

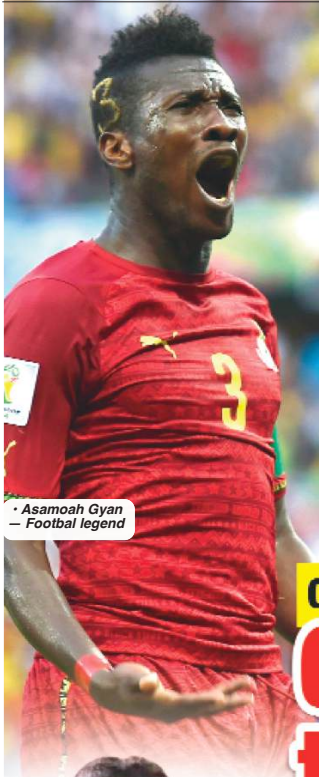
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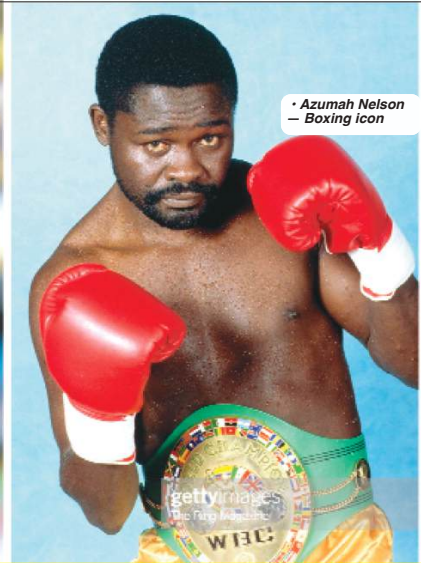
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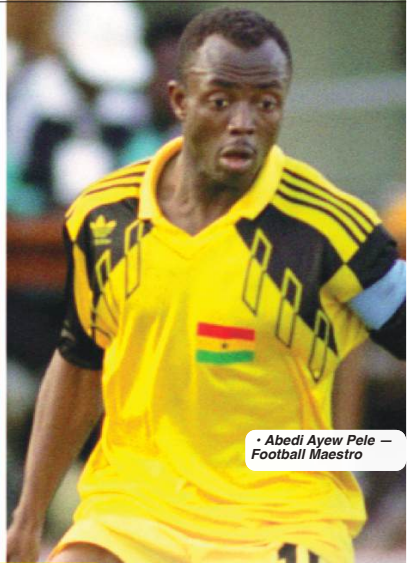
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• Asamoah Gyan  
— Football legend



• Azumah Nelson  
— Boxing icon



• Abedi Ayew Pele —  
Football Maestro

Celebrating 40-year legacy

# Graphic Sports to honour Ghana's outstanding icons

Story: Maurice Quansah

**T**HE *Graphic Sports*, Ghana's most authoritative sports news brand, has unveiled its upcoming Sports Personality of the Month and Sports Personality of

the Year awards initiative as part of the publication's 40th-anniversary celebrations, marking a new chapter in its storied legacy of championing Ghanaian sports.  
The awards aim

to shine a spotlight on the athletes, coaches, and sports figures who have not only excelled in their fields but have also inspired the nation and put Ghana on the global sporting map. From thrilling

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## Voice of Graphic SPORTS

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# Fitting honour for Ghana's sporting hHeroes

**FOR** four decades, Graphic Sports has been the heartbeat of Ghanaian sports journalism—documenting triumphs, shaping narratives, and giving a voice to the country's sporting icons. As part of its 40th-anniversary celebrations, the publication is set to honour those who define Ghana's sporting excellence with the launch of the Sports Personality of the Month and Sports Personality of the Year awards.

These awards are not just about accolades; they are about recognising the defining moments that inspire a nation. Whether it is a footballer's dazzling performance, an athlete's record-breaking feat, or a coach's tactical genius, the Graphic Sports is ensuring that those who make Ghana proud receive the recognition they deserve.

Since its inception in 1985, the Graphic Sports has been the gold standard of sports journalism in

Ghana. It has chronicled the rise of legendary athletes, captured the euphoria of historic victories, and provided in-depth analysis that has shaped public discourse on sports development.

For 40 years, the brand has not only reported the news but has been a key player in Ghana's sporting evolution. It has championed local leagues, elevated grassroots talents, and held authorities accountable for the growth of sports. No other platform is better suited to honour those who bring pride to Ghana.

Each month, the Graphic Sports will spotlight an outstanding Ghanaian sports personality—whether an athlete, coach, or influential figure—whose achievements have left a lasting mark on the sporting landscape. These monthly honourees will not only be celebrated for their excellence but will also earn a place among the elite contenders for the ultimate recognition—the Graphic Sports Personality of the Year. This prestigious accolade will serve as the pinnacle of sporting distinction, rewarding individuals whose talent, dedication, and impact have elevated Ghanaian sports on both local and international stages. To ensure a fair and rigorous selection process, a distinguished panel of sports journalists, analysts, and former athletes will evaluate nominees based on three fundamental criteria. Athletic Performance will recognise competitive success in domestic and international arenas, while Consistency & Impact will assess their long-term influence on their sport, media presence, and contribution to national pride. Additionally, Leadership & Sportsmanship will honour those

who inspire future generations and uphold the highest standards of professionalism. Through this structured approach, Graphic Sports aims to celebrate excellence, preserve sporting legacies, and inspire the next wave of Ghanaian champions.

This initiative is a game-changer. For years, Ghana has produced world-class athletes, yet recognition for their efforts has often been fleeting. Now, with the Graphic Sports leading the charge, these awards will ensure that sporting excellence is celebrated consistently and meaningfully.

The climax will be a star-studded awards gala, bringing together sports legends, industry leaders, and key stakeholders to honour Ghana's finest.

More than just an award, the Graphic Sports Personality of the Year is a movement—a bold initiative to celebrate excellence, inspire future generations, and cement Ghana's place on the global sporting stage. As the Graphic Sports marks 40 years of shaping the nation's sports narrative, it reaffirms its commitment to being the ultimate platform for honouring those whose dedication, talent, and achievements bring pride to Ghana. This initiative is not only a tribute to past and present sporting icons but also a catalyst for future greatness, ensuring that those who elevate Ghanaian sports receive the recognition they deserve.

With this bold step, the Graphic Sports is not just celebrating history—it is shaping the future of Ghanaian sports.

# Has Postecoglou turned corner with 're-energised' Spurs?

**WHEN** Tottenham Hotspur suffered a fourth consecutive Premier League defeat four weeks ago, it was difficult to see anything but a messy end to the season for Ange Postecoglou.

Yet last Saturday his side recorded a third league win in a row with a 4-1 defeat of Ipswich Town at Portman Road - the first time Spurs have achieved the feat since December 2023.

The result not only boosted their aim of securing European football again next season, but showed what they are capable of when not ravaged by injuries.

"We're certainly in a good space, using these two weeks as well as we could to re-energise the team," said Postecoglou, whose side are 12th in the table and face a Europa League last-16 tie against AZ Alkmaar.

"I just feel like we've got a really good opportunity in these next 10 days to be well equipped for what's ahead.

"What's ahead is obviously Europe, but also an opportunity to address our league position, which is obviously not good enough."

Winning is one thing, but the manner in which Tottenham picked apart Ipswich - and remained resolute at the other end - was impressive.

Brennan Johnson's two goals came against the run of play but were the result of superb wing play from Son Heung-min, while Djed Spence - with his first top-flight goal - and Dejan Kulusevski's strikes came when Spurs needed to kill off the game.

"I thought we did the hard things really well," added Postecoglou. "A couple of times in the first half we lost a bit of concentration in terms of the second ball and duels, disappointing goal we conceded, but aside from that I thought we handled that side of the game really well.

"I always felt we were a threat when we had the ball. Sonny [Son Heung-min] was unplayable in the first half and so good to get Brennan back in those areas where he's always a threat.

"All four of our goals were quality goals. We had to do the hard things, but the fruits of that labour was that our front third play was super exciting and clinical."

Tottenham's injury issues this season have been well documented and they haven't completely overcome them yet.

Striker Dominic Solanke is currently sidelined with a knee injury, while defenders Cristian Romero and Micky van de Ven have thigh complaints. Richardson remains unavailable, while Ben Davies

having returned in recent weeks.

The current absences are expected to be back within three weeks, meaning Postecoglou could have a near-full contingent of players for the most crucial stage of the campaign.

Despite their struggles between November and January, Postecoglou's side sit 10 points behind fifth-placed Bournemouth.

With fifth place likely to be enough to secure Champions League football next season, seventh will guarantee a place in the Conference League, provided a side outside the top seven doesn't win the Carabao Cup. Newcastle - who face league leaders Liverpool in the final - are currently eighth.

If Tottenham continue this run of encouraging performances and results then it's not far-fetched to imagine them closing that gap.

Before the March international break, they have back-to-back home games against Manchester City and Bournemouth, before a trip across London to face Fulham.

In Europe, should Postecoglou's side overcome AZ, then they would face Eintracht Frankfurt or Ajax in the quarter-finals.

Bodo/Glimt, Olympiacos, Viktoria Plzen or Lazio would await in the semi-finals, meaning Spurs are one of the favourites to win the competition.

While Postecoglou's ambitions at the start of this season haven't played out how he hoped, there is still plenty at stake for Tottenham to finish on a high. —BBC



• Ange Postecoglou

dropped out of the squad for Saturday with a fresh issue.

"We've still got some significant players out, [but] they're all to come back," said Postecoglou.

But the situation has certainly improved of late, with Wales forward Johnson, James Maddison, keeper Guglielmo Vicario and Destiny Udogie