



Transform Your Team – 29th January 2018 - What is your Legacy?

#The Essential News Story -Cyrille Regis MBE (1958-2018)

Cyrille Regis, who suddenly died aged 59 of a suspected heart attack, was a greatly admired center-forward with West Bromwich Albion, Coventry and England and one of the first black footballers to make a significant impact on the British game. Cyrille has always considered it important to give back to his community. He saw it as a privilege that he could highlight various needs within the community and utilise his position to raise awareness and support for a number of causes.

Just the third black player to be capped by England, Cyrille was a pioneer in **the fight against racism in football**. He was one of the great symbols of the fight against racism in Britain as a pioneer for black footballers across this nation and beyond. He played 614 matches and scored 158 goals in a 19-year professional career, which also saw him make five appearances for England. Cyrille's career highlights included winning the FA Cup with Coventry City in 1987 and scoring the goal of the season while playing for West Brom in 1981-2. He also had spells with Aston Villa and Wolves, which cemented his popularity in the football world. So much so that the Premier League clubs and fans paid tribute this last weekend with a minute's applause in all the Premier League grounds

"Awful news about the death of Cyrille Regis. A huge figure in football... a trailblazer, a wonderful talent and a thoroughly top bloke. "
Dan Walker presenter, broadcaster host



View from @PhilJBish

I had the privilege to work with meet and play golf with Cyrille. Cyrille was more than the sport he played at the highest level, his early death was a great shock and it got me thinking when it's all said and done, **how I am making this world a better place?** The truth is, many of us believe that in order to change the world we have to be famous or celebrated. But simply it is to be the best husband or wife, mum or dad or just doing your job well. In addition, just maybe setting a new course for future generations, maybe, to be the hope to the hopeless or to love someone others would consider un-loveable. **That's not bad of a legacy to leave if you ask me.**

"Cyrille was an outstanding footballer but much more importantly an outstanding man. His courage as one of the first famous high profile black footballers meant that he became a role model which has changed the canvass of professional football. His faith in Jesus Christ, which he arrived at after the death of his close friend Laurie Cunningham, became a fantastic encouragement to many elite sportspeople to consider their relationship with the God who gave them their talents. The man was a giant in his generation." **Christians in Sport General Director Graham Daniels**

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