BBC Women's Footballer of the Year

The BBC Women's Footballer of the Year award was introduced in 2015. The winner is voted for by members of the public. In 2015, five players were short-listed for the award and Asisat Oshoala was chosen as the winner. This article describes her reaction to winning.

Asisat Oshoala named first BBC Women's Footballer of the Year

Liverpool footballer Asisat Oshoala has become the first player to win the BBC Women's Footballer of the Year. The 20-year-old forward, who also plays for Nigeria, was voted for by football fans around the world.

Oshoala said the award had left her feeling 'happy and appreciated'.

She said: "I would like to say thank you to the BBC, to my fans around the world and to everyone who voted. It's a very good thing for me and also motivation for the World Cup. I had a very good 2014 and had the opportunity of going to the under-20s Women's World Cup with Nigeria and also won the Golden Ball and Golden Boot so I think maybe that added to the reason why people voted for me."

Oshoala signed for Liverpool Ladies in January 2015, with Manager Matt Beard calling her "one of the world's top young footballers".

She is the first African to feature in the Women's Super League, and says former

25 Reds striker Luis Suarez is an inspiration because of his ruthlessness in front of goal.
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Mary Hockaday, Controller of BBC World Service English, said: "Huge congratulations to Asisat Oshoala on winning the first

30 BBC Women's Footballer of the Year award. At still only 20, she's proved herself a formidable talent on the pitch. I'm proud BBC World Service is supporting the women's game and thrilled with the

35 interest in the award. I look forward to seeing who comes through in next year's shortlist."

The youngest footballer to be shortlisted, Oshoala played at the Under-20 World

40 Cup in Canada last summer where she was the tournament's leading scorer and voted best player.

Her performances led Nigeria to the final, where they were narrowly beaten

by Germany. Oshoala was also a major influence in the senior Nigeria team, who won the African Women's Championship later in 2014, ensuring their qualification for this summer's World Cup.

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	he Ugly Dacklag, The Little Monnaid and The Snow Queen. The Neal Princese will the	1 mark
2	Why do you think winning the award is "motivation for the World Cup" (lines 12-13)?	?
	There was once a prince who wanted to marry a princess. But she real princess, mind you. So he reveled all round the world, seeking such	1 mark
3	In your own words, explain why Oshoala thinks people voted for her.	
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	at the rown gate, and the old lung year out to open it.	1 mark
4	Mary Hockaday describes Oshoala as "a formidable talent" (line 32). What does this phrase mean? Use a dictionary to help you.	
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	something so hard that I am dure block and blue all or er. It is dreadful!"	2 marks
	How did Oshoala perform at the Under-20 World Cup in Canada?	
6	Find examples from the text to support your answer.	
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7	Do you think it was a good idea for the BBC to introduce this award? Explain your answer.	
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