



Algerian national team introduces Kansas to football and they love it.

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In news nobody saw coming, it would appear that the Algeria men's football team are receiving a warm welcome at their [World Cup](#) base camp in Kansas.

Americans don't really get sport. They are famously terrible at most sports of note, after all. Presumably that's why they make up their own rubbish games - American football anyone? - and pretend that these sports have their own credible world championships.

But times are a-changing in down in rootin-tootin Kansas or something. A state is known for virtually nothing except that old film about Dorothy and her dog and some wizard.

Yet the (admittedly, very sunny and friendly) people of the state have fallen head-over-heels in love with the Algerian national team, who are staying in the city of Lawrence.

Like this bloke who welled up on camera after hanging out with the fans:

🗣️ "We were singing viva Algeria. I got goosebumps!" 🥰 🇺🇸🇩🇿

This Kansas local couldn't help but get emotional at the experience with Algerian fans. 📸
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Turns out that guy was a local artist who had created a massive Algeria flag:

🇩🇿🏆 Les Algériens rendent hommage à l'artiste américain Stan Hurd après sa création d'un immense drapeau de l'Algérie à Lawrence! 🇺🇸🌟
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Or this impossibly cute older fella who was overcome with emotion after catching football fever from the visitors and their fans:

🗣️ "I want to say thank you to Algeria for choosing Lawrence, Kansas." 🇺🇸
The locals in USA are all getting behind Algeria. 🇩🇿 pic.twitter.com/e2kejLtxjb

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The University of Kansas band even learned the national anthem for the team's open training:

The University of Kansas band learned the Algerian National Anthem to welcome the team before training. 🇩🇿

Absolutely incredible! pic.twitter.com/2qd9ABpiPo

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Algeria just gained some fans

Or these sweet young people with their nasal Yank accents who are rooting for Algeria against global titans Argentina:

🗣️ "We will be supporting Algeria against Argentina." 🇩🇿

The locals in Kansas continue to back Algeria. 🇩🇿 pic.twitter.com/YtJ3wZuUdK

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And these adorably goofy young Americans who we assume are called Skeeter and Biff, or Chad and Hank, or whatever who actually learned to do some football words:

The locals in Lawrence continue to support Algeria in Kansas. 🇺🇸❤️🇩🇿
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And some Yanks even attempted to do a form of dancing to support the teams:

Les amÃ©ricains qui dansent sur de la musique AlgÃ©rienne 🥰

Non vraiment le Kansas est dÃ©finitivement un endroit Ã part 🇺🇸🇩🇿
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And Algeriaâ??s community kick-about drag in thousands of Kansas kids who finally get play an actual sport that isnâ??t garbage:

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World Cup teams have mandated â??community sessionsâ? that are mainly exclusive ticketed events.

Algeriaâ??s community session was a real one, where the community was invited and now, children in the KC metro get to say theyâ??ve played with international soccer stars.

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Obviously the England team are there in Kansas too. And the Americans appeared to attempt to put some sort of weird curse them with this god-awful procession of cheerleaders and animal mascots:

A warm [@Chiefs](#) welcome for our [#ThreeLions](#) 🍷 pic.twitter.com/jDLQJTgzzM

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Hideous.

But hereâ??s the truth of itâ?! Yanks may be mortifyingly unserious buffoons about basically everything. But, this meeting of worlds has produced some incredibly touching scenes as Americans finally encounter an actual grown-up sport for the first time.

Are they treacly and annoying? Yes. Is their country a fascist wreck? It is. Do they walk around English cities talking too loudly and asking if buildings which are clearly not Big Ben are, in fact, Big Ben? They certainly do.

But even the most cynical Brit football fanâ??s heart can be warmed by how the Algerian national has been welcomed by locals at a time â?? and in a nation â?? where Arabs and Muslims are demonised as a matter of policy.

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