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Let's have a look at the poster

Black History Month 2022



TEDx Picture News

How has football influenced black history?

Let's look at the story



The theme for 2022's Black History Month is 'Time for change; Action not words' and in a recent interview, former England player Andy Cole shared his thoughts on the month, including highlighting the need for change in football and wider society. Cole feels particularly strongly about the lack of opportunities for black coaches and managers in English football.

Each year, Black History Month provides an opportunity for learning, reflection and change; to look at how things once were and to ensure we learn from the past to create a better future.

Learn more about this story [here](#).
Watch the useful video [here](#).



Read through the information below, exploring football and Black History Month.

Black History Month is an annual tradition, followed by several countries, that gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

Throughout October, a number of football clubs around the world also celebrate Black History Month. This year, top Premier League clubs including Tottenham and Liverpool took to social media to promote events in order to provide better knowledge and understanding.

Former international footballer, Andy Cole, believes that for positive change to happen with inclusivity in football, people need role models and opportunities – black players need to be given roles at management and senior levels so others can be inspired by their achievements.

The 90's was a special time, ultimately, we were trying to show the generation beneath us that anything is possible. A lot of people are prepared to tell us what we can't do, but it's what we can do. When we were playing, we were showing people that if you believe in yourself then the sky is the limit.

Former football player Andy Cole sharing his thoughts on Black History Month



BBC

Pictured above: Emma Clarke, the UK's first black female footballer



Main question

How has football influenced black history?

 **Listen**  **Think**  **Share**

- > Look at the poster image. Does anyone know who the person is? Explain that it is former England footballer, Andy Cole. He has recently been in the news speaking about Black History Month. Share any prior knowledge you have about Black History Month.
- > Read through the news story and discuss how you think Andy Cole might be feeling, given his thoughts. Do you think he feels positive about the future of football with regards to change for black players?
- > The theme for 2022's Black History Month is 'Time for change; Action not words'. Share your thoughts on what you think this means and what type of action could be needed.
- > Read the information found on the resource, which explores football and Black History Month. What do you think might have been some of the challenges for the first black football players? What positive impact do you think they have made?
- > Watch the useful video, which discusses the first black British female footballer, Emma Clarke who broke barriers and forged a path for women to play football – a role model to many. Who are some of your heroes or role models? Why do you think we often choose role models who are similar to us?

Useful Weblinks

- > News story:
www.manutd.com/en/news/detail/interview-with-man-utd-legend-andy-cole-about-black-history-month-2022
- > Useful video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=9SCID7uV_IY