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Patrick Osiako

Mjällby AIF · Sweden · Midfielder

AI score	Career appearances	Career goals	Kenya caps
48/80	315	17	12

Estimated peak value

\$120,000 / KSh 8.3m (2008). Estimated, not a transfer fee — our own valuation of his best season in the Swedish leagues, at KSh 69 to the dollar.

Profile

Sweden

A midfielder who left Kenya for Sweden in 2007, signing for Mjällby AIF that December and staying four years as they climbed into the top flight.

Romania, Israel, Azerbaijan

He kept going where almost no Kenyan had a network to follow, then returned to Sweden with Linköping City and Syrianska Eskilstuna. 125 Swedish league appearances alone, and 315 senior appearances with 17 goals across the whole career.

Kenya

He won 12 caps between 2006 and 2013.

Cup and continental record

Svenska Cupen football across four seasons with Mjällby AIF and later with Linköping City and Syrianska, plus domestic cup campaigns in Romania, Israel and Azerbaijan. For Kenya, CECAFA Cup duty between 2006 and 2013.

Managers he played under

Peter Swärdh, who took Mjällby AIF up into the Allsvenskan, managed him through his Swedish years.

Did you know

One hundred and twenty-five league games in Sweden, at a time nobody was scouting Kenya

Osiako signed for Mjällby AIF in December 2007 and stayed four years, then kept going: Romania, Israel, Azerbaijan and back to Sweden with Linköping City and Syrianska. He made 125 Swedish league appearances in all — a full professional career built in northern Europe by a player who left Kenya without an academy, an agent network or a single Kenyan predecessor in that league to point at. Thirteen Kenya caps came with it.

125 Swedish league appearances · 5 Countries he played professional football in · 13 Caps for Kenya, 2006-2013
Source: Career record, Transfermarkt and Swedish league records — <https://www.transfermarkt.com/patrick-osiako/profil/spieler/53225>

Did you know

He carried a club from the Swedish second tier into the top flight

He joined Mjällby AIF in 2007 out of Coast Stars and Tusker, and made more than 120 appearances as the club went from the Superettan up into the Allsvenskan. When his first two-and-a-half-year contract ran out at the end of 2009 they signed him again for two more. He was sixteen when he first played senior football in Kenya, for Coast Stars in 2003-04.

120+ Appearances for Mjällby AIF · 16 His age on his senior debut in Kenya · Allsvenskan The division he helped them reach
Source: Patrick Osiako — Wikipedia — https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Osiako

Did you know

Sweden, Romania, Israel, Azerbaijan — a career built on trials

After Mjällby he took a two-month contract at Petrolul Ploiești in Romania on the back of a trial, then two years at Hapoel Be'er Sheva in Israel, then Simurq in Azerbaijan, where on 3 August 2013 he became only the second Kenyan to play in that league. Thirteen Kenya caps came between 2006 and 2013. Almost every move was a trial rather than a transfer, which is what a career looks like when no agent network and no academy record sits behind you.

4 Countries after Sweden · 2nd Kenyan ever to play in Azerbaijan · 13 Kenya caps, 2006-2013

Source: Patrick Osiako — Wikipedia — https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Osiako

Career record

Midfielder from Coast Stars and Tusker who moved to Mjallby AIF in Sweden, then Petrolul Ploiesti in Romania, Hapoel Be'er Sheva in Israel and Simurq in Azerbaijan. 13 Kenya caps between 2006 and 2013.

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