

# WHY PHAN FOR *HAITI*?



With Philadelphia Union midfielder Danley Jean Jacques representing both club and country, suiting up in Union navy blue at Subaru Park and wearing Haiti's colors on the world stage, Les Grenadiers' World Cup run feels a little bit like Philly's, too. 2026 will mark Haiti's first World Cup appearance since their tournament debut in 1974, ending a 52-year wait.



Nicknamed **Les Grenadiers**, the team takes its name from the Haitian Revolution's military units. The forces that helped Haiti become the first independent Black republic in 1804.

Les Grenadiers secured qualification with a decisive 2-0 win over Nicaragua in the third round of Concacaf qualifying. For a nation that has navigated challenges, the moment was bigger than football. Haiti has had to play home matches in neutral venues due to security issues, yet they've stayed unified and competitive. **This is a true underdog story**—and we know Philadelphia loves an underdog.

## Player to Watch

A familiar face! Philadelphia Union fans know **Danley Jean Jacques**



The dynamic midfielder brings a relentless work rate and composure on the ball, quickly making him one to watch. He'll surely carry that same energy to the international stage for **Haiti**.

## Show the World How You Phan

Bring your Haiti pride to life!

Tag **@FWC26Philly** and use **#HowDoYouPhan** for a chance to be featured on our social channels. Whether it's your jersey, your chant, or your pre-match dance, we want to see it!

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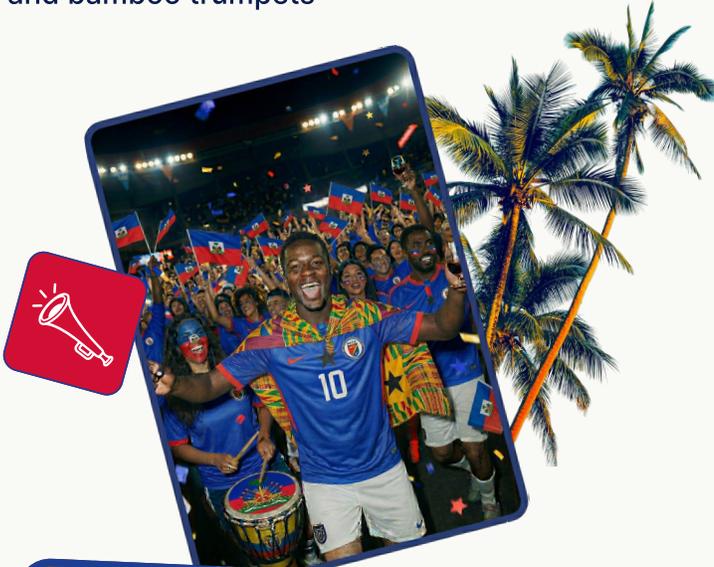
Make your own Haiti-inspired fan flair! Perfect for watch parties, classrooms, or pre-match hype.

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## How Haiti Phans Get Hype

If you hear the rhythm, you've found Haiti. Haitian supporters often bring rara bands (traditional street music ensembles featuring drums, horns, and bamboo trumpets



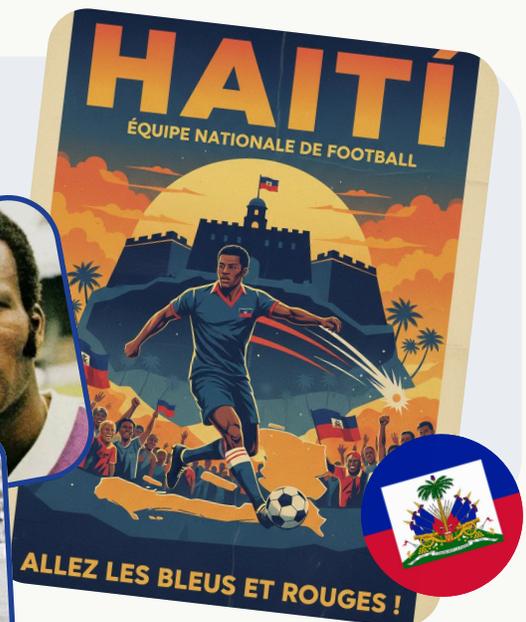
to football celebrations and watch parties. Matchday energy includes drums setting the tone, call-and-response signing, red and blue flags waving high, and dancing that doesn't stop at halftime.

**To Phan like Haiti: Bring the beat, bring the pride, and celebrate every moment.**



## Extra Time | Bonus Phan Content

Haiti made a lasting mark in its 1974 World Cup debut. In that tournament, Haitian forward **Emmanuel Sanon** scored against Italy, ending the defending champions' long streak without conceding a World Cup goal.



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