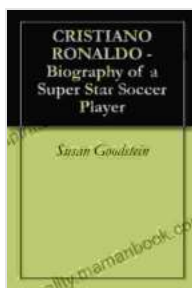


Cristiano Ronaldo: A Legendary Journey of a Superstar Soccer Player

Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro is a Portuguese professional soccer player who plays as a forward for Serie A club Juventus and captains the Portugal national team. Widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time, Ronaldo holds the record for most goals scored in the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA European Championship, and the FIFA Club World Cup. He is the only player to have won the Ballon d'Or and the UEFA Player of the Year Award five times, and the only player to have won the European Golden Shoe four times.

Early Life and Career

Ronaldo was born on February 5, 1985, in São Pedro, Madeira, Portugal. He began his soccer career at the age of eight, playing for the local club Andorinha. In 1995, he moved to Sporting CP's youth academy, where he spent four years. In 2001, at the age of 16, Ronaldo signed his first professional contract with the club's senior team.



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Ronaldo quickly made a name for himself at Sporting, scoring six goals in 25 appearances during his first season. In 2003, he helped the club win the Primeira Liga title, its first in 18 years. Ronaldo's impressive performances attracted the attention of several top European clubs, and he was eventually signed by Manchester United for a transfer fee of £12.24 million in 2003.

Manchester United Era

Ronaldo quickly became a fan favorite at Manchester United, scoring 118 goals in 292 appearances during his six years at the club. He helped the team win three Premier League titles, one FA Cup, two League Cups, and one UEFA Champions League title. In 2008, Ronaldo was named the FIFA World Player of the Year for the first time.

Ronaldo's time at Manchester United was marked by a number of memorable moments, including his stunning overhead kick against Real Madrid in the 2009 UEFA Champions League semi-final. He also scored a remarkable goal against Porto in the 2009 UEFA Champions League quarter-final, which was later voted as Goal of the Season.

Real Madrid Era

In 2009, Ronaldo signed a world-record transfer deal to join Real Madrid for a fee of €94 million. He quickly established himself as one of the greatest players in the club's history, scoring 450 goals in 438 appearances during his nine years at the club. He helped Real Madrid win two La Liga titles,

two Copa del Rey titles, four UEFA Champions League titles, and three UEFA Super Cups.

Ronaldo's time at Real Madrid was marked by a number of individual accolades, including four Ballon d'Or awards, three UEFA Player of the Year Awards, and four European Golden Shoe awards. He also broke the club's all-time scoring record in 2015, and became the first player to score 100 goals in the UEFA Champions League.

Juventus Era

In 2018, Ronaldo signed a four-year contract with Juventus for a transfer fee of €100 million. He has continued to score goals at a prolific rate, and has helped the club win two Serie A titles, one Coppa Italia, and one Supercoppa Italiana. In 2019, he was named the UEFA Player of the Year for the fifth time.

Ronaldo is one of the most decorated players in the history of the game. He has won a total of 30 major trophies, including five UEFA Champions League titles, five Ballon d'Or awards, and four European Golden Shoe awards. He is also the all-time leading scorer for Real Madrid, Juventus, and the Portugal national team.

Personal Life

Ronaldo is married to Georgina Rodríguez, and they have three children together. He is also a father to three other children from previous relationships. Ronaldo is known for his charitable work, and he has donated millions of dollars to various causes.

Legacy

Cristiano Ronaldo is considered one of the greatest soccer players of all time. He is a prolific scorer, a gifted athlete, and a charismatic leader. His achievements on the field are unmatched, and he has inspired countless young people around the world. Ronaldo is a true legend of the game, and his legacy will live on long after he has retired.

Statistics

Season	Club	League	Apps	Goals
2001–02	Sporting CP	Primeira Liga	25	6
2002–03	Sporting CP	Primeira Liga	31	8
2003–04	Manchester United	Premier League	39	4
2004–05	Manchester United	Premier League	50	9
2005–06	Manchester United	Premier League	46	16
2006–07	Manchester United	Premier League	34	17
2007–08	Manchester United	Premier League	34	31
2008–09	Manchester United	Premier League	33	18
2009–10	Real Madrid	La Liga	33	26
2010–11	Real Madrid	La Liga	34	40
2011–12	Real Madrid	La Liga	38	46
2012–13	Real Madrid	La Liga	34	34

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2013–14	Real Madrid	La Liga	30	31
2014–15	Real Madrid	La Liga	35	48
2015–16	Real Madrid	La Liga	36	35
2016–17	Real Madrid	La Liga	29	25
2017–18	Real Madrid	La Liga	27	26
2018–19	Juventus	Serie A	31	21
2019–20	Juventus	Serie A	33	31
2020–21	Juventus	Serie A	33	29

Records

* Most goals scored in the UEFA Champions League: 140 * Most goals scored in the UEFA European Championship: 19 * Most goals scored in the FIFA Club World Cup: 7 * Most goals scored for a single club: 450 (Real Madrid) * Most goals scored for a national team: 117 (Portugal) * Most individual awards won: 30 * Most Ballon d'Or awards: 5 * Most UEFA Player of the Year Awards: 5 * Most European Golden Shoe awards: 4

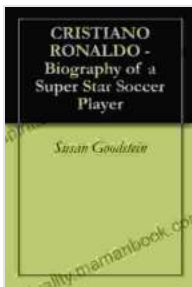
Awards

* FIFA Player of the Year: 2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 * UEFA Player of the Year: 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 * Ballon d'Or: 2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 * European Golden Shoe: 2008, 2011, 2014, 2015 * Premier

League Golden Boot: 2008 * La Liga Pichichi Trophy: 2011, 2014, 2015 *
Serie A Capocannoniere: 2021

Quotes

* "I don't want to be compared to anyone. I'm Cristiano Ronaldo." * "The secret is not to give up. Never give up." * "I always try to learn from the best." * "I don't play for the money. I play for the passion." * "I want to be



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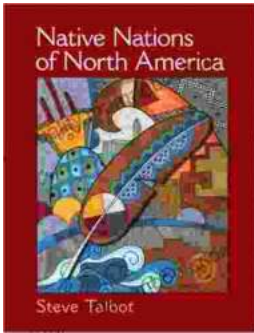
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