Ronaldo De Assis Moreira, also known as Ronaldinho (or his other well-known name, Ronaldinho Gaúcho) is a 39-year-old Brazilian footballer in which many people consider to be the best player of his own generation. “A player that’s well known for his technique, tricks, dribbling, his infamous “no-look” passes, along with many other things, he was one of the most important players in the 2002 World Cup that was able to get Brazil to win the finals (Gossip Gist, 2018). Since the age of 8, he had (and still has) an interest in the game of soccer and he’s been playing in many youth club matches. Close to the age of 13, he caught the media’s attention by scoring all of the goals in a 23-0 match, which in return made him become identified as a rising star, which also made him make his senior debut during a Brazilian Cup match and eventually signing a long-term contract with PSG (Paris Saint-Germain) in 2001 (Gossip Gist, 2018).

Ronaldinho was born in March 21, 1980 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. His father Joao Moreira, was a welder in a shipyard, while his mother Miguelina de Assis, was a cosmetics saleswoman who decided to become a nurse later on in her life. He also has an older brother, named Roberto Assis, which was also a soccer player but since Ronaldinho [ever since he was born] became surrounded with soccer which allowed him to become more invested in it compared to his older brother. (Editor, 2019) (TheFamousPeople, 2018).

Ronaldinho’s first professional contract was for a Serie A Brazilian League soccer team named Grêmio, and he first joined the team during a Brazilian Cup. He was able to obtain some success while playing for the team and he even helped them win another Brazilian Cup, named “Copa Sul-Minas” (TheFamousPeople, 2018). After spending some time in the French League playing for PSG, he joined the now famous FC Barcelona in the Spanish league in 2003 and was able to win his first league title in 2004-2005.

During his peak, he was able to obtain a lot of achievements in the 2005 year. His son was born on February 25th and his Biography would also show his Nike advertisement, in which he juggles the ball and repeatedly hitting the crossbar with accuracy and dominating the ball before letting it touch the ground, making it Youtube’s first video to reach 1 million viewers. (Soccer Maniak, 2019)

After spending 5 years in Barcelona, Ronaldinho signed with AC Milan in 2008 on a 3-year contract which came with a bumpy start. Before joining AC Milan, the soccer community found him to be an extraordinary player, winning the FIFA World Player of the Year in two consecutive years, winning his first league title in Barcelona and just playing beautifully, probably his best yet. However, after joining the Italian team, it seems as if his peak was on the decline, as he performed less than expected when compared to his outstanding performance in the Spanish league.

At this point in time, everyone was thinking that Ronaldinho was declining on his peak, which made him return to Brazil in 2011 to play for a team called “Flamengo” in Rio de Janeiro (Editor, 2019). The first season went great for him, as he was able to make Flamengo win the 2011 “Campeonato Carioca” which is a regional cup held every year between teams from a certain region. However, the following season became rough for him, as he missed many practices and performed average in game, which in return made him had his contract terminated, mostly due to unpaid wages.

He then got signed with another Brazilian team, “Atlético Mineiro. Many consider this club move to be the one that “reignited his dynamic playmaking abilities” which in return, gave him another shot with the national team to enter the 2014 World Cup roster. (Editor, 2019)

The general and soccer community consider Ronaldinho to be the greatest player of his generation, and easily one of the best in the history of the game. Although his soccer career was an “emotional roller coaster filled with high highs, low lows and a lifetime of unforgettable moments” (Editor, 2019), he has given us many reasons to both love the game, and love him both as a player and as a human being. He was featured in the ‘FIFA 100’, which is a list compiled by Pelé (the greatest soccer player in history) of the world’s greatest living players, which is a big accomplishment itself. (TheFamousPeople, 2018) To be recognized as one of the greatest by the greatest player in history is something very few can brag about, which is something Ronaldinho can do for the rest of his life.

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