

More about Emmanuel Adebayor

Read about some of the important events in Adebayor's life.



In July 2009 Emmanuel Adebayor signed a five-year deal to play for Manchester City for more than £150,000 per week. At first he wasn't sure if he should leave Arsenal. Arsenal is more popular in Togo than Manchester City and Adebayor was afraid that people at home would think he only cared about money. But he finally decided that he wanted to 'make history' in Manchester.



After his first match against Arsenal Adebayor was not allowed to play in the following three matches because of bad behaviour. First he kicked an Arsenal player in the face. He said he was trying to kick the ball, but it seemed to be a violent action. Then, after he scored the third goal, Adebayor celebrated in front of Arsenal fans. The fans began throwing things at him and tried to run onto the field. Adebayor said he did it because the Arsenal fans had shouted at him during the game and he wanted the Manchester City fans to love him. Many people have said this behaviour is bad for football.

Five months before the first World Cup in South Africa, the Togo national football team was attacked by a gang with guns. They were on their way to the Africa Cup when the gang stopped them and began shooting. Emmanuel Adebayor and others in his team hid under the seats of the bus for 30 minutes. The bus driver was killed and two players were hurt. Although it was dangerous and most of the players were afraid, Adebayor still wanted to take part in the competition. However, the government of Togo would not let them play.



a) Why do football players change teams? Make a list. How do you feel when a player leaves your favourite team?

 b) Why is bad behaviour bad for football? Do football players have a responsibility to be nice to the fans and play fair? Talk about it with a partner.

c) What has Emmanuel Adebayor been doing recently? Can you find any more news stories about him? Look on the Internet and write a paragraph about what you find.

Lösungsvorschläge: a) They want more money. They haven't been playing very well. They are very good and another team pays a lot to have them. They don't get along with the other players or coach. b) Bad behaviour is bad for football because it makes football less popular with the fans. They won't spend money to go to the games. Some fans also become angry and start a fight with players or with each other. And sometimes children who watch football learn bad behaviour.