

“Buffalo” of Ghana



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▶ **Born:** December 8, 1982
Accra, Ghana

▶ **Height:** 182cm **Weight:** 77kg

▶ **Clubs:** **Chelsea**, Lyon, Bastia,
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▶ **Int. debut:** **Jan 2002 v Morocco**
Caps: 9 **Goals:** 3

▶ **Honours:** France League 2004, 2005
France Super Cup 2005