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Over the years, the World Cup has seen lots of great winners, including Brazilian Mario Zagalo, who won the World Cup as a player in 1958 and then as manager in 1970.

There have also been some **unlucky losers**, such as the German striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge – the only captain to be on the losing side in the final of two World Cups (1982, 1986).





Gabriel Batistuta, Argentina

Highest Golden Boot winners

The Golden Boot is awarded to each World Cup's highest scorer. Here are the highest scorers of all the Golden Boot winners.

13	Just Fontaine	1958
11	Sandor Kocsis	1954
10	Gerd Müller	1970
9	Ademir	1950
9	Eusebio	1966
8	Ronaldo	2002
8	Leonidas	1938
8	Guillermo Stábile	1930

Most World Cup Finals goals

15	Ronaldo 1998, 2002
14	Gerd Müller 1970, 1974
13	Just Fontaine 1958
12	Pelé, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1970
11	Sandor Kocsis 1954
11	Jürgen Klinsmann 1990, 1994, 1998
10	Helmut Rahn 1954, 1958
10	Teüfilo Cubillas 1970, 1978
10	Grzegorz Lato 1974 1982
10	Gary Lineker 1986 1990
10	Gabriel Batistuta 1994, 1998, 2002

World Cup hat tricks

Hat tricks are when a player scores three goals in a single game. Argentina's **Gabriel Batistuta** is the only person so far to score a hat trick at two World Cups, in 1994 and 1998.

The **fastest World Cup hat trick** occurred in just eight minutes in Hungary's 1982 match against El Salvador. The scorer was Laszlo Kiss, who is also the only substitute to score a hat trick.

England's Geoff Hurst remains the only player to have **scored a hat trick in the final** of a World Cup, in 1966.

Just Fontaine wasn't even in France's first team for the 1958 World Cup. An injury to first-choice striker René Bliard gave Fontaine his chance. In his first match **he scored a hat trick** and ended the tournament with 13 goals, the most any player has scored in a single World Cup.

England goalkeeper **Peter Shilton** has had more clean sheets (not let in any goals in a match) at World Cups than any other keeper – ten in three tournaments.





Germany celebrate winning the women's World Cup, 2007

Germany's Miroslav Klose is tackled by Italy's Fabio Cannavaro

Ernst Loertscher of Switzerland will forever be in the record books for scoring the first own goal at a World Cup – during a game against Germany in 1938. In 2006, Marcus Allback scored the World Cup's **2,000th goal** for Sweden against England. Of that total, only 28 have been own goals.

Only one man has lifted the World Cup as a captain and then won it for a second time as manager. Step forward **Franz Beckenbauer** of Germany. His successes in 1974 and 1990 ensured him a place in the hall of fame.

Women's World Cups

Date	Hosts	Winners	Runners-up
1991	China	USA	Norway
1995	Sweden	Norway	Germany
1999	USA	USA	China
2003	USA	Germany	Sweden
2007	China	Germany	Brazil

Yung Hong Duk of Korea holds the unfortunate record for the most goals conceded by a goalkeeper in one World Cup. He let in 16 goals in just two disastrous matches in 1954.



The oldest ever World Cup winner, and the oldest winning captain, was goalkeeper Dino Zoff, who led Italy to World Cup glory in 1982 at the age of 40. The **youngest ever winner** of the World Cup was the fabulous **Pelé**, who was only 17 when Brazil won in 1958.

The World Cup's big winners

World Cups

Date	Hosts	Winners	Runners-up
1930	Uruguay	Uruguay	Argentina
1934	Italy	Italy	Czechoslovakia
1938	France	Italy	Hungary
1950	Brazil	Uruguay	Brazil
1954	Switzerland	West Germany	Hungary
1958	Sweden	Brazil	Sweden
1962	Chile	Brazil	Czechoslovakia
1966	England	England	Germany
1970	Mexico	Brazil	Italy
1974	Germany	West Germany	Netherlands
1978	Argentina	Argentina	Netherlands
1982	Spain	Italy	West Germany
1986	Mexico	Argentina	West Germany
1990	Italy	West Germany	Argentina
1994	USA	Brazil	Italy
1998	France	France	Brazil
2002	S. Korea/Japan	Germany	Brazil
2006	Germany	Italy	France

The very first international match took place in 1873 – England and Scotland fought out a 0-0 'snore' draw! There have been hundreds of more exciting and fascinating international games since.

Chelsea star Eider Gudjohnsen was brought on as a 62nd minute substitute when Iceland were playing Estonia in 1996. **The man he replaced? His father, Arnor!** That was the closest the dad and his lad ever got to playing alongside each other for their country.

India used to insist on playing their international matches without football boots and in **bare feet**. FIFA wouldn't let them do this at the 1950 World Cup, so they **didn't turn up**!



Former Brazilian international Socrates playing for English side Garforth Town, aged 50

Caps stats

Appearing for your country's full national team is known as getting a cap. **It is a great honour**. Some of the very best footballers reach a century of caps (100). In 2004, Karel Poborsky became the first Czech Republic player to appear for his country 100 times.

In 1976, Bobby Moore played with Brazilian legend Pelé in a US team against England. The match **celebrated America's 200 years of independence**.

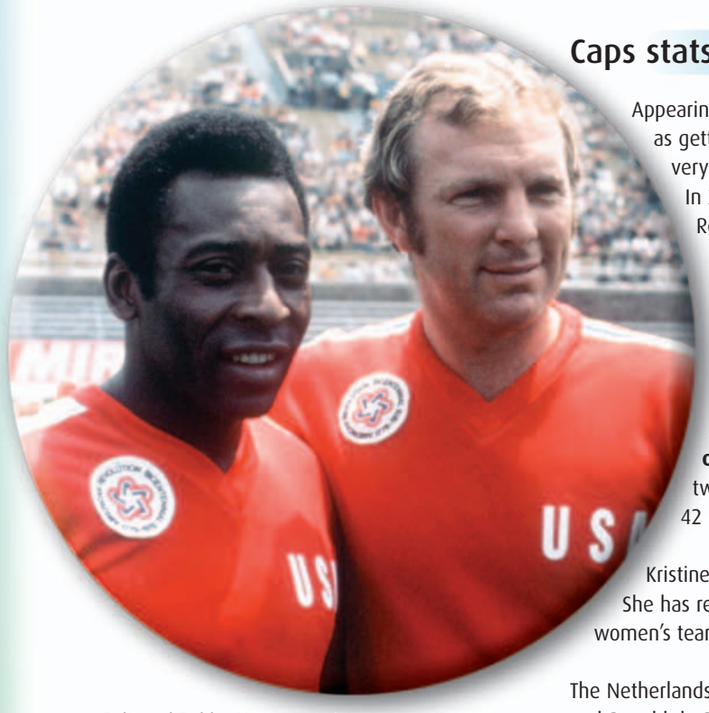
A few players have been **capped by more than one country**. Davor Suker played for Yugoslavia twice and Croatia 69 times. Lubomir Moravcik won 42 caps for Czechoslovakia and 38 for Slovakia.

Kristine Lilly is the **most capped player in the world**. She has represented the USA women's team 340 times.

The Netherlands' brothers Frank and Ronald de Boer have **179 caps between them**.

Another **pair of brothers** have even more caps. Egypt's Ibrahim Hassan has a fantastic 125 caps for his country. His brother, Hossam, reached 170 caps before retiring.





Pelé and Bobby Moore teaming up against England in 1976

Longest unbeaten runs in international football

31	Argentina	Feb 1991-Aug 1993
30	Hungary	June 1950-July 1954
29	Brazil	March 1970-June 1973
27	Brazil	Dec 1993-July 1995
27	France	Feb 1994-June 1996

International goals

Ali Daei has **played an impressive 142 times for Iran**, and has scored four or more goals in a single game five times!

International strikers who score more than one goal every two games are rated as top notch. Just Fontaine averaged three goals every two games, **scoring 30 times** in 20 matches.

The **fastest hat-trick** in international football was scored by England player Willie Hall in 1938 against Ireland. He scored three times in three and a half minutes!



Lillian Thuram has been playing for France for 15 years

Most international appearances

Caps	Player	Country
181	Mohamed Al-Deayea	Saudi Arabia
178	Claudio Suárez	Mexico
169	Hossam Hassan	Egypt
164	Cobi Jones	USA
	Adnan Kh. Al-Talyani	UAE
163	Sami Al-Jaber	Saudi Arabia
157	Iván Hurtado	Ecuador
156	Martin Reim	Estonia
150	Vitalijs Astafjevs	Latvia
	Lothar Matthäus	(West) Germany
149	Ahmed Hassan	Egypt
	Ali Daei	Iran
143	Mohammed Al-Khilaiwi	Saudi Arabia
	Marko Kristal	Estonia
	Thomas Ravelli	Sweden
142	Cafu	Brazil
	Lilian Thuram	France
140	Pavel Pardo	Mexico
139	Majed Abdullah	Saudi Arabia
136	Myung-Bo Hong	South Korea
134	Bashar Abdullah	Kuwait
	Jeff Agoos	USA
	Dorinel Munteanu	Romania

Disability no barrier

Hungarian keeper Karoly Zsak had a **finger amputated** after an accident, but won 30 caps playing in goal for his country.

Héctor Castro played for Uruguay, despite **losing his right hand** in a woodwork accident before the 1930 World Cup.
He scored Uruguay's fourth goal in the final as Uruguay beat Argentina 4-2.

Garrincha was an international star for Brazil, and player of the tournament at the 1962 World Cup. But he was **crippled by polio** as a child, which left him with his left leg bent inwards and his right leg 6cm shorter than his left.

Not an international yet, but one to watch, is Kenya's Fred Ogallo. Now playing for Kenyan Premier League side, Mathare United, Ogallo is **completely deaf** and cannot speak well. He has overcome his disabilities to play senior football in his country.

In 1899, the English FA suggested to its clubs that there should be a maximum £10 limit on footballer transfer fees. But, 102 years later, French star Zinedine Zidane moved from Juventus to Real Madrid for a world record fee of £45.6 million! Football today is big business, with top clubs being run as major companies.



Real Madrid's expensive all-star line-up (left to right): Esteban Cambiasso, Zinedine Zidane, Luis Figo, Ronaldo and David Beckham

Mega money



Freddy Adu in training for the USA team, 2004

When Everton won the English First Division in 1963, after splashing out £100,000 on players in 1962, they were referred to as '**the cheque-book champions**'. Fast forward to 2004/05, and the Chelsea squad that lifted the Premier League title. The club's owner, Roman Abramovich, had spent more than £200 million on players alone.

The small Italian village of Peschici won approximately £23 million on the national lottery in 1998. They immediately **put in a bid for Brazilian legend Ronaldo** to play for their village side!

Inter Milan offered about £500,000 for Freddy Adu back in 2000. His family turned it down. After all, Freddy **was only ten years of age**!

Out of pocket

In 1993, the Albanian FA refused to let its players swap shirts with the Spanish team after an international game – they **couldn't afford replacement shirts**.

In 2005, Dinel Staicu, owner of Romanian club Universitatea Craiova, offered the club to the local council **for free**. He later considered auctioning it on Ebay!

In 2002, Danish Superleague side Lyngby FC **declared itself bankrupt**. They played the rest of that season, but then dropped two divisions and reformed as amateur club Lyngby BK.

2004 TOP 10 WORLD MANAGER ANNUAL EARNINGS (£MILLIONS)

José Mourinho	5.1	Chelsea
Sir Alex Ferguson	4.1	Manchester United
Sven-Göran Eriksson	4.0	England (national team)
Arsène Wenger	3.0	Arsenal
Ottmar Hitzfeld	2.3	Bayern Munich
Fabio Capello	2.2	Juventus
Jürgen Klinsmann	2.1	Germany (national team)
Claudio Ranieri	2.0	Valencia CF
Rafael Benitez	1.8	Liverpool
Alberto Zaccheroni	1.6	Internazionale

2007/08 TOP 10 WORLD FOOTBALLER ANNUAL EARNINGS (£MILLIONS)

David Beckham	LA Galaxy	21.75m
Ronaldinho	Barcelona	20.25m
Wayne Rooney	Man Utd	16.09m
Cristiano Ronaldo	Man Utd	13.18m
Thierry Henry	Barcelona	11.74m
Alessandro Del Piero	Juventus	10.66m
John Terry	Chelsea	10.26m
Frank Lampard	Chelsea	9.8m
Steven Gerrard	Liverpool	9.38m
Francesco Totti	Roma	8.89m



Tony Cascarino was transferred from Crockenhill FC to Gillingham in 1982 in exchange for some **iron panels to repair the stadium and a new strip** – an estimated fee of £180. The big striker went on to play for Aston Villa and Marseilles and become the Republic of Ireland's third most capped player, with 88 appearances.

Transfer fee free

A handful of players are transferred for tens of millions of pounds, but **many players are sold for far less**, move on free transfers or are swapped for the strangest things.

Daniel Allende was signed by Uruguyan side Central Espanol from Rentistas in 1979 for **550 beef steaks**, to be supplied at a rate of 25 a week!

Manchester United paid £30.75 million in 2008 for Dimitar Berbatov. But, back in 1927, their swoop for midfielder Hughie McLenahan cost them just **three freezers full of ice-cream**.

Tony Cascarino (right) playing for Ireland against Turkey's Ozalan Alpay, 1999

Brazilian striker, Robinho surges around an Argentinean defender. In 2008, he moved to Manchester City for a club record transfer fee of over £32 million



TOP TRANSFER FEES UP TO JANUARY 2009 (£MILLIONS)

£45.6 – Zinedine Zidane, Juventus to Real Madrid (2001)
£37 – Luis Figo, Barcelona to Real Madrid (2000)
£35.5 – Hernan Crespo, Parma to Lazio (2000)
£32.6 – Gianluigi Buffon, Parma to Juventus (2001)
£32.5 – Robinho Real Madrid to Manchester City (2008)

TOP 10 RICHEST CLUBS BY INCOME IN 2006/07 SEASON

1. Real Madrid £236.2 million
2. Manchester Utd. £212.1 million
3. Barcelona £195.3 million
4. Chelsea £190.5 million
5. Arsenal £177.6 million
6. AC Milan £153.0 million
7. Bayern Munich £150.3 million
8. Liverpool £133.9 million
9. Inter Milan £131.3 million
10. AS Roma £106.1 million

The great game of football has made superstars out of some of its very best players. Awards, fame and glamour follow football greats like Pelé, Cristiano Ronaldo and Beckham, who draw huge crowds wherever they go.

The 2005 **Football For Hope** match between a World XI and a Europe XI was watched by millions of people on TV. The match was to raise money for the victims of the Asian tsunami. The transfer value of all the players on view was almost £1 billion!

Hidetoshi Nakata is undoubtedly Japan's most famous and well-paid player. In 2003, when playing for **Italian club Parma**, he was paid an estimated €9.3 million (£6 million) a year, the same as the top Spanish striker, Raul.

People discuss top players in some high places. In 1998, an argument broke out in the Italian parliament about whether Ronaldo should have won a penalty when Inter Milan played Juventus. It ended in a **fight between two MPs**!

Mia Hamm from the USA is the most **famous female footballer** – so famous that sports company Nike named their main office building in Oregon, USA, after her!

Mia Hamm, USA





David Beckham, England

Beckham bonanza

Although not the world's best player, David Beckham may well be the world's most famous. What other player has a **Buddhist temple in Thailand** dedicated to him, as well as a university course in England about him called David Beckham Studies?

Beckham missed a penalty against Portugal at the **Euro 2004 Championships**. The fan who grabbed the ball auctioned it on a website. The ball sold for £19,000!

In Japan, Beckham is known as Beckham-Sama which means Prince Beckham. On a visit to Japan in 2003, he was greeted by a 3m-high **statue of himself made out of chocolate**!

David Beckham moved from Real Madrid in 2007 to the Los Angeles Galaxy. His five year contract was believed to be worth a cool **£128 million**!

Long, hard work

Behind the glamour of being a professional footballer lies a lot of hard work. A **computer video study** of midfielders from Euro 2004 figured out that an attacking midfielder like Zidane of France or Figo of Portugal runs more than 11.2km in one match.

In a long professional career, a top player can easily play more than 700 competitive matches. That means a top midfielder will **run 7,840km** – that's about the same as running from England to China – and that doesn't include any training!

On November 11th 1987, Welsh striker Mark Hughes played for **Wales against Czechoslovakia** during the day, then flew to Munich, Germany, to play for his club, Bayern Munich in the evening.

Argentinean superstar, Lionel Messi is the only footballer to win World Soccer Young Footballer of the Year three times in a row (2006, 2007 and 2008).



Lionel Messi, Argentina

FIFA World Player of the Year

The coaches and captains of national teams all around the world vote for the FIFA world player award – **the ultimate accolade for any footballer**. Brazil's Ronaldo and France's Zinedine Zidane are the only players to have won it three times.

1995	George Weah (Liberia)
1996	Ronaldo (Brazil)
1997	Ronaldo (Brazil)
1998	Zinedine Zidane (France)
1999	Rivaldo (Brazil)
2000	Zinedine Zidane (France)
2001	Luis Figo (Portugal)
2002	Ronaldo (Brazil)
2003	Zinedine Zidane (France)
2004	Ronaldinho (Brazil)
2005	Ronaldinho (Brazil)
2006	Fabio Cannavaro (Italy)
2007	Kaka (Brazil)
2008	Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)



Ronaldo, Brazil

Awards



Jürgen Klinsmann, Germany

The first player to win the English **Footballer of the Year award** who was not from England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales was German striker, Jürgen Klinsmann in 1995. He was playing for Tottenham Hotspur.

The first winner of the English Footballer of the Year award was **Sir Stanley Matthews** in 1948. He also became the oldest professional footballer in England when he turned 50 years old and continued to play.

France's brilliant midfielder Michel Platini is the only player ever to win **European Footballer of the Year** three times in a row. He won the award in 1983, 1984 and 1985.