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Safite, an absolutely phenomenal player

Elphas Shivute

Elphas Shivute was born in Walvis Bay on 27 September 1974. He was a player to marvel. He had made no bones about the fact that he wants to represent the country of his birth at international level. He became the first Namibian to play for a top-level side in Europe.

He was a player who was affectionately known as "Safite" (Elphas spelled backwards), who formerly started playing for the quaintly named Blue Waters and Eleven Arrows (1989 – 91) and played for Fifth Division Schwarz-Weiss Duren (1996), a nonprofessional side for which he scored over 13 goals in a short spell. When he arrived at Duren, under manager Joe Franken, the team was third from bottom but ended third from top largely due to Shivute’s scoring prowess.

His football dream? Never! The best was still to come. Shivute has made no bones about the fact that he wants to represent the country of his birth at international level. He became the first Namibian to play for a top-level side in Europe.

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