

Kick Out Racism

(October 31st 2008)

Pre-Listening / Background information

This week's show focuses on the Kick It Out organization that is fighting to eliminate racism from football.

A. Main Idea – timeline

Listen to the report and fill in the table below with appropriate information.

Year	Event
	Kick It Out was formed
	John Barnes goal against Brazil
1978	
	First black England goal scorer
1993	
	First black England manager
	Fan abuse of own players
	FA apology over DVD

B. Listening - Vocabulary

Listen to the whole report and fill in the gap with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. '... held ten days of action around the UK to continue the fight to _____ / _____ racial discrimination in the game.'
2. '...Barnes became an overnight _____, eventually earning himself a move to Liverpool and going on...'
3. '... this kind of behaviour began in the 1970s when black players first started to _____ themselves in clubs up and down the country...'
4. '... was not the first black player to represent his country, that _____ belongs to Nottingham Forest' s Viv Anderson who made his debut ...'
5. '... the Premier League, Paul Ince, it might be some time before her male colleagues can _____ her.'
6. '... suggested that England fans had _____ their own team's black players in a match against France...'
7. '... heard up and down football grounds though thankfully not on the _____ of two or three decades ago...'
8. '... there are only five professional players currently in the game - a _____ low figure considering the population.'

C. Writing - summary

Listen to the report and write a summary of no more than 100 words.

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Kick Out Racism - Answers

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A. Main Idea – timeline

Listen to the report and fill in the table below with appropriate information.

Year	Event
1993	Kick It Out was formed
1984	John Barnes goal against Brazil
1978	First black England player
1983	First black England goal scorer
1993	First black England captain
1998	First black England manager
2000	Fan abuse of own players
2005	FA apology over DVD

B. Listening - vocabulary

Listen to the report as far as '...thought of the Irish performance.' and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word or phrase.

1. '... held ten days of action around the UK to continue the fight to **stamp out** racial discrimination in the game.'

to eliminate, stop, prevent

2. '...Barnes became an overnight **sensation**, eventually earning himself a move to Liverpool and going on...'

became a superstar

3. '... this kind of behaviour began in the 1970s when black players first started to **establish** themselves in clubs up and down the country...'

to become part of something

4. '... was not the first black player to represent his country, that **distinction** belongs to Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson who made his debut ...'

honour, accolade

5. '... the Premier League, Paul Ince, it might be some time before her male colleagues can **emulate** her.'

do as well as

6. '... suggested that England fans had **abused** their own team's black players in a match against France...'

verbally attacked, booed

7. '... heard up and down football grounds though thankfully not on the **scale** of two or three decades ago...'

range, number, amount

8. '... there are only five professional players currently in the game - a ridiculously low figure considering the population.'

unbelievably, crazy

Transcript

Racism in football is thankfully dying out, mainly in part to the Kick It Out campaign that has raised awareness about the issue since it was formed in 1993. To celebrate its fifteen years of existence, it has just held ten days of action around the UK to continue in the fight to stamp out racial discrimination in the game. So, on this week's main report we take a look at the story of black footballers in England.

That was John Barnes scoring a wonder goal for England against Brazil in 1984 in the famous Maracana Stadium in Rio to help the national team win 2-0. Barnes became an overnight sensation, eventually earning himself a move to Liverpool and going on to win 79 caps for his country and scoring 12 times. But not everyone was happy after that performance against Brazil, with some England supporters abusing him on the plane home and refusing to accept that England had even scored two goals thanks to his colour.

Unfortunately, this kind of behaviour was prevalent at the time but had really begun in the 1970s when black players first started to establish themselves in clubs up and down the country. Monkey chants, bananas being thrown onto the pitch and calls for them to go home were fairly common occurrences.

Barnes was not the first black player to represent his country, that distinction belongs to Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson who made his debut in November 1978. Since then there have been 56 black players who have represented their country. The first goal scorer was Watford's Luther Blissett the year before John Barnes' wonder goal in Brazil. The first black captain was Paul Ince in 1993 and since then both Sol Campbell and Rio Ferdinand have repeated the honour. And how about the first black national team manager? That would be Hope Powell of course. She has been the England's women's team coach for the past ten years and lead them to a successful campaign in the World Cup in China last year. However, with only one black British manager ever in the Premier League, Paul Ince again,

it might be some time before her male colleagues can emulate her at the national level.

So, has racism disappeared from football in Britain? It would be naive to think that it has. As recently as 2000 a Home Office report suggested that England fans had abused their own team's black players in a match against France, while in 2005 the FA had to apologise and withdraw a DVD that celebrated post-war England internationals after not including any black players in it. Furthermore, racist chanting can still be heard up and down football grounds though thankfully not on the scale of two or three decades ago and of course, there has only ever been one black top-flight manager.

Another area of concern is with the lack of Asian footballers playing at a high level. Despite the fact that thousands participate every weekend there are only five professional players currently in the game - a ridiculously low figure considering the population. Improved education, better scouting and increased cultural awareness can help to stop the marginalisation of this section of the community. Thankfully, groups such as Kick it out are working on their behalf.