

**The story...**

Daimbars academy's World Cup four

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**passion** – strong interest or enthusiasm for something

**motivation** – something which causes a desire to do something

**collective achievement** – success resulting from a group effort

**inspiration** – a good example that people admire and wish to copy

**Answer this...**

What does Daimbars football academy emphasise alongside football?

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**Transcript**

On the fields where it all started, Everton Football Club's Idrissa Gana Gueye, looks like he never left. He's very much at home, just like he was when he first arrived as a young boy some 15 years ago.

His **passion** for the game remains the same; so is that of his childhood friends: Papa Ndiaye of Stoke City in England, Kara Mbodji of Anderlecht in Belgium and Saliou Ciss of Angers in France. Together they are the first Diambars football academy graduates to go to the World Cup.

Makhtar Mbow was part of their group, but injuries ended his career. He's now in charge of the academy's operations.

### **Makhtar Mbow, Daimbars Operations Director**

For us it's a big honour today to have four players go in the World Cup. And it's a **motivation** for the young boys to work hard and to go in the World Cup too.

Success here doesn't just mean a breakthrough in football. The emphasis is on education alongside football. These World Cup-bound players see their own success as a **collective achievement** for the academy.

The fact that they serve as an **inspiration** has not been lost on the famous four. As they left Senegal for Russia, they knew this would be as much a World Cup appearance for their country as it is for Daimbars football academy.

### **Did you get it?**

What does Daimbars football academy emphasise alongside football?

Daimbars football academy emphasises education alongside football.

### **Did you know?**

It is thought that the name Senegal originated when 16<sup>th</sup> century Europeans visited the country's coast. They misunderstood when local fishermen said 'sunuu gaal', which means 'our boats'.