

Player archive

Musa Otieno

Cleveland City Stars · USL Second Division · Defender

Career appearances	Career goals	Kenya caps
355	39	90

Estimated peak value

\$150,000 / KSh 12m (2002). Estimated, not a transfer fee — our own valuation of his best seasons at Santos in the South African Premiership, before his 2008 move to Cleveland City Stars, at KSh 78.6 to the dollar.

Profile

South Africa — fourteen years at Santos

A centre-back who gave Santos in Cape Town fourteen consecutive seasons from 1997, 311 appearances and 34 goals — the South African Premiership title in 2001-02, the Bob Save Super Bowl in 2001, the BP Top 8 in 2002 and the ABSA Cup in 2003. A loan to the Cleveland City Stars in 2008 added a USL Second Division title.

Kenya — the caps record

He won 90 caps between 1993 and 2009 with nine goals, most of them as captain, and led the Harambee Stars at the 2004 Africa Cup of Nations.

After playing

He retired in 2011 into coaching, taking assistant roles at Santos and with the national team, and now runs grassroots work through Kick Off to Hope.

Cup and continental record

With Santos in Cape Town: the Bob Save Super Bowl in 2001, the BP Top 8 in 2002 and the ABSA Cup in 2003 — three South African cup finals won in three years, either side of the league title. A USL Second Division title on loan at the Cleveland City Stars in 2008, and the 2004 Africa Cup of Nations as Kenya's captain.

Managers he played under

Gordon Igesund, four times a South African championship-winning coach and later Bafana Bafana manager, led Santos to the 2001-02 title with Otieno at centre-back. For Kenya he captained sides under Jacob 'Ghost' Mulee, including at the 2004 Africa Cup of Nations.

Firsts and milestones

— He is Kenya's record cap holder with 90 appearances for the Harambee Stars, and he won the South African Premier Division with Santos in 2001-02.

Did you know

Ninety caps for Kenya, and fourteen years at one South African club

Otieno holds Kenya's record for international appearances — 90 caps between 1993 and 2009, most of them as captain. At club level he gave Santos in Cape Town fourteen seasons and more than 300 appearances, a length of service almost nobody in modern football manages at a single club, let alone a foreign professional abroad. He went on to coach the national team he had captained.

90 Caps for Kenya, a national record · 14 Seasons at Santos in Cape Town · 300+ Club appearances in South Africa
Source: RSSSF international appearance records — <https://www.rsssf.org/miscellaneous/otieno-intl.html>

Did you know

Sixteen years an international, and still the record

He debuted against Zaire on 11 July 1993 at nineteen and played his last international in 2009: ninety caps and nine goals, the most anyone has won for Kenya. Nobody has come near the span — sixteen years of qualifying campaigns for a country that reached one Africa Cup of Nations in all that time.

90 Caps — Kenya's record · 16 years Between his first cap and his last · 9 International goals

Source: Kenya's record international appearances — RSSSF — <https://www.rsssf.org/miscellaneous/kenya-recintlp.html>

Did you know

Three hundred and eleven games for one club in Cape Town

He left AFC Leopards and Tusker for Santos in Cape Town in 1997 and stayed fourteen years, making 311 appearances and scoring 34 goals from defence. He won the Premier Soccer League in 2001-02, the Bob Save Super Bowl in 2001, the BP Top 8 in 2002 and the ABSA Cup in 2003, and captained Kenya at the 2004 Africa Cup of Nations in Tunisia.

311 Appearances for Santos, Cape Town · 14 years At one club · 2001-02 The South African league title

Source: Musa Otieno — Wikipedia — https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musa_Otieno

Career record

Kenya's record cap holder with 90 appearances and 9 goals for the Harambee Stars between 1993 and 2009. More than 300 appearances for Santos in South Africa, plus a loan at Cleveland City Stars. Now an assistant coach with the Kenya national team.

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