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David Kenga

Charleston Battery · USL First Division · Midfielder

AI score 46/80	Career appearances 34	Career goals 1	Kenya caps 1
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Estimated peak value

\$80,000 / KSh 5.5m (2008). Estimated, not a transfer fee — our own valuation of his best season with Charleston Battery in the USL, at KSh 69 to the dollar.

Profile

The United States — college to contract

A midfielder who went to the United States in 2003 on a scholarship at Winthrop University and came up through the amateur PDL with the Indiana Invaders and SC United Bantams.

Charleston Battery

He signed for the Battery in the USL First Division in April 2008, made his professional debut two days later, and finished the season with 17 appearances and a goal from 34 senior games.

Kenya, and giving it back

He was capped by Kenya in 2011, graduated with a degree in biochemistry, and turned the whole route back on itself by coaching in South Carolina and founding the Fuhaha Academy in his native Kilifi.

Cup and continental record

Lamar Hunt US Open Cup football with the Charleston Battery in 2008, and the USL post-season with them, after two seasons of NCAA tournament football at Winthrop University.

Managers he played under

Mike Anhaeuser, the Charleston Battery's long-serving coach, signed him and gave him his professional debut in 2008.

Did you know

He turned an American scholarship into a professional contract — then built an academy back home

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2008 Signed by Charleston Battery in the USL · 17 Appearances in his professional season · 1 Academy founded in Kilifi

Source: Charleston Battery and Kenyan diaspora coaching records —

<https://www.awmagazine.org/stories/meet-usa-based-kenyan-coach-using-soccer-to-impact-lives-of-youth-in-his-native-country>

Did you know

Joint top of the whole of American college soccer for assists

Three seasons at Winthrop from 2004 to 2006 brought 58 games, 13 goals and 21 assists, a Big South Conference championship in 2006, and a season in which his fourteen assists were tied for the most of any player in the United States. The professional career that followed took in the Indiana Invaders, the Charleston Battery and SC United Bantams, with a Kenya cap in 2011.

14 Assists — joint most in the USA, 2006 · 58 College games for Winthrop · 2006 The Big South championship

Source: Kenga forms outreach programs — Winthrop Eagles —

<https://winthroeagles.com/news/2020/3/27/former-mens-soccer-standout-david-kenga-forms-outreach-programs>

Did you know

He went home in his final year of college and built the answer to what he saw

On a visit home in his last year at Winthrop he found friends he had grown up with lost to drink and drugs. The Fuhaha Youth Soccer Academy in Kilifi came out of that, and later a soccer complex in his village and development work in Kaloleni. In the

United States he founded the Elite Soccer Training Company in 2016 in Columbia, South Carolina, and in 2019 added a non-profit that donates equipment to schools so cost cannot decide who plays. He holds a youth A licence and helps Kenyan players find American scholarships.

2016 Elite Soccer Training Company founded · 2019 The equipment-donation non-profit added · Kilifi Home of the Fuhaha academy

Source: The Kenyan coach using soccer to change lives at home — AW Magazine —

<https://www.awmagazine.org/stories/meet-usa-based-kenyan-coach-using-soccer-to-impact-lives-of-youth-in-his-native-country>

Career record

Midfielder who moved to the United States in 2003 to attend Winthrop University and made 17 appearances with one goal for Charleston Battery in 2008. One Kenya cap, against DR Congo in January 2011.

Career appearances and goals reconciled against Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Kenga)