

Well, My dear Comrades,

Mano Sanon' s death should be looked upon as a closing chapter of eachone's life book history. One that should be proudly held and elegantly and preciousy kept. On that very moment I first learned of Mano's Passing, it seems as though, a time capsule of my life has resurfaced on the carpet of my national conciousness with all the emotions that have through that memorable time, permeated the very fabric of our National Ethos. A time during which all haitians were exhibiting his and her national pride and wholeheartedly celebrating our National team, that entire timeframe came back in the blink of an eye. Not only should I seize this opportunity to express my heartfelt condolences to his family and love ones, mainly to make this following sacro-saint request to all of you, to bow our heads and salute a fallen hero. That request is made to every single haitian, regardless of where he or she is presently living. As I just said, with the death of Mano Sanon, a National Hero has fallen. On these last words I invite all of you to join hands and in one Voice to say: Thank you Mano for having dramatized and imprinted the Hatian pride on that Soccer Field in Germany in 1974 by scoring that one goal against a man ( Dino Zoff) who, for two years, has kept the sanctity of his net unsoiled. That short moment was profoundly exhilarating and will for ever remain unforgettable. Indeed, it is true that heroic feat was done on a field but most importantly on that day the sound of that feat had reverbarated and echoed worldwide. Within that short timeframe, Haiti became instantly known in all corners of the world, It is for that sublime and memorable moment we should in one voice say : Thank you God for having given us Mano Sanon and Thank you Mano for having so proudly written and imprinted in Golden Letters, Haiti's name in the annals of the world calendar history and dramatized it in the World Cups history book !!!!

Sincerely, Jacko

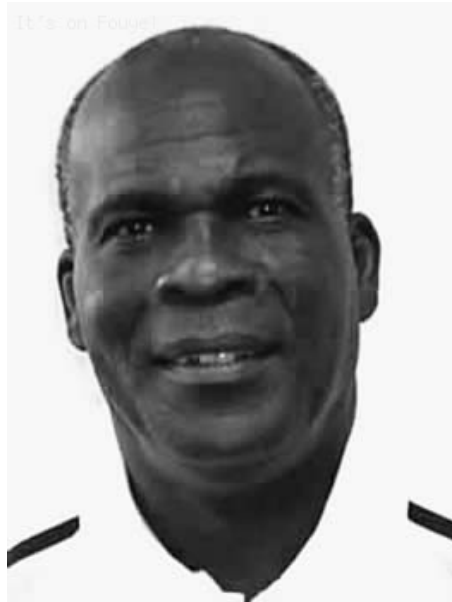
## Décès de l'athlète Haïtien du 20ème siècle: Emmanuel Sanon **Documentaire : Audio/Vidéo**

Nous avons appris avec beaucoup de consternation, la triste nouvelle de la mort de notre héros national Emmanuel Sanon, l'athlète Haïtien du 20ème siècle, survenue après une longue maladie courageusement supportée. En cette pénible circonstance le comité de modération de Haïti Connexion, le staff de Haïti Connexion Network et de Radio Haïti Connexion présentent leurs condoléances émues à sa femme Susie Sanon et ses enfants ; aux parents, amis et alliés affectés par cette lourde perte.

En cette douloureuse circonstance nous présentons un bref résumé de notre grand héros national, qui a porté l'étendard de notre bicolore bien haut lors de la coupe du monde à Munick (Allemagne) en 1974. A noter que Manno Sanon était un membre très actif du forum Haïti Connexion.

Ci-joint un résumé qui nous a été soumis dans les colonnes de Haïti Connexion par Lemane Vaillant et réadapté par Haïti Connexion.

### **Emmanuel Sanon**



**25 Juin 1951 - 21 Février 2008**



Emmanuel Sanon - Haitian Soccer Player, member of 1974 Haitian National Team who participated in the world cup in Munich, Germany

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Emmanuel Sanon was born on June 25th, 1951, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Son of Darius Sanon, from Jacmel, and Cherisna Fortune Sanon, from Kenscoff.

Attended Fabre Geffrard Primary School, Lycee Firmin & Lycee de Petion-Ville Secondary

School

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Sanon made his name as a striker with the Don Bosco club of Petionville.

In 1973 the Haitian Football Federation successfully lobbied for the CONCACAF World Cup qualifying tournament to be staged in Port-au-Prince.

The favourites, Mexico and Trinidad, were eclipsed by the young Haitian team, and Sanon's goals propelled his team to the top of the group. Haiti became the first Caribbean team to qualify for the World Cup Finals.

The 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany were contested by just 16 teams.

Haiti's first game, against the 1970 runners up, Italy, took place in Munich in front of 65,000 spectators. 0-0 at half time, but within two minutes of the restart, **Sanon claimed his place in World Cup history**, and in the hearts of Haitian fans, by giving Haiti the lead against the legendary Italian goalkeeper, Dino Zoff.

Hugh McIlvanney, of The Observer newspaper wrote "**Emmanuel Sanon, a powerfully built and spiritedly aggressive forward from Port-au-Prince, did what some of the greatest players in the world had failed to do in Zoff's 12**

**previous games for Italy."** The Haitian team lost the game, and their two others against Poland and Argentina, but Sanon had become a star.

In four years he scored 47 of the 106 goals scored by the Haitian national team, and he went on to enjoy a successful career with Beerschoot of Antwerp, at that time a force in Belgian football.

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Manno Sanon's goals put Haiti on the footballing map when, in 1974, it became the first Caribbean nation to qualify for the World Cup finals.

Manno recalls the euphoria and tensions after Mexico's failure to beat Trinidad in the qualification tournament played in Port-au-Prince meant Haiti were through to the finals in West Germany, "It was the first time a small country like Haiti had qualified for the World Cup.



**Manno Sanon, Philippe Vorbe, Ernst Jn-Joseph at the 1973 Concacaf in Mexico.**

At that time there were only 16 teams in the tournament, so it was quite something. The night we knew we had qualified, well, the country was upside down. It was crazy."

The team's first game was against Italy, finalists in 1970, and led by goalkeeper Dino Zoff who had just completed 12 consecutive internationals without conceding a goal.

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"Everybody was asking who would beat Dino Zoff. The newspapers mentioned European and South American players, but nobody thought a Haitian could do it. That upset me because I knew I could do it", said Manno Sanon.

The Haitian team surpassed all expectations by holding Italy to 0-0 in the first half. Two minutes into the second half, Manno shocked everyone but himself.

"With my pace, you can't leave me with just one defender, but that is what happened. I was one-on-one with Spinosi. I received a pass from Phillippe Vorbe. I beat the defender with my speed.



Dino Zoff on the ground as Manno Sanon sings "Grenadye Alaso"

One-on-one with Dino Zoff, and the goal was wide open. I dummied to go left, and then went right. I rounded him, and rolled the ball into the net."



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### Goal of Manno Sanon where he shocked Italy and the world



**Manno Sanon félicité par le gardien italien Dino Zoff**

The team lost its two other matches with Poland and Argentina, but Manno's goal against Zoff had made him a star. After the tournament he signed for the Antwerp club, Beerschoot, at that time a force to be reckoned with in Belgian football.

#### **ATHLETIC CAREER AMATEUR:**

64-65 Championship winner 4th division  
65-66 Championship winner 2nd division  
66-67 Vice champion interschool  
67-68 Championship winner interschool tourn.  
67-68 Top scorer Juvenil national team  
68-69 Championship winner interschool tourn.  
69-70 Championship winner 1st division

#### **INTERNATIONAL CAREER:**

69-70 Vice champion Concacaf  
71 Vice champion Concacaf  
73 Championship winner Concacaf  
74 Participated in the World Cup in Germany (scored against Italy, broke Dino Zoff record held for two years ), scored against Argentina  
77 Vice champion Concacaf

#### **PROFESSIONAL CAREER:**

74-75 Beerschoot Athletic Club (Anvers,Belgium)  
76-77 Winner Antwerpen Cup (MVP)

79-80 Championship Winner Belgium Cup (MVP)  
80-81 Miami Americans (USA) (4 times voted MVP of the week All stars select team)  
81-82 Semi finalist Soccer Bowl (NASL)  
81-82 Championship winner Indoor soccer (NASL)  
82-83 Semi finalist Soccer Bowl (NASL)  
82-83 Championship winner Indoor Soccer (NASL)

**COACHING CAREER:**

76-80 Beerschoot youth program  
80-84 San Diego Sockers community program  
83-84 Ass.Coach Chula Vista High  
84-85 Head Coach Chula Vista High  
85-86 Head Coach Scondido High  
86-87 Head Coach Buena Vista High (San Diego)  
87-88 Ass. Coach Capitol Soccer Club (Austin, Tx)  
88-97 Head Coach Midland Blast Soccer Club  
99-00 Head Coach Haitian National Team  
04-05 Coach U 16 Ajax Orlando



**COACHING LICENSED AND ADMINISTRATION:**

Advanced National Diploma ( NCAA )

License "B" (USSF)

French License ( FFF )

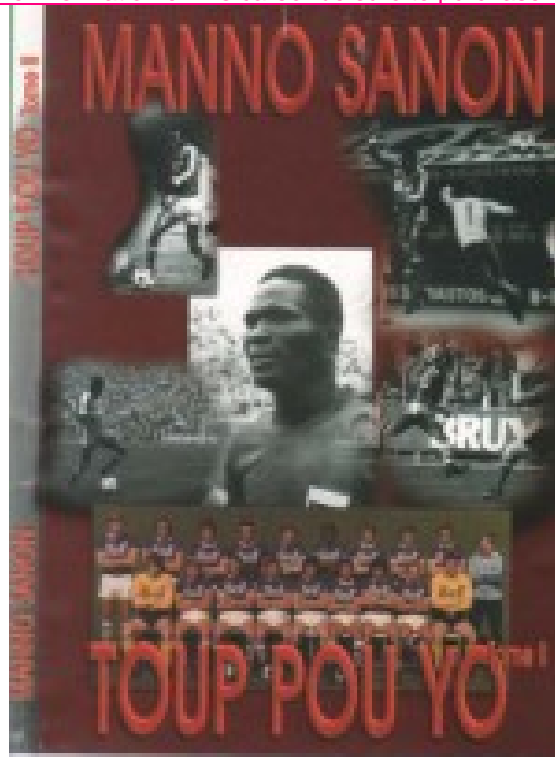
Writer of two books (Biographies), Manno Sanon "Toup Pou Yo"

1999 : Voted Haitian Athlete of the Century

2003-2004,Coordinator of Ambassadeur Program (OCPS)

2003-2004, Parents / Students liaison ( OCPS )

For more information on his career be sure to purchase his book:



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Respectfully yours,  
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