

The Greatest Footballer Ever

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Introduction

I think Pele is the best player of all time because Pelé had all the skills needed to be good at football; technical, physical, and mental characteristics, skill, creativity, he could shoot and he was fast, he could do it all. Pele was also captain of the World Cup winning Brazil football team which I respect.



Player Facts

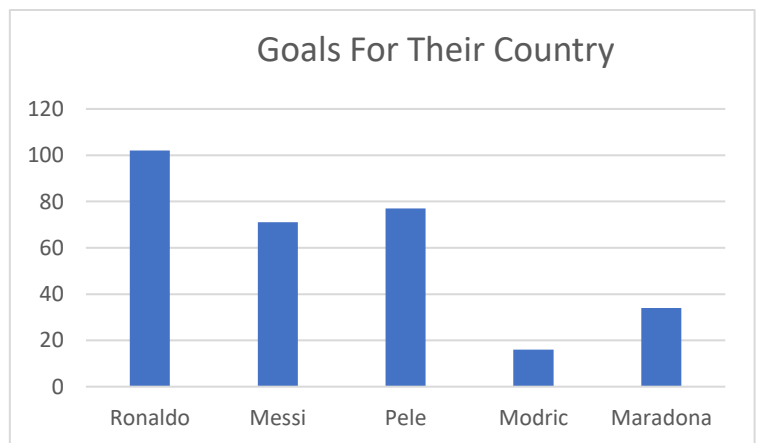
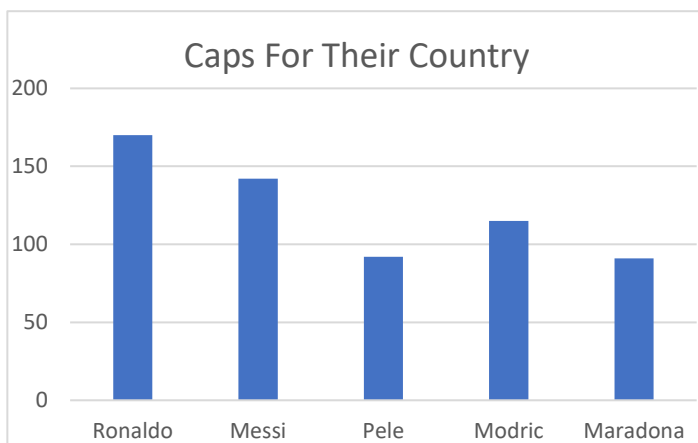
Pele was born on the 23rd October 1940 and is now 80 years old. Pele's full name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento. As a kid Pele did not have enough money to buy a football, so he played with a sock filled with newspapers. He had to take side jobs so he could earn enough money to survive. His first football lesson was from his father.

Pele played for loads of clubs as a kid, before joining Bauria athletic club juniors. He led the team to 3 consecutive victories 1954-1956. His coach Waldemar de Brito took him to Santos where he was in the first team. By 1957 he was the top scorer in the league. He then got a place in the Brazil squad, and played his first international match against Argentina - the score was 2-1 to Argentina, but Pele still scored.

The 1970 World Cup was the last World Cup Pele ever played in. He scored 14 out of 19 of the Brazilian goals, Brazil won the World Cup, and Pele was named player of the tournament. In 1974 Pele retired from football and left Santos, but in 1976 he signed for the New York Cosmos, where he dominated and led the club to victory in his first season. His last game was on October 1st 1977. It was an exhibition match between Santos and New York Cosmos, and Pele played one half for Cosmos and the other for Santos.

Pele's mother's name was Dona Celeste Aran Tes and his father was Dondinho. Pele's mother was an actor and father a Footballer as well. On the 21st of February 1966 Pele got married to Rosemari Reis Chorlbi, and they had 2 daughters and 1 son.

Pele finished his career with 92 caps and 77 goals for Brazil.



Trophies

Pele won many trophies throughout his career, both individually and as part of his Club or Country. His main team ones were:

Santos

Campeonato Brasileiro Série A (6): 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968[176]

Copa Libertadores (2): 1962, 1963[26][177]

Intercontinental Cup (2): 1962, 1963[178]

Intercontinental Supercup: 1968[178]

Campeonato Paulista (10): 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1973[note 4][180]

Torneio Rio-São Paulo (4): 1959, 1963, 1964, 1966[note 5][166]

New York Cosmos

North American Soccer League, Soccer Bowl: 1977[182]

North American Soccer League, Atlantic Conference Championship: 1977[182]

Brazil

FIFA World Cup (3): 1958, 1962, 1970



Conclusion

Ronaldo may have the better stats than Pele, but Pele has grown from nothing in his childhood into one of the greatest footballers in the world. There are very few great leaders/captains and Pele is one of them. That is why I think that Pele is the greatest footballer ever to exist.

“If you are first you are first and if you are second you are nothing”. Pele.

