

Witch Doctor Offers Aid To British Soccer Team

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept. 1 (UPI)—England need worry no more about qualifying or even winning the soccer World Cup next year. A Kenyan witch doctor has written to the national team manager, Sir Alf Ramsey, to offer his services to ensure victory.

Sharriff Omar Abubakr describes himself as one of East Africa's leading witch doctors and this week wrote to the manager:

"Dear Sir Ramsey, I understand that England is anxious to win back the World Cup in Munich and that the chances of this aim are rather slim. I am interested in signing a one to two-year contract with you with a view to improving England's chances...."

England, World Cup winner in 1966, still has a tough qualifying match in October, against Poland, which must be won to ensure a place in the last 16 finalists.

Abubakr, currently guiding the fortune of Kenya's most successful club side, The Breweries, described how his powers work.

"I forecast the result of a game and then make it happen. The first step is to fast. I abstain from sex and recite prayers from the Koran.

"During the game, when an opposing player gets the ball, I often make him see double or even turn the ball into a snake. If the opposing player gets near the goal, I can make the ball go wide of target or if my players begin to get tired I can make them full of life again," he said.

Abubakr said he wanted to turn his powers to the international field.

"If I have no luck with Sir Alf, I shall try to sign up with a club in Germany."

Many East African soccer clubs use the services of witch doctors but the Kenyan Football Association recently began a campaign to expel them from the coaches' benches.

"Although it is difficult to legislate against the practice," said the association secretary, Ian Situma, "We are alive to the problem and intend to take every step to stamp it out.

"Players should be encouraged to train hard if they want to succeed instead of relying on witchcraft—which does not help at all."

Most club officials and witch doctors themselves do not agree on that statement.

Major teams for years have purchased the talents of medicine men to cast spells on their opponents. Recently, however, one match had to be abandoned because the 22 players became involved in a brawl over a witch doctor.

Several players were disciplined and the football association of Kenya began a campaign to discourage the use of witch doctors.

Witch doctors such as Sharriff Omar Abubakr often become wealthy as a result of their work in soccer and some find their services are much sought after.

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PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE U.S.

Gentlemen:

I am, once again...offering my services... to help your team get to the Super Bowl, and win it.

My power...is thousands of times stronger than the African witchdoctor that you can read about here in this newsclip... and he is currently using the powers of his mind to help the top team in Kenya. At least, I seriously doubt if he has been able to create three simultaneous hurricanes; control a radar installation with his mind; control an erupting volcano with his mind; and so forth...as I have done, all documented, and working under the observation of seven scientists.

What fascinated me when I read this article in the New York Times was...without his having any personal knowledge of how I work in controlling sports teams...HE USES SOME OF THE VERY SAME METHODS AND MECHANISMS.

If I work for you and your team...I will attend each and every game your team plays...and use the one-in-a-world powers of my mind (said to be the most powerful human brain in the world by a noted scientist) to make your opponents drop the football and fumble and miss and create situation after situation for your team to score. IN DOZENS AND DOZENS OF PRO FOOTBALL GAMES OVER THE YEARS I HAVE USED MY POWERS TO BRING ABOUT MIRACLES TO ENABLE MY TEAM TO WIN A GAME.

Having an "ace in the hole" like me to work for you...to help make your team a Super Bowl winner...could be of priceless value to you

Send me \$25,000 for my year's work, plus a credit card so that I can travel about the country to follow your team and help it... and you will have all of my fantastic power backing your team this year. And I will keep it in the strictest confidence.

First come first served.

Ted Owens (PK Man)

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