

# WEST MIDLAND SAFARI PARK



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## **AN ELEPHANT IN A LEAGUE OF HER OWN**

A 15-year old African Elephant at West Midland Safari Park in Worcestershire has proved to be a **champion of her league** with fancy footwork and her ability to keep the goalie on his toes. Not only is Latabe the Elephant adept at dribbling, she is remarkably good on set pieces and is certainly a match for 23-year old Lewis Hodson, her Keeper of eight years.

Latabe's skills were recognized four weeks ago when she started kicking a ball around during playtime. Lewis is passionate about football and Latabe proved to be the perfect opponent. She appears to know exactly what to do and what the goal is for.

There is little doubt that Latabe is **honing her footy skills to perfection** and seems to enjoy every minute that she is on the pitch. There may not be a champion's cup waiting for her, but Latabe has certainly won the admiration of her fans at West Midland Safari Park.

West Midland Safari Park has three Elephants, all of which were rescued from an elephant orphanage in 1998. 'Five' has proved to be an excellent artist; 'Jack' likes to help with heavy duties like pulling vehicles - a real 'Jack of all Trades' and now Latabe has surprised everyone with her rather

