

# Soccer

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Since I was a little child, I watch and love soccer. I see too much of life in the soccer. This is the most important and relevant sport in the world, just see that England, France, Spain, Netherlands, Portugal and practically all the countries in the whole world, the soccer is the main sport practice. Is not by the random because the soccer is very easy to play everywhere you were. Even in the streets, or in a simple soccer field, you can play. You can improvise a crossbar with your flip-flops, work around with pieces of clapboard of the two sides of the field. In addition, the ball you can make with your socks, a Coke can, or why not with a tennis ball. Then is just have fun, play a lot, bet a bundle of soda with another team and make many friends. However, there something more special at the soccer, getting of the part of play it, and this part is to support a big club. At the whole world we many traditional clubs, that fascinate their supporters, and make people get crazy about than, because the love involved on them. We can talk here too many clubs like this way, like Real Madrid, Barcelona, Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea, Arsenal, Ajax, PSG, Juventus, Milan, Internazionale,

and others. Especially in Europe, we see the most beautiful soccer practice in the world. Over there has a tournament called Champions League, and for me this championship is more beautiful than the World Cup. It is very exciting because the teams are very engaged the win this and they give their lives at the field. Just see at recently events. In 2017, Barcelona and PSG are dueling by the quarterfinals of Champions League. At the first game PSG wins the game by 4 x 0. Everybody after the game are considering that PSG will be the classified for the semifinal, because of the large vantage of the goals. At the second game Barcelona should score four goals to take the game for the penalties, and five goals to classify forward. When the games starts Barcelona started to pressure PSG to make their goals, and they got three goals. However, PSG score one goal, and to be classified Barcelona now should make more three goals. Therefore, Neymar and Messi started their show. Especially this game were the game of the life of Neymar. He played very well against PSG. With too much effort Barcelona, score three goals and they classify to the semifinals.

That game were one of the most important of the history of soccer. It was a turning too many important and puts Barcelona at of most important clubs in the whole world. I will give you one more example. At this year, Ajax and Tottenham are dueling at semifinal of Champions League. At first game Ajax won at the house of Tottenham by 1 x 0. In the second game at the house of Ajax, Ajax opens the score with two goals. Everybody again, like in the Barcelona x PSG, consider that the Ajax will be the classified and one of the finalists. Therefore, Tottenham started a magic thing. A player called Lucas Moura; Brazilian, born at the slum of São Paulo, he played at the base category of corinthians, and after played in SPFC. Once he was consider a player like Neymar, but your career was abrade. But at this year and this game Lucas Moura give us a show, making a hat trick and giving the classification of Tottenham. Think that Tottenham are very traditional at UK, mainly in London, but at world level, they are not well-known, and that very exciting at soccer. An event like was happened of Tottenham is very common.

A club with not too much expression at the scene of soccer, won a game, classify on a championship, or even win an important championship. The favorite team not always is the favorite one, because between four lines all can happen. I don't see a thing like this in other sports, like volley, tennis, golf (who watches golf?), football, baseball, rugby and others sports. Soccer is a lesson of life in all this cases, like at the holy bible, the history of Davi and Golias, that Golias were a giant of three meters of height, and Davi were a little shepherd, and Davi defeat Golias with a stone launched by a sling, and with this defeat all the army Philistine.

We can use those histories, those turnings points, that classifications by our lives, confront our fear, and be a winner at life. Therefore, we can consider soccer like a therapy, and believe in ourselves that we can make extraordinary things. However, talking about the scenarios of South America, that we live we have many histories about soccer that I will tell now. Until the 90's the soccer at this continent were the most important in the world, especially in Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

Here we have too much traditional clubs too like, São Paulo, Santos, Palmeiras, Flamengo, Vasco, Fluminense, Cruzeiro, Atlético Mineiro, Athletico Paranaense, Coritiba, Grêmio, Internacional, Boca Juniors, River Plate, Penãrol, Nacional and others. Here we have a continental championship too called Libertadores da America, in memory of all South America's liberators. Libertadores doesn't have the glam of a Champions League, but here the competition are more roots. Like we have dogs enter at the field, the supports launching piss and bear at the adversary, the police protecting the players with their shields because if they not protect the supports launch stones in direction of the players, the argentines and Uruguayans, playing soccer like animals, wanting broke the leg of the Brazilians, and a lot of fights, even inside the field, even at the bleachers between the supporters.

South America soccer are amazing don't you think? The soccer reflects the society, which are very violent, dishonest, who just wants to take advantage, but even with all of this, we can watch

Libertadores and enjoy that, because of the soccer practice. The Libertadores for all South America Clubs is a big deal, because if winning this championship, they will play the World Cup of Clubs at the December and they can play with the winner of Champions League. It's very magic when your club that you support play the World Cup of Clubs, and forward I will tell you a personal history about my experience.

Like the two histories about champions league mentioned above, I will tell now some histories about Libertadores. In 62, 63 one of the most important teams of the World called Santos win the championship with a player that you may know, called Pelé. This player delighted the world at 50's, 60's and 70's, were consider the athlete of century and even today your perform are cheers by everybody in the world. This guy with you talent has stopped a war at Nigeria, just because people want to see him playing soccer like just him play. Can you imagine this? Stop a fucking war just by your talent, your geniality, showing the world your skills, and giving hope for people of a country like Nigeria.

Oh my god and this guy is Brazilian, that makes this more special, because of our nationality, and your country. My mind can't measure this. I want to be alive at this year to see that thing.

Still talking about Pelé, this guy makes success since 1958, at the first world cup championship of Brazilian team. He was 17 years old at this time, and make one of the goals (and how about a beautiful goal). In 1962 he divided the protagonism with another guy very known called Garrincha. Garrincha show to us a magnify soccer, and like pelé, everybody stayed very charmed with his plays and tricks. To be sincere, he was the best one at 1962, because pelé was injured at a part of championship. However, Garrincha was too much drunkard, and it harmed his career, because he at a part of time doesn't make the things with seriousness and he was taked out of the Brazilian team. It was so sad because this guy has a very very high potential, but the alcohol stopped him. He finally die at 80's, in the shit, poor, and nobody helped him. Let's talk about good things, and now I will tell a



very good history, about the Brazilian team of 1970. It just the best team that we Brazilians has had at our history.

There some names of this team: Pelé, Jairzinho, Rivelino, Tostão, Gérson, Carlos Alberto Torres, Clodoaldo, and the coach was Zagallo. Can you imagine a team with all this guys? In 1970 it was possible and logically we conquered the championship. My god, I want to be alive to see this guys playing, a very pure soccer. They played soccer with their hearts and that's so amazing and an example for everybody. That was the last world cup championship disputed by Pelé. Was a farewell with golden keys of the soccer. We Brazilians are too much grateful, even nowadays.

Therefore, after 1970, Brazil doesn't won more a world championship for 21 years. However, we always have had very good teams, like in 1982, 1986, and I will tell more of these teams after. In 1994 we have a very very suffered conquest. Take a look of the team: Taffarel, Ricardo Rocha, Mauro Silva, Branco, Bebeto, Dunga, Aldair, Cafu, Leonardo, Ronaldo and Romário.

You can imagine, why a team with all these good guys, has suffered to win the championship? However at 90's all the teams of soccer are equilibrated like nowadays, and the world soccer doesn't have any more fools teams. The most suffered play of Brazil has had at this championship was against Netherlands. What suffered play, because Netherlands although of never win a world championship, always has had very good teams at the championships. But we has passed of him and at the final we have faced an old and known adversary, Italy. Italy was one of the most traditional teams of world cup, like, Germany and Argentina. We defeated him in 1970, however in 1982 he eliminated us. So at the final of 1994, the match was too much nervous for the two teams, and the match goes to the prolongation. And at the extra time, nothing of goals and the match goes to the penalties.

Now we will talk about a player called Roberto Baggio, of Italy. At 90's he was one of the most soccer players, and at the final against Brazil, at the penalties he was very nervous, because a

dispute of penalties are very nervous, it doesn't matter if you are a professional or amateur.

At the final against Brazil in 1994, he should score the goal, to make Italy alive at the dispute, however if him lose, Brazil will be the championship. So he puts the ball at the mark of penalty, and at his front was Claudio Taffarel, the best goalkeeper of Brazilian team. The referee has whistled, allowing the shot. Roberto Baggio runs in direction of ball, and shot the ball above the crossbars, making Brazil for the fourth time world championship. It was the hardest title of Brazil.

At 2002 we won the world championship too, and I think that was the easier title that Brazil has won. It's just you see, he just have difficulties against England, but Ronaldinho Gaucho score a beautiful goal and give to us the classification. At the final we have faced an adversary never faced before, and was Germany. At this time we don't have in our minds that this guys should make 7 goals against us, like in 2014 (LOL). But in 2002 he scored 2 x 0 on him, and bring another championship to our house. Take a look of team of 2002: Marcos, Lucio,

Roque Junior, Edmilson, Cafu, Roberto Carlos, Juninho paulista, Gilberto Silva, Ronaldinho, Rivaldo, Ronaldo, Denilson, Kléberson and Ricardinho. It was a very good team too. 2002 was our last experience of won a world championship. Since 2002, it was just deceptions, like in 2006, where we have one of the most teams of history of the Brazil, With the magic square (Kaka, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho Gaucho and Adriano) , and at this time we were defeat by France, a very difficult adversary that we never defeated at a world cup.

Therefore, like 1970-1994, now he have 2002-2022 of wait of another title of world championship. Please, Neymar help us.