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It is with profound sadness that the Cameroon Football Federation learned of the passing of **Mr. Jean MANGA ONGUÉNÉ**, one of the first great figures and legends of Cameroonian football.

With his passing, Cameroon loses an icon of its sporting history, a great footballer whose talent, performances and numerous titles helped write the first major chapters of Cameroonian football on the national, African and international stages.

Winner of the African Ballon d'Or in 1980, Mr. MANGA ONGUÉNÉ brought great honour to Cameroon and distinguished himself through an exceptional record of achievements. He was notably a winner of the African Cup of Champions clubs in 1971, 1978 and 1980, as well as the African Cup Winners' Cup in 1979.

At national level, he was Cameroon Champion in 1970, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1980 and 1982, and won the Cameroon Cup in 1967, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978. He was also the top scorer in the Cameroonian championship in 1970 and 1976.

After his illustrious playing career, Jean MANGA ONGUÉNÉ continued to serve Cameroonian football. His distinguished coaching career saw him serve on the coaching staff of the Indomitable Lions as assistant coach, notably during the glorious 1990 World Cup campaign and with the squad that won the Africa Cup of Nations in 2000.

In 2010, when the National Technical Directorate was established, he was appointed to head the department, putting his experience and in-depth knowledge of football at the service of the development and structuring of Cameroonian football.

Through these achievements and honours, an entire era of Cameroonian football comes vividly to mind. Jean MANGA ONGUÉNÉ belonged to that pioneering generation which, through its talent and exploits, helped make Cameroonian football known and respected far beyond our borders.

His name will forever be associated with the great moments of our country's football history and will remain a source of inspiration for present and future generations of Cameroonian footballers.

In these painful circumstances, the President of FECFAFOOT, on behalf of the Executive Committee, extends his deepest condolences to his family, loved ones and former teammates, as well as to the entire Cameroonian football family.

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