

Charlie Williams

Leopard class looked at the life and career of Charlie Williams. They found out that, although he enjoyed success as a comedian, he wasn't the best role model. He poked fun at his own race and other minority groups because this made him popular and got laughs from mostly white audiences.

In that era, the humour of Williams , struck a chord with the British public.

Charlie was an English professional football player who played for Doncaster Rovers.

He had a six month season at London Palladium and his own Granada TV show , “It’s me Charlie Williams.”



Charlie William was born 23 December 1927 and died 2 September 2006

Charlie Williams did jokes about himself and the colour of his skin.

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Charlie Williams was born on 23 December 1927. He was one of England's first black footballers. He was a professional footballer for Doncaster Rovers.

Then he joined comedy on a Granada stand up show in 1970. In 1972 he had his own Granada stand up show called It's Charlie Williams.

Lenny Henry said he told a lot of 'darkie jokes' and thought it was the key to his success.



He was the subject in This Is Your Life and the Royal Variety Command Performance in 1972.

He died in 2006 from Parkinson's and Dementia.



Charlie Williams

Charlie Williams, was the first black British comedian to experience mainstream success.



He was born on the 23rd December 1927 and sadly passed away on the 2nd September 2006.

Williams often poked fun at his color , dabbled with race issues and mostly the jokes were at his own expense.



He also played football as a career but it ended and he began working as a professional singer and comedian.

By Dylan and Summer.

😊 Charlie Williams

Charlie Williams was born on the 23rd December 1927 and died on 2 September 2006.

Charlie Williams was one of the first black comedians to have major success, he was one of the best black comedians in the world.

Charlie Williams was a professional footballer. His career ended when he was 32 years old. He then became a professional comedian.



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Charles Adolphus
Williams MBE (23
December 1927 – 2
September 2006)



Charles Adolphus Williams MBE (23 December 1927 – 2 September 2006) was an English professional footballer who was one of the first black players in British football after the Second World War, and later became Britain's first well-known black up comedian.

Charlie Williams

The first Black British comedian to experience mainstream success.

By the late 1970s Williams' success was subsiding and the winter of 1977-78 found him in Dick Whittington at the Billingham Civic, a far cry from the London Palladium.

In the 1970s Yorkshire-born Charlie Williams, with his catch-phrase 'me old flower', became the first black British stand-up comic to experience mainstream success, especially on television where, from 1971, he enjoyed a long residency on Granada TV's stand-up show The Comedians.



In the era the humor of Williams, struck a chord with the British public. In 1972 there was a six-month season at the London Palladium and his own Granada television show, It's Charlie Williams.



Charlie Williams



Charlie Williams told a lot of 'Darkie jokes' which made fun out of his skin colour and other black people's skin.



Charlie Williams was a professional footballer for a short time. He played for Doncaster Rovers.

- He thought it would make him famous, and it did but after some time he became less and less famous, as people felt uncomfortable with his humour.

"I would go to see Charlie pulling the house down doing stuff about 'darkies' and I thought 'this is obviously what you've got to do if it's a predominantly white audience – you've got to put yourself, and other people, down.'" - Lenny Henry

Charlie Williams

Charles Adolphus Williams was born on the 23rd December 1927

Fun fact!

Charlie's real name is not Charlie it is actually Charles! Charlie is just his nickname.

Charlie was a stand – up Comedian in 1971, and people enjoyed watching him because he joked about the colour of his skin, which is now considered racist.



Charlie Williams was an English professional footballer who was one of the first black players in British football after the second world war. He later became Britain's first well known black stand –up comedian .

Charlie was Britain's first ever well-know black stand-up comedian .

Did you know?

Charlie was born in Ross Lane, Royston, a small mining village near Barnsley, South Yorkshire!

Charlie died on the 2nd September 2006. He died from Parkinsons disease and dementia.

Charlie Williams

He died on the 2nd
September 2006.



He made jokes about himself being black.

Charlie Williams
was the first
British black
comedian.

Charlie Williams, before a comedian,
was a professional footballer.

He was born on the
23rd December 1927.





Charlie Williams became less popular as he made more jokes about his colour people felt uncomfortable and stopped finding it funny.



Charlie Williams hosted his own Charlie Williams show on BBC and hosted ATV's game show the golden shot.

He played for Doncaster Rovers.



Charlie Williams inspired another black comedian called Lenny Henry.



Charlie Williams

Charlie Williams was the first black comedian to experience great success.

Charlie joked about the color of his skin because he knew that it was one of the only ways to be a black comedian at that time.

After leaving Ryhill modern school, Charlie worked as a wartime coal miner and post-war, began playing football for the local Upton colliery team.



Charlie Williams was born on December the 23rd in 1927 and died on the 2nd of September 2006.

He used play for Doncaster Rovers which is a professional football team.

Yet when the 1956 Encyclopedia of football was published there was no mention of Williams.



He was the subject of 'This Is Your Life,' and he appeared in the Royal Variety Command Performance (both 1972). The following year he had his own Charlie Williams Show on the BBC and hosted ATV's game show The Golden Shot from 1973 to 1974

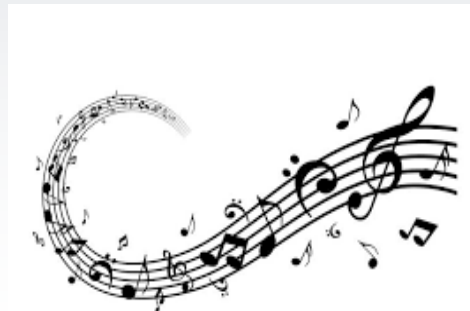


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In the 1970s British comedian Charlie Williams was born In Yorkshire. He died in 2006 from Parkinsons disease and dementia.



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In 1992, Lenny Henry described what happened when he first became a Comedian. "Charlie told a lot of 'darkie Jokes' I thought this is what I had to do."

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The first black comedian

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He died on the 2nd September 2006 having suffered from Parkinson's disease and dementia.

After his football career ended the, 32-year-old Williams began working as a semi-professional singer and comedian on the tough working men's clubs of the industrial north.

The political and entertainment climate had changed which froze out the likes of Williams.

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