



# GUYANA FOOTBALL FEDERATION INC.

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## GFF FACT SHEET

### MICHAEL JOHNSON – HEAD COACH, GUYANA MEN’S NATIONAL TEAM

#### PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name - Michael Johnson

Date of birth – 4<sup>th</sup> July 1973

Age - 44

Nationality – British

#### GFF NATIONAL MEN’S TEAM TARGETS

- First ever qualification for CONCACAF Gold Cup (Target: 2019)
- First ever qualification for FIFA World Cup (Target: 2026)
- FIFA top 100 ranking; CFU top 5 ranking

#### MICHAEL JOHNSON’S COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- **UEFA Pro Licence; UEFA ‘A’ and ‘B’ Licences; FA Youth Module 1, 2, & 3; FA Coach education course; League Management Association Diploma in Football Management**
- *Johnson is the most qualified national coach in the history of Guyanese football. The UEFA Pro Licence is the highest coaching qualification in global football e.g. required for Europe’s top tier divisions, the UEFA Champions League and Europa League.*

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **2015 - Cardiff City U21 Assistant Manager**
- **2012 - Birmingham City Academy Coach**
- **2010 – Interim Notts County Manager**
- **2009-11 - Notts County Youth Team Manager**
- **2008-9 - Notts County U16s Manager**
- *Johnson’s profile fits our strategic plan to develop young, local talent to build a strong national programme and a men’s squad that can qualify for the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup and the 2026 FIFA World Cup.*

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## PROFESSIONAL PLAYING CAREER

- Jamaica international [1999-2006], 12 caps including 2000 CONCACAF Gold Cup squad.
- English Premier League and English Football League Championship as a defender for teams such as Derby County, Birmingham City and Notts County in a professional career in English football spanning 1991-2009.
- **Highlights** – 1998/9 & 2000/1 voted Player of the Year for Birmingham City; 2001/2 promoted to English Premier League with Birmingham City; 2005/6 promoted to English Premier League as club captain with Derby County.
- 1991-1995 – Notts County – 107 appearances
- 1995-2003 – Birmingham City – 262 appearances, 12 goals
- 2003-2008 – Derby County – 138 appearances, 4 goals
- 2008-2009 – Notts County – 28 appearances

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

- Former England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson
- The FA Technical Director Dan Ashworth
- League Managers Association Chief Executive Richard Bevan
- Premier League Executive Director William Bush

## VALUABLE FOOTBALL NETWORK

- *Johnson's extensive professional network will help to recruit UK-based players to strengthen the current national squad alongside our efforts to invest in the future and develop young local talent. Players we have earmarked include:*
  - Matthew Briggs – Barnet/former Fulham defender
  - Callum Harriott – Reading/former England U-19 winger
  - Ryan Fredericks – Fulham/former England U-19 defender
  - David Stephens – Boreham Wood/former Wales U-21 defender
  - Anthony Jeffrey - Sutton United forward

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## LEVERAGING JOHNSON'S ROLE AS DERBY COUNTY AMBASSADOR

- *Johnson is an ambassador for English Football League Championship side Derby County. The GFF aims to collaborate with Derby County on a range of areas:*
  - Training camps and international friendlies at Derby County
  - Player pathway to the EFL for Guyana national youth team players
  - Coaching and administrative exchanges
  - Sports science/performance analysis support and training
  - Equipment: boots, gears, clothing, etc
  - Create Derby County supporters club in Guyana
  - Community programme – the Derby County Community Trust is currently working in Kenya, which could be replicated in Guyana

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