



## Cameroon National Football Team



Founded:	1959
Association:	Fédération Camerounaise de Football
Nickname:	Les Lions Indomptables (The Indomitable Lions)
Head Coach:	Paul LeGuen (France)
Captain:	Samuel Eto'o Fils (Internazionale FC)
FIFA Ranking:	29
Highest FIFA Ranking:	11 (November 2006)

### Profile:

With five World Cup qualifications from the last six tournaments, Cameroon's National Football Team is considered one of the most successful and recognised teams of the Continent. In Italy 1990 Cameroon became the first ever African team to reach the quarter finals of a World Cup finals tournament.

In recent years, Cameroon have enjoyed great success on the pitch, winning the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, the 2000 and 2002 African Cup Of Nations and finishing second at the 2003 FIFA Confederations Cup. They missed the qualifications for the 2006 World Cup, but the team's mix of young players and experienced heads promise to restore Cameroon to its former glory.

### Cameroon & PUMA:

PUMA's relationship with Cameroon dates back to 1997 and since then the Indomitable Lions have been a great inspiration to our designers. Together we have challenged the traditions of the footballing world with kits that embody the team's strength, speed and power.

In the 2002 African Cup Of Nations, Cameroon caused a sensation by being the first team in football history to wear a sleeveless jersey. The PUMA shirt was well received by football fans and media globally, but unfortunately not by FIFA. Cameroon weren't allowed to wear the jerseys during the 2002 FIFA World Cup, which meant adding black sleeves to the shirts to comply with FIFA regulations.





For 2004's African Cup Of Nations, Cameroon once again surprised the world with a new take on the traditional football uniform - an all-in-one kit named UniQT. The kit was designed to enhance performance but also contained all the symbols so close to the Cameroonians' heart. The design featured 'lion claw tears' on each side along the oblique muscles, alluding to Cameroon's nickname of the 'Indomitable Lions.' The tears were not just for aesthetics – they featured a layer of micromesh that allowed air to circulate under the garment for better ventilation. The PUMA jumping cat logos on the front, arms and shorts were made of a faux 'fur' treatment, thus continuing the lion theme. The 'fur' treatment was also carried through on the representation gillet. In addition to this, a new aggressive font had been created for the player names and numbers.

Once again FIFA were not fans and the kit was not approved. As a consequence, Cameroon were deducted six points from their qualifying campaign. These were restored after they agreed to wear a normal two piece kit, and went on to qualify for the African Cup Of Nations.

It didn't really matter though - at that point Cameroon were one of the most loved teams in the football world.

**Record:**

- World Cup: Group Stage - 1982, 1994, 1998 & 2002, Quarterfinalists 1990
- Olympic Games: Gold Medalists -2000)
- African Cup Of Nations: Champions - 1984, 1988, 2000 & 2002)
- All-Africa Games: Champions - 1991, 1999, 2003 & 2007)
- Afro-Asian Cup of Nations: Champions - 1985
- CEMAC Cup: Champions - 2003 & 2005), Runners-up - 2006
- Central African Games: Champions (1976 & 1987)
- UDEAC Championship: Champions - 1984, 1986, 1987 & 1989, Runners-up 1988 & 1990)
- African Youth Championship: Champions (1995)
- African Under-17 Championship: Champions (2003)

\* As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

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