network

The DSE News Network is never far from the news, and this week's newsmaker is Sue Nyathi, born Sukoluhle Nyathi, a Zimbabwean-born author based in South Africa.

Here are the ten things that define why Sue Nyathi is in the news - right now

1 Zimbabwean Author Behind Hit Story

Sue Nyathi first made her mark on African literature with *The Polygamist*, a novel published in 2012 that became a bestseller and established her as one of the continent's most recognisable contemporary fiction writers.

Since then, she has written several successful novels, including *The Gold Diggers*, *A Family Affair*, *An Angel's Demise* and *Rubies and Rain*.

2 Novel Inspired Groundbreaking Netflix Adaptation

The success of Nyathi's debut novel has now reached a global audience through Netflix's adaptation, *The Polygamist*. The streaming giant transformed the book into a 22-episode South African "su-

pernovela", bringing the story's themes of love, betrayal and power to television. The series premiered globally on 12 June 2026.

3 Series Has Become Instant National Phenomenon

Within days of its release, *The Polygamist* became one of South Africa's most talked-about television shows. Reports indicate that it climbed to the number one position on Netflix South Africa within four days, sparking widespread discussion on social media and in homes across the country.

4 Story Explores Power And Betrayal

At the centre of the drama is Jonasi Gomora, a wealthy self-made businessman whose seemingly perfect life begins to collapse under the weight of his secrets. As his affairs and hidden relationships come to light, the women around him challenge his authority and expose the emotional consequences of his choices.

5 Polygamy Debate Dominates Public Conversation

Although the title focuses on polygamy, the story goes much deeper than multiple marriages. Nyathi has described her work as an examination of relationships,

power and responsibility rather than a celebration of polygamy. The series has reignited debates around traditional marriage practices, cultural expectations and modern family structures.

6 Women Drive Narrative And Conflict

One of the strengths of both the novel and television adaptation is its focus on women's experiences. The story unfolds through the perspectives of several women connected to Jonasi, each with her own ambitions, struggles and motivations. Rather than portraying them as passive victims, Nyathi presents them as complex characters making difficult choices in challenging circumstances.

7 Star Cast Brings Characters Alive

The television adaptation is led by S'dumo Mtshali as Jonasi Gomora and Gugu Gumede as Joyce Gomora. The cast also includes Kenneth Nkosi, Celeste Ntuli, Kwanele Mthethwa and several other well-known South African performers.

8 Award Winning Creatives Led Production

The series was produced by Gugu Zuma-Ncube and her team at

Stained Glass Productions, while acclaimed filmmaker Akin Omosoto served among the directors. The adaptation was written by a team led by head writer Busisiwe Zwane, ensuring the novel's emotional intensity translated effectively to the screen.

9 Series Tackles Major Social Issues

Beyond romance and family drama, *The Polygamist* addresses a range of issues affecting contemporary African societies. Viewers have engaged in conversations about infidelity, patriarchy, domestic violence, class inequality, transactional relationships and the impact of absent fathers on children. These themes have helped elevate the series beyond conventional soap-opera entertainment.

10 African Storytelling Reaches Global Audiences

The success of *The Polygamist* highlights the growing international appeal of African stories. What began as a self-published novel by Sue Nyathi in 2012 has evolved into one of Netflix's most ambitious South African productions. Its popularity demonstrates that stories rooted in African realities can resonate with audiences both at home and around the world.



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Nedbank Supports International Women's Multisector Conference

By Sympathy Mangwenya

The International Women's Multisector Conference, the brainchild of Yes We Can Business Women Network and Hearts Unlimited have announced Nedbank's support for the 2026 edition, taking place from the 31st of July to the 2nd of August at Country Club Johannesburg in Woodmead.

The conference, themed "Capital Without Borders: Strategic Relationships for Sustainable Wealth," will bring together entrepreneurs, investors, business leaders, policymakers, development organisations and industry experts to discuss practical ways to support enterprise growth, access to markets, investment readiness and business sustainability.

Nedbank is supporting the conference as the official Gala Dinner Sponsor and will participate in selected sessions focused on entrepreneurship, access to finance,



Lauren Deva

innovation, and business growth.

Lauren Deva, Executive: Client Value Proposition and Strategy – Nedbank SME, said the conference provides a valuable platform for women entrepreneurs and business leaders to connect and engage on issues affecting SME growth.

"Nedbank is proud to sponsor the International Women's Multisector Conference, as it aligns strongly with our commitment to the development of women-owned and women-led businesses.



We believe SMEs are the heartbeat of inclusive economic growth, and through partnerships like this, we are able to support entrepreneurs with access to knowledge, networks and opportunities that help them build sustainable businesses," she explained.

Prisca Nyabvure, Director of the Yes We Can Business Women Network and Conference Organiser, said Nedbank's participation will contribute to the programme by bringing business and financial expertise into conversations relevant

to entrepreneurs.

"We appreciate Nedbank's support for this year's conference. Their participation will contribute to discussions on access to finance, innovation, investment readiness and business growth.

"As we mark Mandela Month and prepare for Women's Month, partnerships with the private sector remain important in creating platforms where women and youth entrepreneurs can engage, learn and build meaningful business relationships."

The International Women's Multisector Conference 2026 will focus on entrepreneurship, investment, innovation, cross-sector collaboration and the role of women-led businesses in contributing to economic participation. In its third year, the conference continues to grow bigger and draw various stakeholders from the global space.

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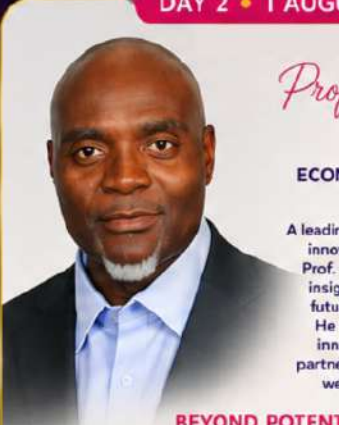
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Ann Kleynhans

Ann Kleynhans is a respected South African entrepreneur, philanthropist, and business leader with more than three decades of experience in information technology, infrastructure development, property, agriculture, and social impact. As the Founder of CEOS Technologies (1998) and Co-Founder of CEOS Holdings Group (2004), she has led major projects across healthcare infrastructure, security systems, and property development while building businesses focused on long-term sustainability and innovation.

Beyond business, Ann is the Founder and President of Unite As One Empowerment, an international movement established in 2019 to develop and empower young people through entrepreneurship, leadership, and community development. She is also passionate about agriculture and environmental sustainability, serving as a qualified beekeeper who mentors women and youth through hive development initiatives.

Her leadership has earned widespread recognition, including awards such as GovTech ICT Business Woman of the Year, Most Influential Woman in ICT across Africa, SADC and South Africa, International Business Enterprise Woman in Rome, and Most Motivated IT Solutions Business Leader.

At the International Women's Multisector Conference 2026, Ann Kleynhans will share practical insights on building sustainable businesses, leading with purpose, creating opportunities for others, and using entrepreneurship

to drive economic growth and lasting social impact across Africa.

Professor McEdward Murimbika

Professor McEdward Murimbika is one of Africa's foremost experts on entrepreneurship, innovation, and venture development. He is the Founding Director of the Wits Crucible Centre for Entrepreneurship at Wits Business School, where he leads one of the continent's leading platforms for entrepreneurial growth, innovation, and business development.

With more than 30 years of experience as an entrepreneur, strategist, consultant, academic, and business leader, Professor Murimbika has founded, advised, and supported businesses across multiple industries while mentoring entrepreneurs throughout Africa. Holding dual PhDs in Management and Archaeology, he combines academic excellence with practical business experience to help organisations and entrepreneurs navigate rapidly changing markets.

His work focuses on entrepreneurship, innovation ecosystems, strategic management, venture growth, future economies, and inclusive economic development. He has collaborated with international organisations including the World Economic Forum, the World Bank, and UNESCO-related initiatives, contributing to entrepreneurship programmes and policy development across Africa.

At the International Women's Multisector Conference 2026, Professor Murimbika will explore how entrepreneurs can harness innovation, technology, regional integration, and cross-border collaboration to build resilient, future-ready businesses. His presentation will provide delegates with practical

strategies for creating sustainable enterprises that contribute to Africa's long-term economic transformation.

Faith Mangope

Faith Mangope is an internationally acclaimed broadcaster, entrepreneur, technologist, and philanthropist whose work is transforming Africa's digital future. As the host of Metro FM Talk, South Africa's largest commercial radio programme, she reaches millions of listeners while leading important conversations on business, leadership, governance, and economic development.

Faith is also the Founder of the Faith Mangope Technology and Leadership Institute (FMTALI), an organisation dedicated to equipping young people with critical digital skills in areas such as artificial intelligence, software development, cloud computing, data analytics, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Through its unique "train, place, and change lives" model, the institute empowers young people from disadvantaged communities and connects graduates directly with employment opportunities.

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Kaia, Burl, Marumani, Masakadza Back In ODI Side For **Bangladesh Series**

Cricinfo

Fresh off his 140 against Bangladesh in the one-off Test earlier this week, Zimbabwe batter Innocent Kaia has been rewarded with a recall to the ODI side for the three-match series starting Monday.

Also back in the 15-man ODI squad are the trio of Ryan Burl, Tadiwanashe Marumani and Wellington Masakadza. Kaia's absence from ODIs was the longest, having last played one in December 2023, while Burl played his last in January 2024, and Marumani and Masakadza in February 2025. Fresh off the historic Test win in Harare, Richard Ngarava will lead the ODI side too, but for the first time in the 50-over format in his career, taking over from Sean Williams who went to rehab for drug addiction and is not being considered for selection.

Kaia also scored a one-day hun-

dred recently, for Zimbabwe A on the tour of Bangladesh earlier this month. He has been in stellar form across formats this year even in domestic cricket. He topped the run charts for Rocks in the Pro50 Championship with a tally of 500 runs, including three hundreds and a half-century. In the Logan Cup, the first-class competition, he scored another two centuries and averaged 51.12 to rack up 409 runs from eight innings.

Burl had also toured Bangladesh recently with the Zimbabwe A side for scores of 50 and 20 and one wicket across the two one-day games. He also scored back-to-back centuries for Rhinos in Bulawayo back in March, first in a four-day game and then in 50-over cricket.

Ngarava will lead the pace attack that also includes Blessing Muzarabani, Brad Evans, Newman Nyamhuri and Ernest Masuku.

The list of spinners features two allrounders in Burl and Wessly Madhevere and two left-arm spinner Masakadza.

Out from the ODI squad that last played in August 2025 against Sri Lanka are Brendan Taylor, Williams, Johnathan Campbell, Tony Munyonga and Trevor Gwandu.

Last week Zimbabwe registered their biggest win in Test cricket as they thrashed Bangladesh by an innings and 85 runs on the third afternoon in the one-off Test in Harare.

Richard Ngarava hastened the end by picking up two wickets in the next over. Muzarabani, however, could not complete his five-for. Ironically, he was the catcher for the tenth wicket. When Hasan Mahmud miscued a pull off Nyamhuri, Muzarabani ran backwards from mid-on to complete the catch. Just like in the first innings, Zimbabwe's seamers

shared all ten wickets. It was only the second occasion in their Test history that all 20 wickets were taken by fast bowlers. The first one was in 1993, in a losing cause against Pakistan in Rawalpindi. Innocent Kaia, who scored his maiden Test hundred and matched Bangladesh's first-innings total on his own with 140, was named the Player of the Match.

All three ODIs will be played at the Harare Sports Club on July 6, 9 and 11.

Zimbabwe ODI squad for Bangladesh series

Richard Ngarava (capt), Brian Bennett, Ryan Burl, Ben Curran, Craig Ervine, Brad Evans, Innocent Kaia, Clive Madande (wk), Wessly Madhevere, Tadiwanashe Marumani (wk), Wellington Masakadza, Ernest Masuku, Blessing Muzarabani, Newman Nyamhuri, Sikandar Raza

Ten Reasons Why Elliot Anderson Has Just Become The Most Expensive British Footballer In History

DSE Football News

Manchester City's decision to spend a record-breaking £116 million on Elliot Anderson has sent shockwaves through world football. The 23-year-old midfielder's move from Nottingham Forest makes him the most expensive British player in history, eclipsing the previous benchmark set by Jude Bellingham's transfer to Real Madrid.

It is a remarkable rise for a player who has steadily developed into one of the Premier League's most complete midfielders. After an outstanding campaign with Nottingham Forest and an impressive FIFA World Cup with England, Anderson has become one of the hottest properties in the game.

So what persuaded Manchester City to invest such an extraordinary fee? Here are ten reasons why Anderson has become British football's latest record-breaker.

1. Complete Midfielder Excels Every Week

The biggest attraction is Anderson's all-round game. He is equally comfortable winning possession, dictating the tempo, driving forward with the ball or creating attacks. Few midfielders possess such a complete skill set at just 23 years of age, making him valuable in almost every tactical system.

2. Tactical Intelligence Solves Multiple Problems

Modern football demands adaptable players, and Anderson excels in several midfield roles. He can operate as a holding midfielder, a box-to-box runner or a creative playmaker. That versatility gives Manchester City enormous tactical flexibility throughout a long and demanding season.

3. Relentless Energy Dominates Midfield Battles

One of Anderson's defining qualities is his incredible work rate. He covers huge distances during matches, constantly pressing opponents, closing passing lanes and



recovering possession. His intensity perfectly suits the high-tempo football expected at Manchester City.

4. Defensive Ability Matches Creative Quality

Unlike many attack-minded midfielders, Anderson contributes just as much defensively. Ranking among the Premier League's leaders for tackles last season demonstrated his willingness to compete physically while maintaining positional discipline. He gives his team balance as well as creativity.

5. Passing Range Unlocks Every Defence

Elite midfielders must see passes others cannot. Anderson consistently switches play, breaks defensive lines and delivers accurate forward passes under pressure. His vision allows attacks to develop quickly while maintaining control of possession.

6. World Cup Raised Global Reputation

International tournaments often elevate players to another level, and Anderson has seized his opportunity with England. Starting every World Cup match has showcased his composure against the

world's best players and convinced many observers that he belongs among football's elite midfielders.

7. Age Promises Outstanding Future Development

At just 23 years old, Anderson is widely viewed as a player whose best football still lies ahead. Manchester City are investing not only in his current ability but also in the expectation that he will continue improving over the next decade.

8. Perfect Fit For Maresca's Philosophy

New Manchester City manager Enzo Maresca values technically gifted midfielders who are comfortable both in possession and without the ball. Anderson appears tailor-made for that philosophy, offering intelligence, discipline and the confidence to receive possession in tight spaces.

9. Mental Strength Handles Enormous Pressure

Breaking the British transfer record brings huge expectations, yet Anderson has consistently demonstrated maturity throughout his career. Whether performing in the Premier League or on the World

Cup stage, he has remained calm under pressure and focused on his football rather than external attention.

10. Symbol Of City's New Era

Perhaps most importantly, Anderson represents the beginning of a new chapter at Manchester City. As the first major signing under Enzo Maresca, he embodies the club's ambition to refresh its midfield while maintaining the technical excellence and intensity that have defined City's success over recent years.

More Than Just A Transfer Fee

Record transfer fees inevitably generate debate, but they also reflect how football has evolved. Clubs are increasingly prepared to pay premium prices for players who combine technical quality, tactical intelligence, athleticism and long-term potential.

Anderson ticks every one of those boxes. He is capable of controlling matches with his passing, disrupting opponents with his defensive work and contributing goals when opportunities arise. Few midfielders offer such balance between creativity and industry.

His remarkable consistency at Nottingham Forest, combined with his impressive performances for England at the World Cup, convinced Manchester City that he possesses both the talent and temperament to thrive at the highest level.

Whether £116 million ultimately proves to be good value will only be answered over the coming seasons. However, Manchester City's investment clearly reflects their belief that Elliot Anderson can become one of the defining midfielders of his generation.

For a player still only 23 years old, becoming Britain's most expensive footballer is an extraordinary achievement. More importantly, it reflects the rare combination of versatility, intelligence, work ethic and technical excellence that makes Anderson one of the most exciting talents in world football today.

DSE Football News

Manchester United supporters have had plenty to smile about during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. While club football may be on hold, several United stars have been producing memorable performances for their countries, reminding everyone why they remain among the game's elite talents.

Between them, Matheus Cunha, Amad Diallo, Lisandro Martínez, Bruno Fernandes and Marcus Rashford have made major contributions, combining for seven goals and two assists. Their influence has helped keep their respective nations alive in the tournament while giving United fans plenty of optimism ahead of the new club season.

Here are ten reasons why Manchester United's players have become one of the biggest success stories of the World Cup.

Cunha Finds His Scoring Rhythm

Matheus Cunha has enjoyed an outstanding tournament for Brazil. His three goals have demonstrated exactly why Manchester United invested in the dynamic forward. Cunha has combined intelligent movement, clinical finishing and relentless work rate, becoming one of Brazil's most dangerous attacking weapons.

Amad Continues Remarkable Football Rise

Amad Diallo has confirmed that last season's club form was no fluke. Scoring twice for Ivory Coast, the exciting winger has displayed confidence, pace and creativity. Every performance reinforces the belief that his best football is still ahead of him.

Martinez Leads From The Back

Lisandro Martínez has shown that defenders can influence games at both ends of the pitch. Alongside his usual aggressive defending and accurate passing, he has contributed both a goal and an assist for Argentina, highlighting his all-round importance.

Fernandes Creates Chances With Ease

Bruno Fernandes remains one of football's finest creators. Even when not scoring himself, the



Manchester United Stars Light Up The World Cup With Commanding Displays

Portuguese captain continues to unlock defences with intelligent passing and vision. His assist underlines his ability to influence matches in multiple ways.

Rashford Delivers When Needed Most

Marcus Rashford has once again demonstrated his value on the international stage. His goal for England arrived at an important moment, showing his pace, composure and ability to perform under tournament pressure. Big occasions continue to suit him perfectly.

Goals Arrive From Every Position

One impressive aspect of United's World Cup contribution is its variety. Goals have come from strikers, wingers and even central defenders. That attacking spread reflects the versatility within Manchester United's squad and the different ways their players can decide matches.

Confidence Returns Before New Season

International tournaments often provide players with renewed confidence heading into club football. Strong World Cup performances can become the perfect springboard for a successful domestic campaign, and Manchester United supporters will hope these players return full of belief.

Global Stage Highlights United Quality

The World Cup remains football's biggest stage, watched by billions around the globe. Every impressive display from a Manchester United player reinforces the club's reputation for attracting elite international talent capable of delivering under immense pressure.

International Success Builds Winning Mentality

Winning important knockout matches develops resilience and confidence. As United players progress deeper into the tournament, they gain valuable experience of handling high-pressure situations—qualities that can benefit the club throughout the Premier League season.

Fans Dream About Exciting Future

Perhaps the biggest reason for optimism is what these performances suggest about Manchester United's future. Seeing so many players thriving against the world's best opposition gives supporters genuine hope that success at international level can translate into success at Old Trafford.

A Positive Summer For United

Every World Cup creates heroes, and Manchester United have been well represented throughout the tournament. Whether it is Cunha's finishing, Amad's flair, Martínez's leadership, Fernandes' creativity or Rashford's pace, the club's stars have consistently produced moments of quality.

Their combined total of seven goals and two assists illustrates more than impressive statistics. It demonstrates that United players are influencing games for some of the world's strongest national teams and performing confidently against elite opposition.

For supporters, there is another encouraging message. Players returning from successful international campaigns often bring greater confidence, sharper match fitness and the experience of competing in football's most demanding environment.

If these performances continue throughout the remainder of the World Cup, Manchester United fans will have every reason to feel excited about the season ahead. Their players are not simply participating in the tournament—they are helping shape it, delivering goals, creating chances and proving that the Red Devils remain strongly represented among world football's biggest stars.

With every goal, assist and stand-out performance, Manchester United's contingent continues to make headlines, giving supporters around the world plenty to celebrate as the World Cup reaches its decisive stages.

A Bold New Chapter For German Football

DSE Football News

Jürgen Klopp's appointment as Germany's national team coach marks one of the most significant managerial moves in international football. After transforming Borussia Dortmund into Bundesliga champions and restoring Liverpool to the summit of English and European football, Klopp now takes on perhaps his biggest challenge—returning Germany to the top of world football.

His success has never been based on tactics alone. Klopp combines technical innovation with exceptional leadership, emotional intelligence and an ability to build teams that genuinely enjoy playing together. As Germany prepares for the next phase of its footballing journey, here are ten fascinating reasons why Klopp could be the ideal man for the job.

Passion Creates Instant Team Belief

Few managers inspire players quite like Klopp. His enthusiasm is infectious, and his positivity quickly spreads throughout a dressing room. International football offers very little preparation time, so establishing trust rapidly is essential. Klopp has repeatedly shown he can create belief from the very first training session.

Gegenpressing Becomes Germany's Trademark Again

Klopp's famous pressing philosophy transformed modern football. His teams hunt the ball aggressively after losing possession, forcing mistakes and creating quick attacking opportunities. Germany has traditionally been known for intensity and discipline, making Klopp's approach a natural fit for the national side.

Young Players Receive Genuine Opportunities

One of Klopp's greatest strengths is his willingness to trust emerging talent. Throughout his career he has developed young footballers into international stars by giving them responsibility early. Germany possesses one of Europe's strongest production lines of young players, and Klopp is perfectly suited to maximise their potential.



Experience Winning Biggest Football Matches

Klopp has managed Champions League finals, title deciders and countless high-pressure fixtures. Those experiences prepare him well for tournament football, where every decision can determine whether a nation advances or goes home. His calmness under pressure is one of his greatest assets.

Communication Connects Players And Supporters

Klopp has always been an outstanding communicator. Whether addressing players behind closed doors or speaking publicly after matches, he communicates with honesty and enthusiasm. That openness could help rebuild the strong connection between Germany's national team and its supporters.

Tactical Flexibility Confuses Strong Opponents

Although known for high pressing, Klopp is far from tactically rigid. His Liverpool teams became equally comfortable dominating possession or playing on the coun-

terattack. This adaptability allows Germany to adjust its approach depending on the strengths and weaknesses of each opponent.

Leadership Builds Strong Dressing Rooms

Successful teams are built on more than technical ability. Klopp creates dressing rooms where players respect each other, work hard and embrace collective responsibility. International tournaments are often decided by team spirit, and few coaches build stronger cultures than Klopp.

Modern Technology Supports Better Preparation

Klopp has always embraced modern coaching methods, including advanced video analysis, sports science and performance data. These tools help players understand opponents more quickly and prepare more efficiently during the short training camps that define international football.

Global Reputation Commands Immediate Respect

Klopp's achievements mean he arrives with enormous credibility. Having won league titles in Ger-

many and England, along with the UEFA Champions League, he commands instant respect from players across every generation. That authority allows him to focus on improving performances rather than proving himself.

Fresh Energy Signals New Beginning

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of Klopp's appointment is what it represents. Germany is seeking more than improved results—it wants renewed confidence, attacking football and a clear identity. Klopp embodies all three. His arrival signals a fresh start built on ambition, courage and excitement.

A Defining Appointment

Managing a national team is very different from managing a club. Coaches have fewer opportunities to train players, no transfer market to strengthen weaknesses and limited time to implement tactical ideas. Instead, success depends on communication, preparation and creating unity within a diverse squad.

Those demands align perfectly with Klopp's greatest strengths. He simplifies complex ideas, motivates players to perform beyond expectations and builds teams that play with energy and purpose. His football is exciting, but equally important is the atmosphere he creates around every squad he manages.

Germany has appointed far more than a successful coach. It has appointed one of football's outstanding leaders—a manager capable of inspiring players, reconnecting supporters and restoring the confidence that has long been associated with German football.

If Klopp can bring the same passion, innovation and togetherness that defined his previous managerial successes, Germany could once again become one of the world's most feared international teams. His appointment represents not simply a change of coach, but the beginning of a bold new chapter for German football.

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