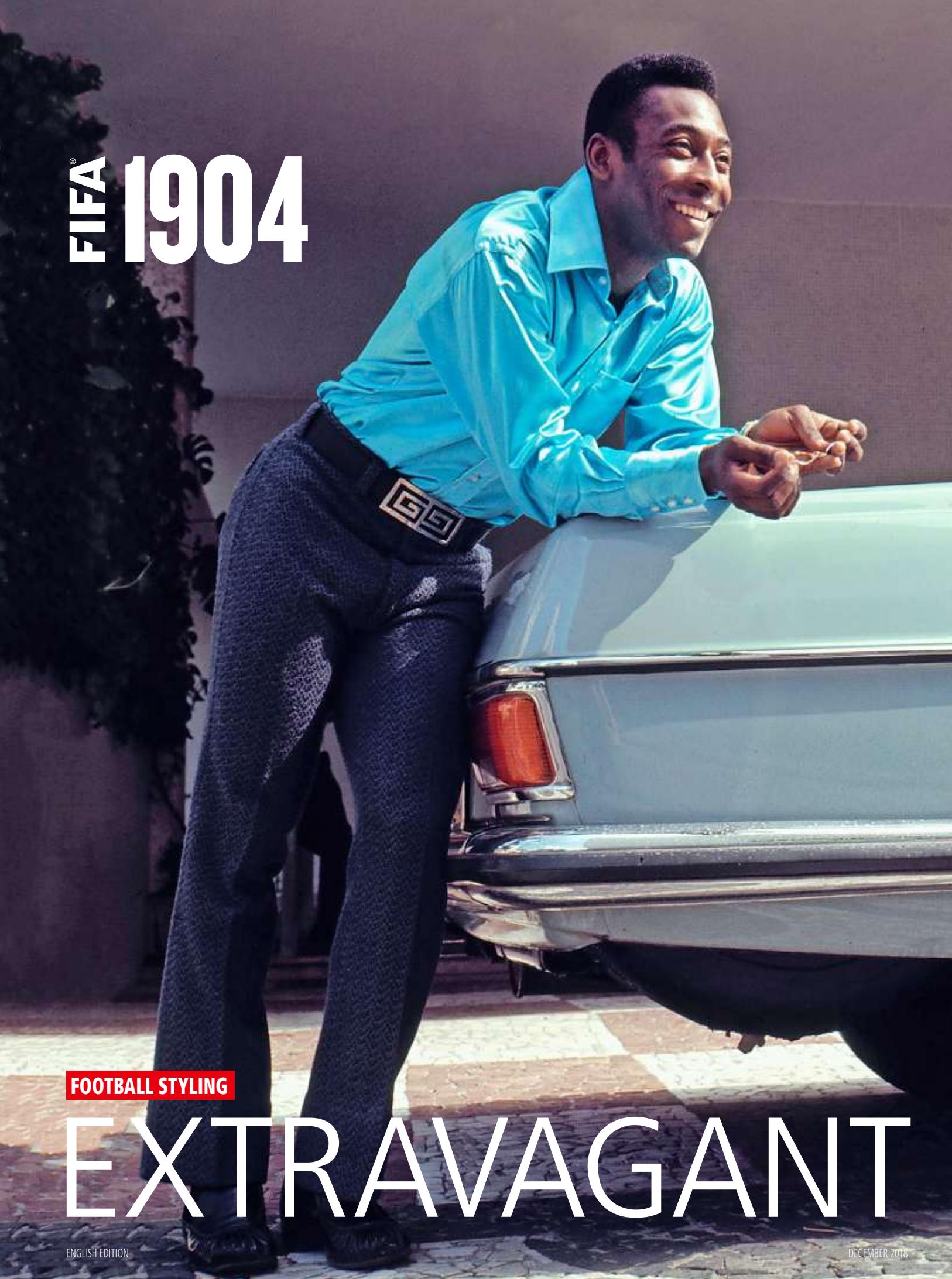


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LETTER FROM A FIFA LEGEND



Dear readers of *FIFA 1904*,

If you ask me what it takes to succeed in football, I will tell you: motivation and education.

My motivation began with collecting Panini stickers for the 1974 FIFA World Cup in West Germany. At that time I didn't really know much about football. Yes, I played, but I don't think I knew the rules properly. When everybody started to collect the stickers, I just jumped in and eventually I managed to fill the book. So when the 1974 World Cup came around, I already knew all the players.

I was particularly fond of the sticker of West German goalkeeper Sepp Maier. It stuck in my mind how Maier played in that game against Sweden in the heavy rain. I was hooked. From that moment on, I wanted to look like Sepp Maier with his big gloves.

That was my motivation. As for education: you don't get anywhere if you don't work hard. You have to put the hours in. And you have to take all the guidance you can get on your journey. You must believe in your coaches. That goes for all walks of life. I don't know anyone who has made it to the top without working hard and without accepting the

best advice possible. I know that, without a proper football education, I wouldn't have succeeded.

I was fortunate enough to play in so many great teams and to win so many titles. Being at the top of my sport comes with the obligation of passing the legacy on to the next generation. Today, as a FIFA Legend, I strive to be a part of the continuing worldwide football training and education that FIFA stands for. Players, coaches, everybody at every level in football needs a proper education in order to improve and succeed.

Just look at how quickly women's football has progressed in recent years. We have really high quality players, and I am looking forward to the Women's World Cup in France next year. France 2019 will attract a lot of attention from all around the globe. It's all about bringing the game to the people.

At France 2019, you will see just how good women's football is!

Yours in football,
Peter Schmeichel

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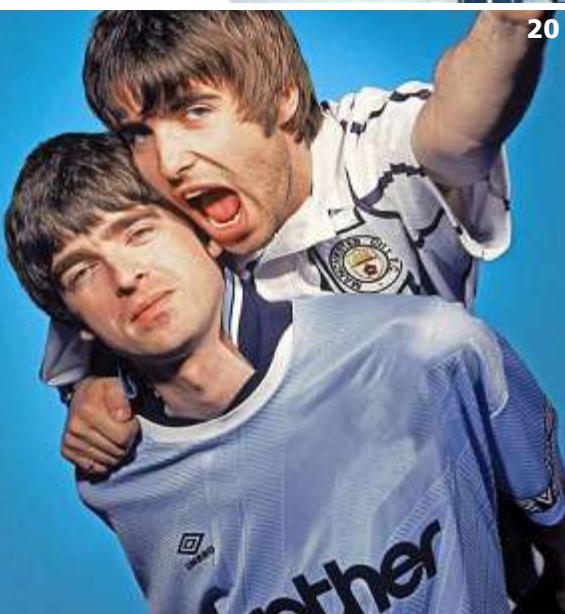
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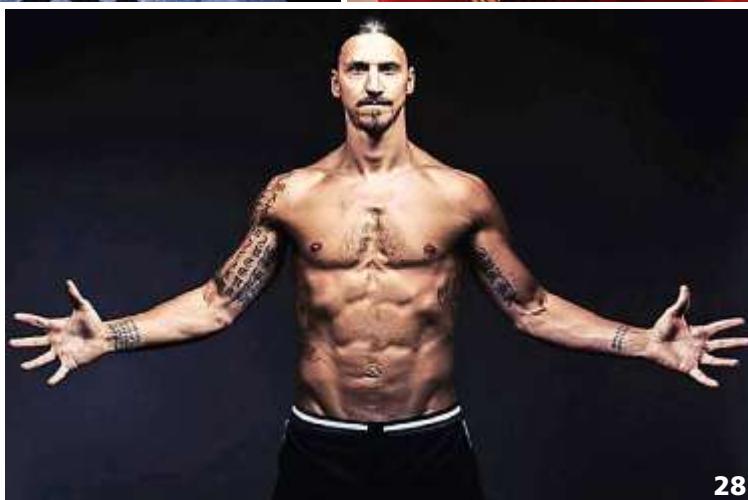
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Here we go!

Irish brothers Evan (10, left) and Reece Connolly (8) from Swords, near Dublin, cheer on their team at Dublin's Aviva Stadium in their match against Wales on 16 October 2018.



Harry Murphy/Sportsfile via Getty Images



Catch him if you can!

Jet-heeled 19-year-old Kylian Mbappé (middle), a world champion with France this summer, bursts past 2014 FIFA World Cup™ winner Toni Kroos (left) during *Les Bleus'* 2-1 win over Germany at the Stade de France in Paris on 16 October 2018.



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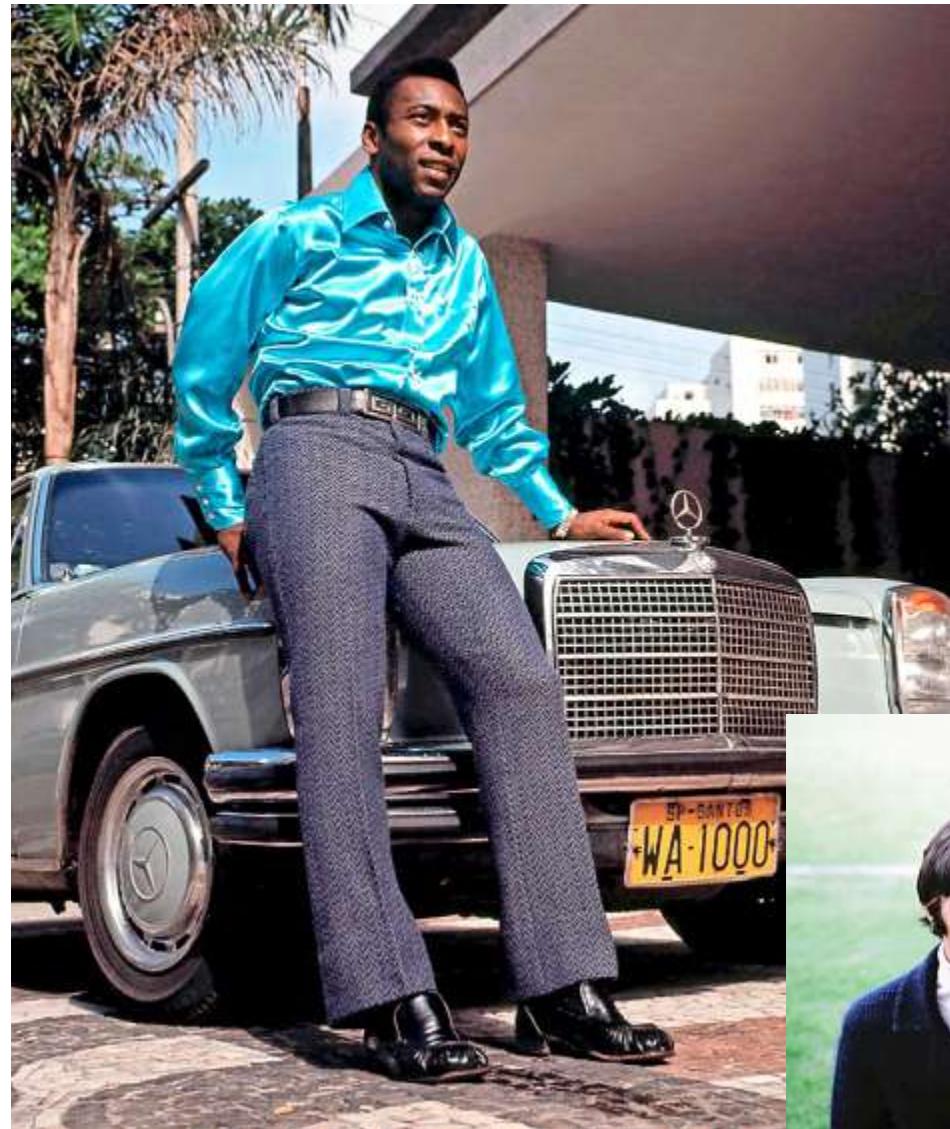


Bella figura Former Juventus President and Fiat chairman Gianni Agnelli (1921-2003) watching his side take on Lazio in 1969.

Playing beautiful football is one thing, looking good off the pitch quite another. Many players have certainly been able to do both. Here are just a few examples of some footballing fashion icons, dating back to the Swinging Sixties.

By Annette Braun and Alan Schweingruber

60's



George Best (1946-2005) – aka “The Fifth Beatle” – simply the greatest footballer that Northern Ireland has ever produced.



Gazing into the middle distance, hands resting on a warm Mercedes bonnet – there’s something timeless about this image of triple world champion Pelé sporting a satin shirt and gold watch.



In 1966, Bobby Moore (1941-1993) slipped into something comfortable from designer Sir Hardy Amies. At the time, few players were as iconic as Moore who, having led England to the World Cup title, was a hero for an entire generation. He remains the only man to have ever done so.

70's

"My girlfriend always told me what to wear," said Günter Netzer, who of course always carried every look off to a tee. The German star was known for his sense of style, and he even became an unofficial representative of the German art scene.





80's

Argentina's César Luis Menotti puffed and philosophised his way to the World Cup title in 1978. He even managed to carry his 1970s haircut safely into the 1980s, always paired, of course, with a stylish shirt-and-tie combo.



Shades aren't just for bright, sunny days! And if yours are as trendy and cool as those worn by Don Johnson in *Miami Vice*, then even better. Michel Platini made sure that the sun shone on Turin for five years during his time at Juventus, and here in 1987 he completed his look with a chic Italian suit.

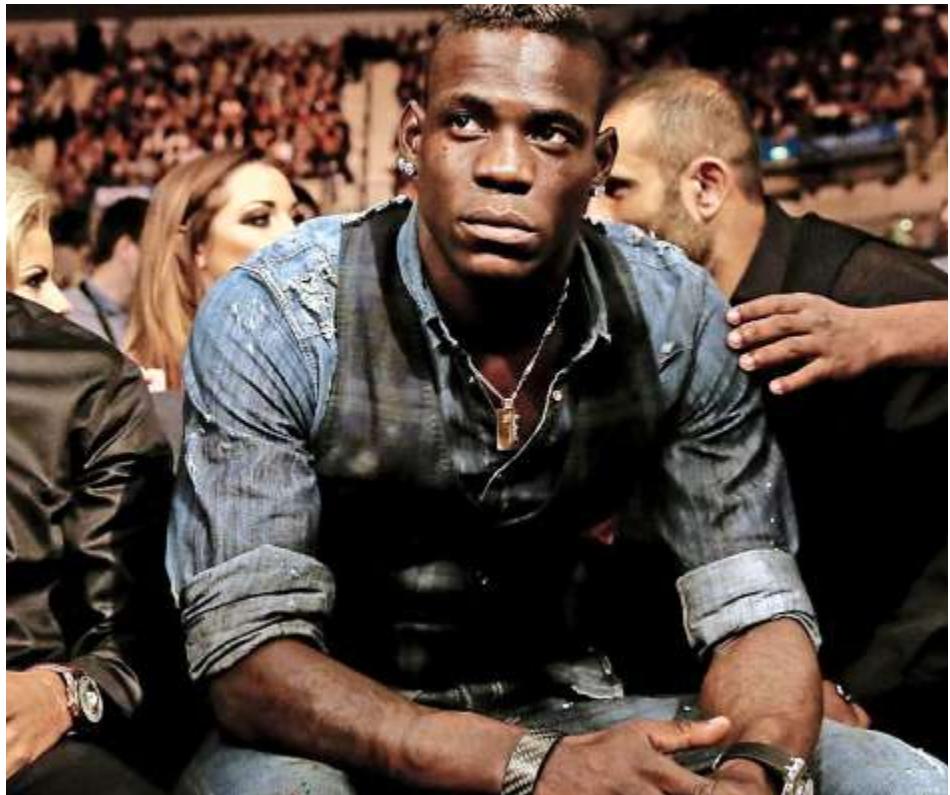
90's

Fashion in the forest – but who inspired whom? Did the 90s shape David Beckham, or was it the other way round? When footballers are also models, it's never easy to answer that kind of question. In the end, it always amounts to the same – and the second career is always launched during the first.



There is no mistaking this famous face from the world of football sitting ringside at a boxing match – and in some style too, it must be said. Mario Balotelli, pictured here in 2014 during his spell at Liverpool, effortlessly pulled off the denim and bling look.

10's



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Anyone who walks down Oxford Street in London dressed like this must be either a tourist or a football star. In this particular case it was Sweden and Arsenal's Freddie Ljungberg, who was on his way to star in a Calvin Klein shoot in November 2003.



Is it raining in Japan? No, it's Fashion Week in Paris. The youth of today may not have too many memories of Hidetoshi Nakata as a footballer because the Japanese icon hung up his boots in 2006 at the age of 29, but he has certainly carried on setting trends off the pitch!



Jordi Alba
Spain, FC Barcelona

HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

A mullet, a Mohican or just wearing it long with a hairband – with their hairstyles, footballers are not just a reflection of society, they can also be trend-setters.

So, when it came to hairstyles, what was the big hit of Russia 2018?

By Annette Braun



Toni Kroos
Germany, Real Madrid



Steven Zuber
Switzerland, TSG 1899 Hoffenheim



Alfreð Finnbogason
Iceland, FC Augsburg

The 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ is over. The victors have been crowned, France prevailing 4-2 against Croatia in the final and now proudly sporting a second star on their jerseys. Luka Modrić was voted best player and Thibaut Courtois best goalkeeper, while Kylian Mbappé won the young player award and Harry Kane finished as top scorer. Many awards have been given out, but there is one glaring absence from the list: which hairstyle came out on top at the tournament and dominated the scene among the participating teams?

AND THE WINNER OF THE “TRENDIEST HAIRSTYLE, RUSSIA 2018” AWARD IS ... THE SIDE CUT!

And the winner of the “Trendiest hairstyle, Russia 2018” award is ... the side cut! The side cut is defined by its asymmetric style: while the hair is trimmed short on one side, it is worn longer on the other side and styled as desired. This short style is a variation of what is known as the undercut, in which the hair on the lower half of the head is cut short, while the hair on the upper part of the head is kept at its usual length.

At the World Cup finals in Russia, the side cut, including a meticulous side parting, was the favourite among trend- and fashion-conscious players. Here are just a few of the players who had a side cut in Russia.



Philippe Coutinho
Brazil, FC Barcelona



Julian Draxler
Germany, Paris Saint-Germain



Ricardo Quaresma
Portugal, Beşiktaş

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FOOTBALL EN VOGUE



adidas Originals The "Germany 1990 Football Jersey Mesh Dress" is not just for a trip to the stadium.



No team colours in sight A group of young English fans, decked out in typically stylish leisurewear, celebrate a goal.

Football and fashion have long been bedfellows. How did that come about? And what do fans wear to the stadium these days?

By Perikles Monioudis

What came first, the chicken or the egg? Or: what came first, fashion or football? The second question is far easier to answer than the first, simply because it is a fact that, by the Middle Ages, courts had begun to set great store by dress codes, whereas the first binding rules for football "only" date back to 1863, when The Football Association published the first version of the Laws of the Game.

But, if you consider just how much fashion has influenced football – and vice versa – over the years, then the question about the chicken and the egg becomes more apt than ever. Fashion has certainly borrowed a great deal from football, which, with its international, global appeal and high standard of materials, cuts, functionality and aesthetics, is often able to create a ubiquitous style and look through strong brands and worldwide distribution.

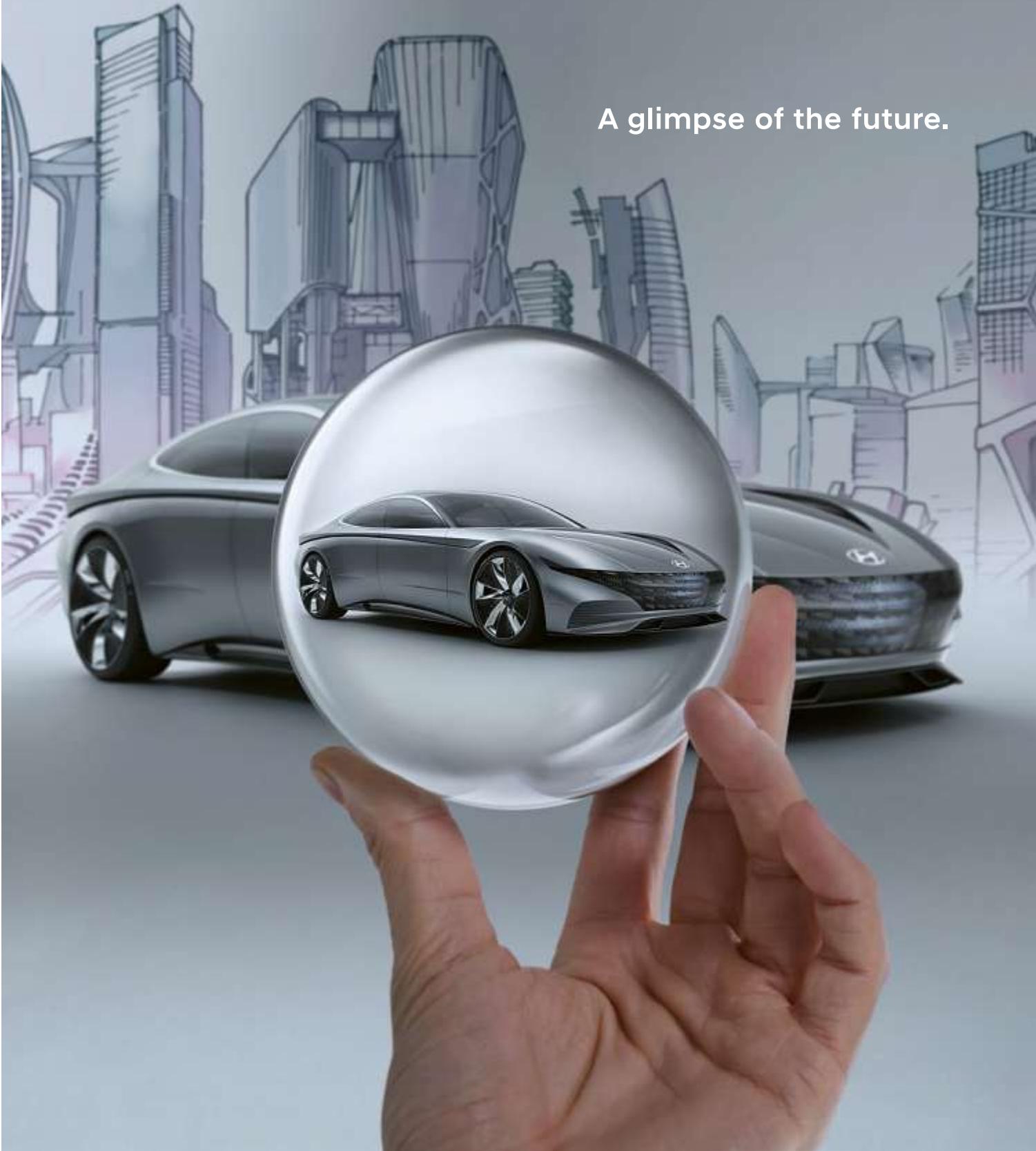
IT ALL BEGAN WITH TERRACE CULTURE

In football, it's all about "streetwear" or casual wear which, far removed from the rather shabby look of the tracksuit, quickly established itself not only as the supporters' gear of choice for a match but also in the world of fashion – not only on the catwalks and in haute couture, but also in the prêt-à-porter lines in shops.

This particular trend can be traced back to England, the country regarded by many as the home of football, where terrace culture – which fused elements ranging from your mates, the local pub and your team's sacred terrace – became part and parcel of the game in the 1970s, with fans thinking long and hard about what they should wear for their pre-match visit to the pub.

The answer, of course, was never a two-piece tracksuit. Incidentally, a certain Karl Lagerfeld is on record as saying a tracksuit should never be worn on the streets: "Jogging pants are a sign of defeat. You've lost control of your life, so you go out in jogging pants." Whether you agree or not is another matter.

Footwear is also a vital part of terrace wear, with fashion-conscious fans more often than not plumping for classic trainers, such as the adidas Samba. By the time Noel and Liam Gallagher of Oasis fame came along in the mid-1990s with their hairstyles, khaki parkas and expensive polo shirts, "Cool Britannia" had taken root on the terraces of the UK and would soon become a mass cross-over phenomenon too, no doubt helped by the Gallagher brothers often posing (and performing) in the shirts of their beloved Manchester City.



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SOUTHGATE'S WAISTCOAT

Over the past 20 years or so, a line of football fashion has developed to such an extent that it has shaped many – if not most – men in industrial nations. Now, there is simply no difference between what people wear day in, day out, and what they wear for a trip to the match. It goes without saying, of course, that people will always want to look as stylish as they can, which is something that the clothing industry has long understood.

These days, the look of choice for men between the ages of 18 and 35 seems to be a parka jacket, preferably in navy blue or olive green, paired with lace-up shoes, or even trainers – and if so, then of course retro-style trainers that first hit the market around 30 years ago. No wardrobe would be complete without a retro shirt or two, or a top-of-the-range polo shirt.

All well and good, but if you are the other side of 40, football has the perfect look for you too – the Gareth Southgate waistcoat, as worn by the England manager throughout his side's successful Russia 2018 campaign. The waistcoat itself came from Marks & Spencer, the official tailor to the English national team, who said after the World Cup that waistcoat sales had gone up by 35%.

RETRO MESH DRESSES

But what about female football fans? Global fashion search platform Lyst recently revealed that from May to June 2018, women's football searches for terms including the words "soccer" or "football" had gone up by some 210% month on month, and by a staggering 520% year on year from 2017. What exactly were those women looking for on Lyst? Two of the most in-demand

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Three stripes in the air adidas trainers have long been part and parcel of cult terrace wear.

items were vintage-style Germany 1990 and USSR 1991 mesh dresses from adidas.

The world of haute couture has also seen more and more football-influenced items recently, such as a striped football shirt from Versace featuring the famous Versace logo instead of a badge, and the colourful Versace football-style scarf that debuted at Milan Fashion Week.

So, what really did come first, football or fashion? Maybe one day we will know for sure.



Band of brothers Liam and Noel Gallagher pose in shirts of their beloved Manchester City in 1994 as the other members of Oasis – Paul McGuigan, Tony McCarroll and Paul "Bonehead" Arthurs – enjoy a kickabout in the background.





CULT ITEMS

Football shirts can be cool, or a bit naff, and some of them go on to achieve cult status. But what is their connection with fashion?

By Alan Schweingruber



The human eye can see nearly 200 different colours – which is a lot, bearing in mind our rather limited means of expressing them in words. Terms such as “mustard yellow” or “royal blue” also sound rather flowery, although they do have an air of refinement about them, and even footballers can be clad in sky blue (*La Celeste*, the Uruguayan national team) or in a devilish red (the *Red Devils*, Manchester United and the Belgian national team).

Which team has the most attractive shirt is often the subject of heated debate before major tournaments these days – and the matter can never be settled satisfactorily. Ugly is just ugly, while beauty is always in the eye of the beholder. Before the 2018 World Cup, all 32 teams unveiled their new designs, none of which particularly stood out and yet each had a certain something, on account of its retro style and familiar colours. The Nigeria shirt was more eye-catching than most, its pattern of zigzagging chevrons proving highly popular with punters. The green, white and black design (which recalled the *Super Eagles'* World Cup début in 1994) exceeded all expectations by selling out within minutes at many stores.

MARKETING IN OVERDRIVE

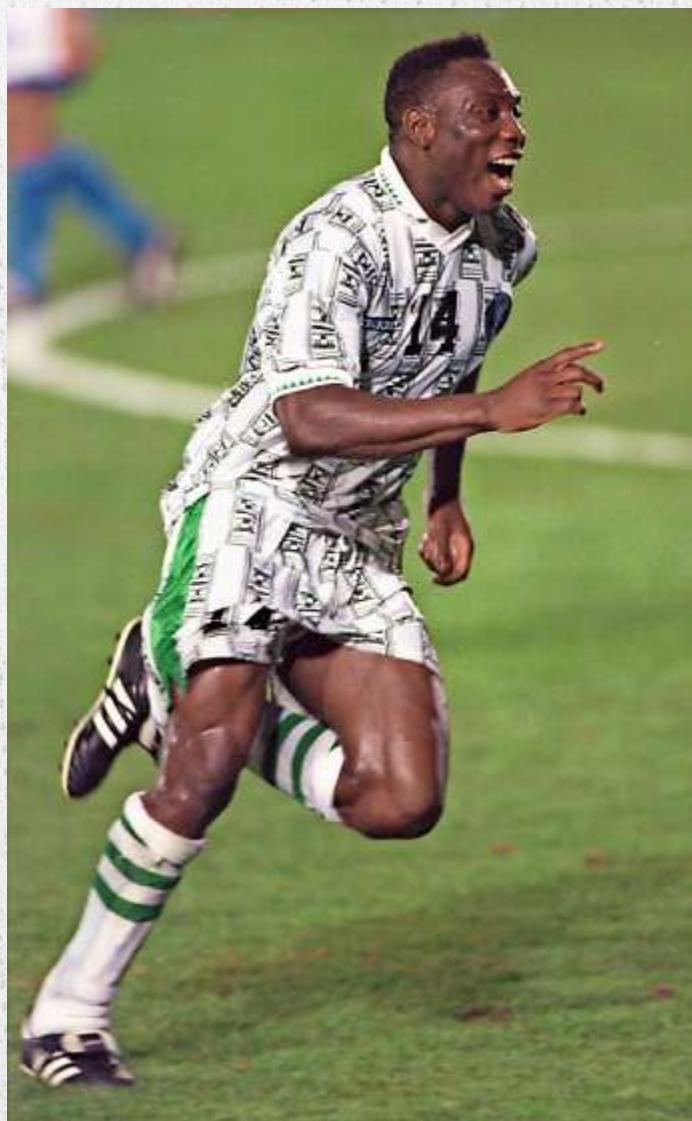
In the postmodern world of football, where nothing is left to chance, maximising profits from the sale of replica shirts is the name of the game. Sentimentality simply doesn't come into it. And maybe those confident fans from France and Peru who



Run on retro Nigeria's shirt for Russia 2018 flew off the shelves, with more than three million sold.



Timeless classic Peru's famous red stripe.



Nigeria 1994 Who could forget the *Super Eagles'* shirt from their World Cup debut, as sported by Daniel Amokachi above?

bought two or three shirts for the family before the World Cup knew what they were doing: the dark blue jerseys of the *Grande Nation* and the South Americans' classic diagonal red sash on a white background were, shall we say, the most timeless designs on offer. Put simply, they were fashion items that could also be worn on days when there were no matches or when the sweat-stained original was in the wash. This design factor – that shirts can be worn in the pub or when out and about in town – has been an increasing part of marketing strategies in recent years.

It must be a nice problem for a fan to have when it comes to deciding between wearing a national team shirt with no advertising and pulling on one in his or her club's colours, with brands and slogans plastered all over it, once a week. Shirt advertising can also yield success: if there is an attractive brand on the jersey, it can eventually become so embedded in the fan's memory that it is no longer possible to imagine the shirt without it. In the best-case scenario, such advertising can go beyond the norm, as it did at the end of the eighties when an American food producer promoted a chocolate bar for three years on the (sky-blue) shirt of Napoli. Copious quantities of sugar and cocoa may not have made the brilliant Diego Maradona any faster, in fact just the opposite, but that perhaps misses the point: after all, chocolate and sport are hardly natural bedfellows. Something went right on the pitch, anyway, as Napoli became Serie A champions in 1990 for the second time. It was a triumph, and the shirt achieved cult status.

THREE MILLION ORDERS

By coincidence, the shirt of reigning Serie A champions Juventus also features the four letters of a famous brand, which is likewise the result of a long-standing agreement with an American firm. What was probably not a coincidence, however, was the recent decision of one of the best footballers on the planet to ply his trade in Italy, a country of course with a huge football pedigree. Cristiano Ronaldo's move to Turin has a touch of the prescient about it and may also be an indication that the scandal-plagued league is on its way back to the top of the global tree. As far as the shirt merchandising of Juventus is concerned, the club should maybe take a leaf out of the book of CR7's former club Real Madrid, whose president Florentino Pérez once admitted that his club's marquee signings were motivated as much by shirt sales as they were by the player's footballing prowess.

In such cases, the production of shirts presents many major challenges, some of which, it seems, cannot be overcome. No



King of Naples Diego Maradona in the famous blue shirt in which Napoli won their second – and to date last – *Serie A* title (1989/90).

sooner has the ink dried on the contract than the textile machines start up – otherwise, demand may exceed supply, as was the case with Nigeria's 2018 shirt, sales of which the supplier had clearly not anticipated. It sold more than three million worldwide.



Très chic! Brazilian supermodel Adriana Lima had a rather fashionable statement to make for football and the Seleção at Paris Fashion Week (2 July 2018).

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A MAJOR ADVANTAGE

Looking good includes wearing the right footwear – and when it comes to football boots, the adidas Glitch brings something new to the party.

By Perikles Monioudis

A lot of people like to step out in style, but where footwear and football are concerned, functionality comes first. Not that football boots have to be ugly and clunky. Far from it – with lightweight materials and a wide array of colours, things have come a long way since the first studded leather boots came out in the 1920s.

An adidas Glitch fan Austrian international Valentino Lazaro, pictured here in acrobatic action for his club Hertha Berlin, swears by the new, innovative footwear.

ACHIEVE THE UNEXPECTED

The latest innovation from adidas is known as the “Glitch” and has a lot to offer footballers. The name is an apt term for what this boot is intended to stand for. While an electronics glitch is an interfering electronic pulse or an inexplicable minor malfunction in a computer, in gamerspeak it is not simply a negative term. Gamers often push software to its absolute limits, so that every now and then, the game reacts a little bit differently to how you would expect it to in terms of graphics or play. Gamers then attempt to repeat and exploit these “glitches”, thus turning them into a major advantage.

And that is precisely the case with the adidas Glitch boot on the football pitch: it can achieve the unexpected, overcome the opposition’s system and put your opponent on the wrong foot, so to speak.

NO DESIRES LEFT UNFULFILLED

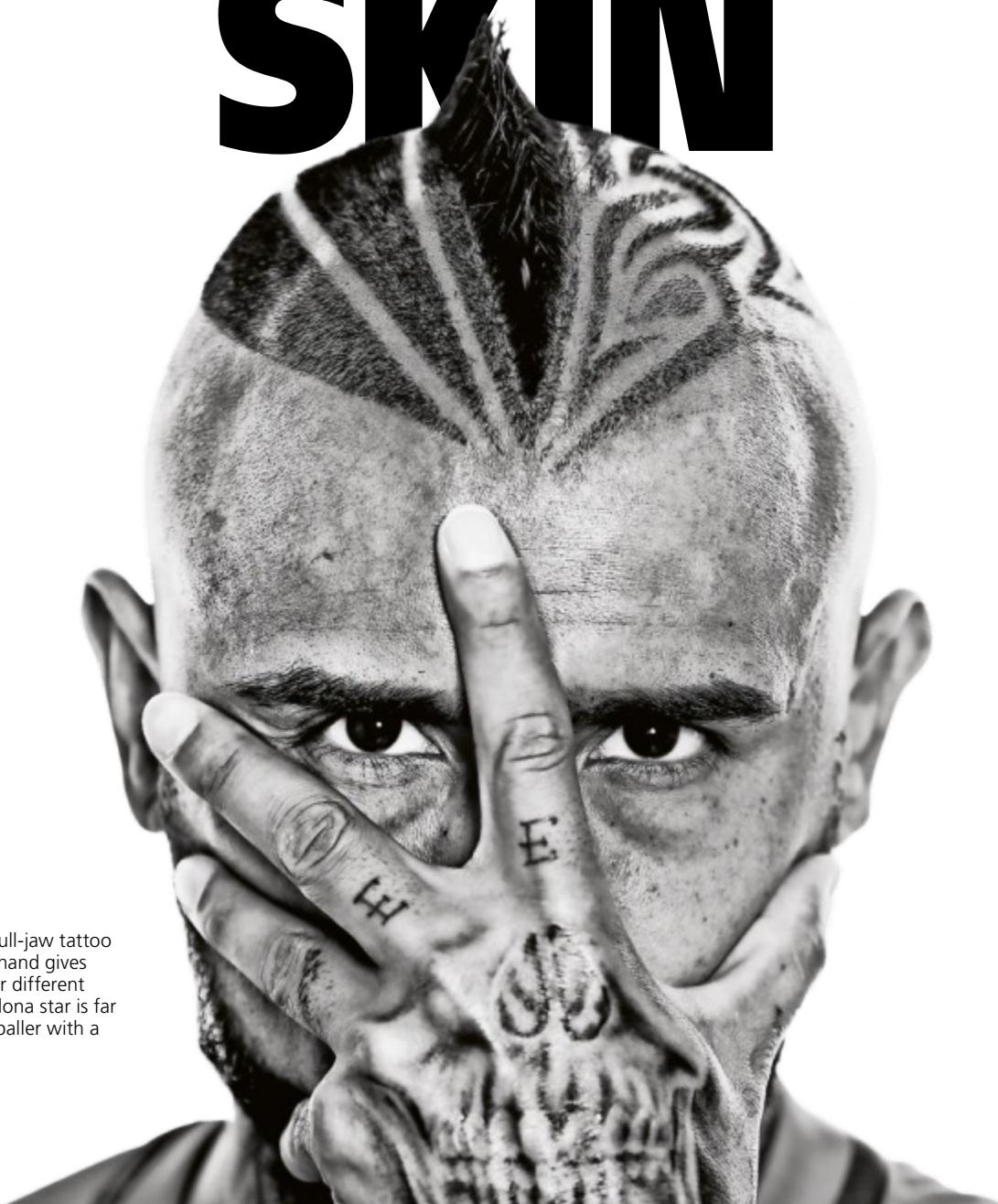
The adidas Glitch is the king of unexpected innovation. It has an inner sole and a laceless, interchangeable outer skin, with optional studs. This means that the Glitch is an exceptionally good fit and can thus help to improve ball control.

It is an attractive prospect for players like Erik Lamela, Dominic Solanke and Valentino Lazaro, creative players who know how to achieve the unexpected.

Fancy a pair of adidas Glitch? Download the Glitch app – currently available in the UK, Germany and France.

FOOTBALL STYLING

UNDER THE SKIN



Arturo Vidal A skull-jaw tattoo on the back of his hand gives Vidal's face a rather different look. The FC Barcelona star is far from the only footballer with a thing for tattoos...

In the old days, tattoos were for rock stars. In some communities, one third of people have tattoos. The eternal ink also enjoys great popularity among footballers – in very different forms and shapes.

By Annette Braun



Zlatan Ibrahimović "Getting tattoos became like a drug for me," admitted Ibrahimović in his autobiography. The lion tattoo that covers his entire back is particularly striking.

The lion has his mouth wide open. He looks like he is roaring and bursting with almost uncontrollable power. His eyes are focused and fearless. His sharp canine teeth earn him respect. Zlatan Ibrahimović's tattoo on his back symbolises strength and aggressiveness. Like the player himself?

If you want to know how players think, what they value and what they identify with, you can read interviews. They provide an insight into players and reflect their personalities – or at least partially. But you can also look at the works of art that adorn their bodies. There are logos, symbols and numbers that are so important to the players that they want them under their skin forever, and are thus an expression of their self-perception, their interests and their ideas about life.

The lion is a popular motif. It is not only Ibrahimović who has the predator with him at all times – Mesut Özil and Sergio Ramos bear the king of the jungle too. Another high-flyer in the league for the most popular tattoos is a watch with

Roman numerals, as can be seen not only on James Rodriguez and Toni Kroos, but also Lionel Messi. Family also plays an important role. The names of children, their birthdays or, as in the case of Jérôme Boateng, the entire family tree can be immortalised in ink.

THE TRENDSETTER: DAVID BECKHAM

The pioneer of the passion for tattoos in professional football was probably David Beckham. In the late 1990s, following the birth of his son, Brooklyn, he had his name tattooed on his skin – his first tattoo. Now, there is hardly any free space left on his body. Angels, quotes, shirt numbers, a rose and a lot more besides are all there to be seen.

In doing so, he started a trend. If you take a look at the teams today, tattooed players are no longer a rarity. Quite the opposite in fact. In the stadium, you can now enjoy not only the accumulated football talent, but also the inked works of body art. There are no boundaries when it comes to the designs.

Daniele De Rossi The warning sign inked on his leg could well be a visual clue as to what opponents can expect when they come up against the combative Roma midfielder.





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SOME PLAYERS CAN PRODUCE WORKS OF ART ON THE PITCH – AND TATTOO ARTISTS CAN DO THE SAME ON FOOTBALLERS' BODIES.

If Marco Reus should wake up one day and momentarily forget who he is, then a quick glance at his arm would do the trick as the German star has had his name and birthday, among other things, tattooed there. Argentina's Sergio Agüero has also had his name emblazoned on his skin, albeit in Tengwar – a fantasy Elvish language from *The Lord of the Rings*. Leroy Sané even went one step further. He had his own picture inked on his back,

depicting his goal celebration in the Champions League against Monaco in 2017.

WARNING: TACKLE!

Football is the focus of many tattoos: trophies, club emblems, a significant date or even a homage to one's own image. Daniele De Rossi has also done justice to his reputation on the pitch in his choice of tattoos – the Italian is famous for his

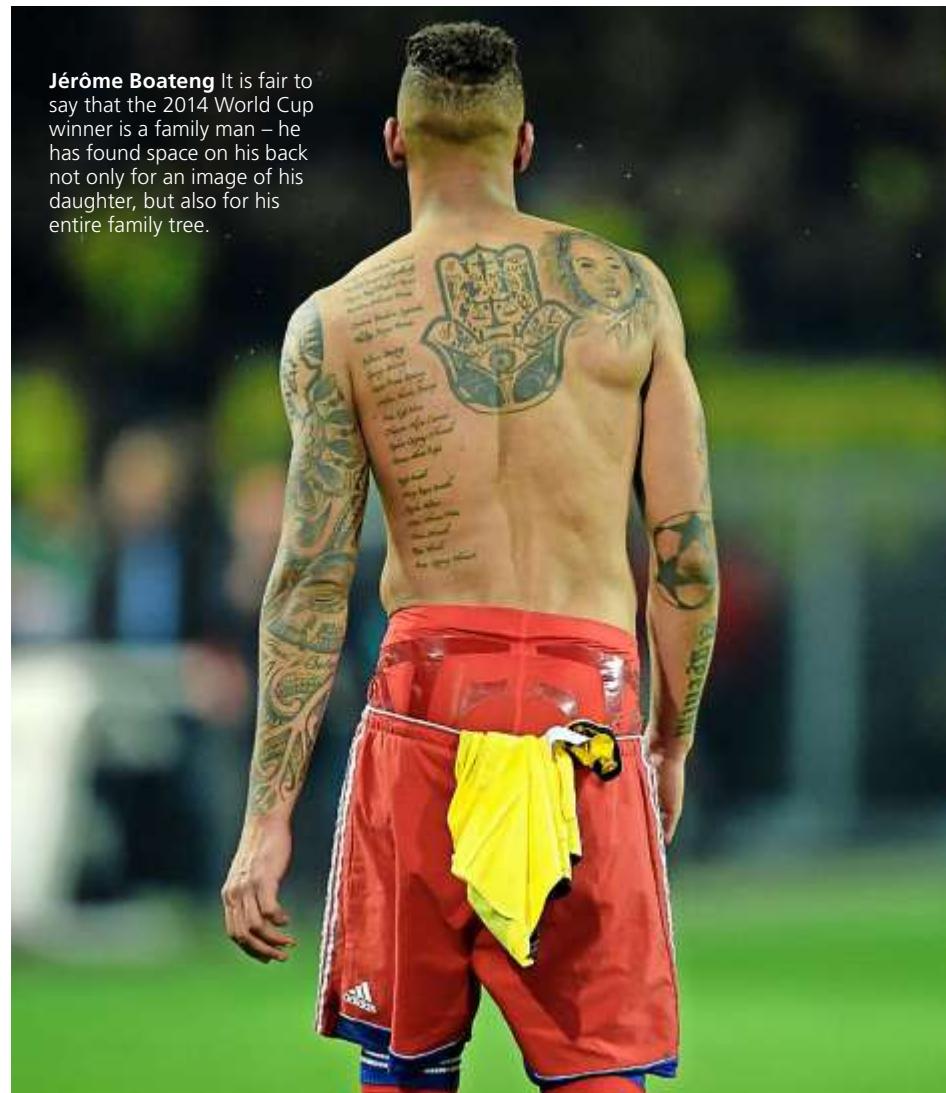


Lionel Messi A huge fan of tattoos, from a pocket watch on his arm to a full black lower-leg sleeve.

no-nonsense tackling. His tattoo represents a not entirely serious warning for all his opponents. Beware of a tackle, otherwise you might lose a leg!

Tattoos are regarded as the strengthening of one's own self. For footballers, it is perhaps more about a sign of autonomy in a life otherwise predominantly determined by others. On the one hand, there is Cristiano Ronaldo, who has gone against the trend and against tattoos, and on the other is Lionel Messi, whose lower leg shines in black – like a permanent football sock. In other words: anything is possible.

The former Danish professional Daniel Agger not only has a variety of tattoos, including a Viking on his back, but even had training to become a tattoo artist. This passion is not merely skin-deep, it seems to be addictive. We can't wait to see who the next player will be to have the lion roaring.



Jérôme Boateng It is fair to say that the 2014 World Cup winner is a family man – he has found space on his back not only for an image of his daughter, but also for his entire family tree.

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140 CAPS FOR ENGLAND,
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"I think it's great how footballers get to show both sides of their personality through fashion, be it in sport attire for club or country or when attending events like The Best FIFA Football Awards. I would say I am very open to new ideas with my fashion, and my style is always evolving. One thing that I must say I do love is accessories to dress things up. I like to keep my look more on the elegant side and not over the top."

"MY FAVOURITE CLOTHES ALLOW ME TO BE MYSELF"

On the pitch, players have to wear their club's colours. But what do they wear off the pitch? Six stars give us a glimpse inside their wardrobes.

By Annette Braun

PERNILLE HARDER

101 CAPS AND
53 GOALS FOR DENMARK.
CLUB: VFL WOLFSBURG

"My favourite outfit is quite simple. Either jeans or tracksuit trousers, with a simple T-shirt and leather jacket or a nice coat. The shoes are either trainers or boots. I also like to wear colourful T-shirts!"



ZLATAN IBRAHIMOVIĆ

116 CAPS AND
62 GOALS FOR SWEDEN.
CLUB: LA GALAXY

"For me, my favourite piece of clothing is anything comfortable. I like to wear clothes that allow me to relax and be myself."



DZSENIFER MAROZSÁN

86 CAPS FOR GERMANY,
EUROPEAN CHAMPION IN 2013.
CLUB: OLYMPIQUE LYONNAIS

"I love leather jackets because they are cool and can be worn with virtually anything. I also love trainers. You have to find the right footwear for each outfit – and of course the right sunglasses if it is sunny!"



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LEONARDO BONUCCI

83 CAPS FOR ITALY.

CLUB: JUVENTUS

"I like to relax in my spare time so I tend to wear T-shirts rather than shirts, and quite baggy trousers. I like traditional colours, particularly black and white, and that's not because of Juventus! I have always liked those colours, and I have never been a fan of patterns or bright, garish colours. I also don't like jeans, which explains why I don't often wear them. I am very interested in fashion though, so I do try and look as good as I can. I always wear a ring, a bracelet and a chain, all of which were presents from my wife and kids, apart from when I'm playing football of course. The bracelet was the first present I received from Martina here in Turin. The ring and chain are symbols of energy and power, and they mean a lot to me because I was given them during what was a tough time for our family."

IKER CASILLAS

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"I usually wear comfortable and informal clothes – jeans, a T-shirt, a sweatshirt or sweater and trainers is what I wear after training. On special occasions such as galas and award ceremonies, I turn to great fashion brands so that the suit or tuxedo feels impeccable."





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



OUR AIM: TO DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF FEMALE PLAYERS BY 2026

I was certainly not the first to say that a crucial part of the future of football lies in developing the women's game. It is quite an evident equation, after all: for years and years, the most popular sport on earth has been all but overlooked by half of the world's population. The gap is far too big for anyone not to point it out.

Over the course of the last two and a half years, FIFA has been taking a few steps that I deem very important in the process of correcting this anomaly. Mind you, I do not say this in self-admiration of a ground-breaking achievement. In all honesty, I think it is simply the right thing to do. The way things should be. What I can say, though, is that now we are doing much more for women's football and for the presence of women in the game's administration than has ever been done before – and doing it in a far more organised manner.

Because I have the feeling that, for far too long, the approach towards women's football was to let it scramble for crumbs and then, with far fewer resources, try to emulate what already existed for the men's game. But the vast untapped potential of

women's football can only be realised if properly identified and studied. This is why we created a dedicated Women's Football Division at FIFA in the first place. This is why we included a tangible and ambitious objective in "FIFA 2.0 – The Vision for the Future": to double, to 60 million, the number of female players in the world by 2026. And this is why, last month, we presented our Women's Football Strategy.

The strategy is a comprehensive blueprint for how to advance women's football in five key areas: development, commercialisation, promotion, governance, and education and empowerment. It builds on a few first steps that we have already taken, such as tripling the financial contribution for teams participating in the FIFA Women's World Cup™, or increasing the representation of women in decision-making positions well beyond what is established in the revised FIFA Statutes.

Besides the six female FIFA Council members – one per confederation – we have also raised the participation of women in our standing committees to an unprecedented level: 16.5%. Around 45% of the

FIFA administration are women, three of whom are members of the management board – starting, of course, with the first woman ever to be appointed FIFA Secretary General, Fatma Samoura. A rippling effect can already be felt in our member associations, 16 of which also have a woman as their general secretary.

But the most important part to keep in mind of the above two paragraphs is that these are nothing but the first steps, only the building blocks of what is a long construction process ahead of us. I am happy to be presiding over a FIFA that is taking these steps, but I feel that it is my duty to keep reminding ourselves that there is still a vast inequality to cover. At least now we have a clear plan for how to bridge that gap.

Yours in football,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gianni Infantino".

Gianni Infantino, FIFA President

AN INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR FIFA LEGENDS

Thirty-five football personalities attended the fourth staging of the FIFA Legends Think Tank and, with their mass participation, diversity and passion for every aspect of the game, contributed to an inspiring event. "When I see that we are talking to Didier Drogba, Geremi and Mido about how to develop African football, or asking Peter Shilton and David Seaman's thoughts on goalkeeper coaching, I know that we are on the right track," said Gianni Infantino on opening the meeting. "It is also extremely gratifying to witness the increasing participation of women. That is how it should be. In order to empower women and grow women's football, we need to listen to the

likes of Nadine Kessler and Karina LeBlanc and value everything that they have been working for at confederation level," added the FIFA President, who was accompanied by the Deputy Secretary General (Football) Zvonimir Boban. "Football is evolving and we need to make sure we are involved in those changes," summarised Didier Drogba. "There is great experience within this group, and we are a big part of what football is all about, therefore we must be heard. I look forward to working together in the future to ensure that we keep exchanging views and spreading this knowledge across all confederations."



OFFICIAL TWITTER ACCOUNT

FIFA has launched a new Twitter account, @FIFAMedical, to reach out to the online football medicine community. The account will keep followers updated on the progress and content of the FIFA Diploma in Football Medicine and

the FIFA Medical Network. It will also inform followers about FIFA tournament medical services, the FIFA Medical Centres of Excellence, as well as other FIFA Medical news, events and conferences.

FATMA SAMOURA HONOURED

FIFA Secretary General Fatma Samoura was conferred the African Renaissance & Diaspora Network's (ARDN's) first-ever Award for Sport at the UN headquarters in New York. The award recognises her commitment and dedication to diversity and gender equality. Having spent 21 years working on high-level UN programmes in Italy, Djibouti, Cameroon, Chad, Guinea, Niger, Madagascar and Nigeria, Samoura is well known for her commitment to furthering humanitarian causes. It was this commitment and tenacity that led to her being appointed as FIFA's Secretary General in May 2016. As the first African and woman to hold this position,

Samoura is a trailblazer for diversity and gender equality. Since her appointment at FIFA, the number of women employed by the organisation has continuously been increasing across the board, including in senior management roles. Speaking about receiving the first-ever ARDN Award for Sport, Samoura said: "I am humbled and greatly honoured to receive this award. To be recognised for my commitment to humanitarian causes to promote diversity and equality during my time working with the UN, and now with FIFA, is wonderful and will encourage me to persevere. And this is just the beginning!"

TICKET SALES OPEN FOR THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP™

In Paris, tickets went on sale for the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019 – another milestone in the countdown to the next edition of the tournament. Local Organising Committee and FIFA representatives welcomed the media and a number of football celebrities to the event. "This is home to the LOC, which is working every day to make this Women's World Cup one of the best ever," said French Football Association (FFF) Vice-President Brigitte Henriques on welcoming those present at the event, among them the mayors of the tournament's nine Host Cities and France's women's team coach Corinne Diacre. "Our common goal is to make this event a family-oriented celebration for everyone," said Diacre, a former France player. "We have had the good

fortune to be hosting this World Cup. What we have to do now is fill the stadiums," added FFF President Noël Le Graët. The FIFA President then said a few words, setting an ambitious goal for the tournament. "We want this to be the very best Women's World Cup in FIFA's history," he said with a smile. "And I am sure that it will be, because we are in France, the home of the men's world champions and the world champions in hospitality. Everyone loves travelling to France and we all know what the nine Host Cities have to offer. We're expecting a billion TV viewers around the world and I am sure we will get them because women's football is growing fast," added Infantino.

FIFA DIVERSITY AWARD 2018

Kenya's Horn of Africa Development Initiative (HODI) is using the power of football to combat social barriers. For this initiative, it was presented with the FIFA Diversity Award 2018 at a recent ceremony. "This is the third edition of the Diversity Award that FIFA has organised, highlighting organisations and individuals that are standing up for diversity and inspiring unity, solidarity and equality among all people. Football is for all," said FIFA Council member Lydia Nsekera from Burundi. "Diversity is a defining trait of the game. It is one of the main reasons why football is played and loved so much around the world. We have the responsibility to ensure the game is being used as a tool for positive social change. To fight discrimination, we must learn from each other. I'm glad to be here today and be inspired by organisations and individuals who are fighting discrimination in all its forms and who are contributing to an open and diverse society on a daily basis."



SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

In June, FIFA Legend Míchel Salgado played football with children in Guatemala, where a volcanic eruption changed many lives. An emotional moment.

As part of its stated mission, the FIFA Foundation visited Guatemala to work with communities hit hard by the tragic aftermath of a volcanic eruption in June 2018 and to evaluate what further assistance can be provided – particularly for the children of the area. With several hundred dead and several million affected by the eruption of the Volcán de Fuego less than 100km from the capital city, the Guatemala Football Association made a plea at the FIFA Congress in Moscow in mid-June, and representatives of the Foundation were in the country within a fortnight to assess needs on the ground.

FIFA Legend Míchel Salgado was also there as a Foundation ambassador to help bring some enjoyment and hope to the youth traumatised by the loss of life and poor living standards. The former Spain and Real Madrid star led a clinic and played some games with the children, who responded bravely and incredibly, with smiles.

It was a powerful reminder of the impact that football can have, even in the face of a terrible catastrophe.

"I am glad to have the chance to be able to give some small comfort to these children, who have been through so much, and to help the FIFA Foundation as it works to give aid to those impacted by such an awful event," said Salgado.
"When I was playing football with the kids there, it was one of the biggest moments of my life."

FIFA Foundation Recovery Programme

One part of the FIFA Foundation's mission is the FIFA Foundation Recovery Programme, and the efforts in Guatemala are an early example of these endeavours to support communities hit hard by natural disasters or other unforeseen events.

Football equipment will be provided to the Guatemalan communities as the government and NGOs work towards stabilising the area before further funding through the FIFA Foundation Recovery Programme could become available to support the development of football infrastructure in the area.

"It was wonderful to watch the children respond to Míchel, who is a great ambassador. But there is clearly much to do to help the area, and we will do everything we can to aid Guatemala and the football community in its recovery. The FIFA Foundation Recovery Programme might really be able to make a difference here," said Foundation Project Manager Jasmin Frei.





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1	USA	0	2114	56	Venezuela	4	1421	109	Luxembourg	-5	1125	Armenia **		1104	
2	Germany	0	2060	57	Equatorial Guinea	1	1421	110	Cyprus	-5	1120	Guinea **		1077	
3	England	1	2034	58	Jordan	0	1413	111	Ethiopia	-8	1117	Eritrea **		1060	
4	France	-1	2033	59	IR Iran	0	1411	112	Suriname	-6	1113	Gabon **		1052	
5	Canada	0	2014	60	India	1	1409	113	Nicaragua		1092	Bangladesh **		1003	
6	Australia	2	2012	61	Turkey	1	1403	114	Burkina Faso	-7	1062	Sri Lanka **		971	
7	Japan	-1	1981	62	Northern Ireland	-5	1398	115	FYR Macedonia		1056	Lebanon **		949	
8	Brazil	-1	1973	63	Ecuador	0	1393	116	Zambia	-8	1053	Guinea-Bissau **		927	
9	Sweden	2	1964	64	Israel	0	1392	117	American Samoa		1047	Pakistan **		926	
10	Netherlands	-1	1963	65	Jamaica	7	1387	118	Kosovo	-9	1034	Liberia **		877	
11	Korea DPR	-1	1938	66	Peru	-1	1380	119	Tajikistan	-9	1016	Kuwait **		870	
12	Spain	0	1916	67	Panama		1376	120	Namibia	-9	1006	British Virgin Islands **		867	
13	Norway	1	1907	68	Greece	-2	1374	121	St Lucia	-8	992	Qatar **		864	
14	Korea Republic	1	1880	69	Bosnia and Herzegovina	-2	1371	122	St Kitts and Nevis	-8	989	Cayman Islands **		849	
15	China PR	2	1876	70	Côte d'Ivoire	-1	1363	123	Bermuda	-8	987	Belize **		825	
16	Denmark	-3	1864	71	Azerbaijan	-1	1360	124	Barbados	-9	984	Bhutan **		771	
17	Italy	-1	1855	72	Kazakhstan	-1	1351	125	Tanzania	-7	976	Burundi **		519	
18	Switzerland	0	1840	73	Haiti	-5	1349	126	Maldives	-7	957	Mongolia *		1536	
19	Scotland	2	1811	74	Uruguay	-1	1347	127	St Vincent and the Grenadines	-7	956	Gambia *		1183	
20	New Zealand	0	1810	75	Philippines	-1	1341	128	Syria	-7	921	Cambodia *		1069	
21	Austria	1	1802	76	Bulgaria	-1	1340	129	Kenya	-6	914	Central African Republic *		1056	
22	Iceland	-3	1798	77	Albania	-1	1328	130	Dominica	-8	913	Timor-Leste *		981	
23	Belgium	0	1797	78	Hong Kong	-1	1323	131	Rwanda		896	Togo *		962	
24	Mexico	1	1732	79	Morocco	0	1304	132	Grenada	-8	892	Niger *		891	
25	Ukraine	-1	1729	80	Indonesia	-2	1298	133	Afghanistan	-8	884	Comoros *		837	
26	Russia	1	1705	81	Algeria	-1	1294	134	US Virgin Islands	-8	874	Macau *		813	
27	Colombia	-1	1700	82	Fiji		1286	135	Uganda	-4	873	Libya *		761	
28	Thailand	0	1677	83	Guam		1282	136	Iraq	-8	873	Turks and Caicos Islands *		704	
29	Wales	0	1672	84	Bahrain	-3	1278	137	Mozambique	-9	867	Anguilla *		697	
30	Republic of Ireland	1	1668	85	Faroe Islands	-3	1272	138	Lesotho	-9	850				
31	Finland	-1	1666	86	Senegal	-3	1245	139	Malawi	-9	837				
32	Czech Republic	0	1665	87	Guyana	-3	1244	140	Eswatini	-8	804	** Inactive for more than 18 months and therefore not ranked.			
33	Portugal	1	1659	88	Malaysia	-4	1243	141	Antigua and Barbuda	-8	784	*	Provisionally listed due to not having played more than five matches against officially ranked teams.		
34	Costa Rica	-1	1658	89	Cuba	-3	1238	142	Botswana	-5	755				
35	Poland	1	1649	90	Bolivia	-3	1232	143	Curaçao	-8	752				
36	Vietnam	1	1638	91	Mali	-3	1232	144	Andorra	-8	748				
37	Argentina	-2	1633	92	United Arab Emirates	-3	1230	145	Aruba	-7	742				
38	Nigeria	0	1607	93	Latvia	0	1224	146	Madagascar	-7	693				
39	Chile	0	1594	94	Moldova	-4	1222	147	Mauritius	-7	358				
40	Chinese Taipei	2	1560	95	Montenegro	-4	1220	148	Papua New Guinea **		1473				
41	Uzbekistan	0	1557	96	Estonia	-5	1208	149	Tunisia **		1313				
42	Serbia	1	1551	97	Congo	-2	1196	150	Guatemala **		1297				
43	Romania	-3	1549	98	Zimbabwe	-4	1192	151	Laos **		1273				
44	Myanmar	0	1536	99	Malta	-3	1190	152	Tonga **		1258				
45	Hungary	0	1520	100	Palestine	-3	1181	153	Egypt **		1256				
46	Slovakia	0	1514	101	El Salvador		1179	154	New Caledonia **		1252				
47	Ghana	-1	1503	102	Lithuania	-4	1176	155	Tahiti **		1238				
48	Paraguay	0	1494	103	Dominican Republic	-4	1169	156	Cook Islands **		1185				
49	Cameroon	-1	1478	104	Puerto Rico	-4	1166	157	Honduras **		1152				
50	South Africa	1	1446	105	Vanuatu		1161	158	Samoa **		1138				
	Croatia	3	1446	106	Solomon Islands		1153	159	Angola **		1134				
52	Trinidad and Tobago	-2	1443	107	Georgia	-6	1145	160	Kyrgyz Republic **		1134				
53	Belarus	-1	1423	108	Singapore	-6	1137	161	Sierra Leone **		1132				
54	Slovenia	0	1421	109	Nepal	-6	1136	162	Congo DR **		1132				



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Rank	Team	+/-	Points	Rank	Team	+/-	Points	Rank	Team	+/-	Points	Rank	Team	+/-	Points
1	Belgium	0	1733	57	Burkina Faso	-1	1390	113	Central African Republic	-2	1182	169	Malaysia	2	974
2	France	-1	1732	58	Egypt	6	1378	113	Bahrain	-1	1182	170	Cambodia	-1	973
3	Brazil	0	1669	59	Bolivia	-1	1376	115	Sierra Leone	-1	1172	171	Moldova	2	969
4	Croatia	0	1635	60	Albania	-3	1372	116	Philippines	-2	1171	172	Grenada	-2	968
5	England	1	1619	61	Ecuador	-3	1371	117	Kazakhstan	1	1166	173	Gambia	-2	967
6	Uruguay	-1	1617	62	Honduras	0	1367	118	Tajikistan	2	1161	174	Chad	0	956
7	Portugal	0	1616	62	Slovenia	-1	1367	119	New Zealand	0	1157	175	St Vincent and the Grenadines	0	955
8	Switzerland	0	1598	64	Côte d'Ivoire	2	1356	119	Guinea-Bissau	2	1157	175	Puerto Rico	0	955
9	Spain	0	1594	65	Guinea	0	1354	121	Thailand	1	1154	177	Cuba	2	954
10	Denmark	0	1584	66	Mali	-3	1352	122	Mozambique	-9	1151	178	Dominica	-1	950
11	Colombia	3	1575	67	Algeria	2	1339	123	Togo	0	1144	179	Guyana	3	943
12	Argentina	-1	1573	68	Cape Verde Islands	-1	1338	124	Chinese Taipei	-1	1139	180	Bermuda	1	940
13	Chile	-1	1568	68	FYR Macedonia	0	1338	125	Malawi	0	1129	181	Laos	-2	937
14	Germany	-2	1555	70	El Salvador	2	1335	126	Antigua and Barbuda	1	1126	182	Liechtenstein	-4	936
15	Netherlands	2	1550	70	Panama	0	1335	127	Nicaragua	1	1125	183	Malta	0	927
16	Mexico	-1	1549	72	Saudi Arabia	-1	1334	128	Turkmenistan	2	1120	184	Macau	0	925
17	Sweden	-2	1548	73	South Africa	0	1321	129	Lithuania	-3	1117	185	Aruba	0	924
18	Wales	1	1538	74	Syria	0	1320	130	Angola	5	1113	186	Mongolia	0	923
19	Italy	1	1533	75	China PR	1	1317	131	Yemen	2	1112	187	São Tomé e Príncipe	0	920
20	Peru	1	1530	76	Canada	3	1310	132	Latvia	-1	1111	188	Bhutan	0	917
21	Poland	-3	1523	77	Zambia	-2	1308	133	St Kitts and Nevis	1	1109	188	Seychelles	1	917
22	Tunisia	1	1515	78	Belarus	2	1307	133	Andorra	-5	1109	190	Gibraltar	8	911
23	USA	-1	1506	79	Curaçao	2	1306	135	Sudan	-3	1105	191	Timor-Leste	-1	910
24	Austria	0	1502	79	Uganda	4	1306	136	Tanzania	4	1101	192	Cook Islands	-1	908
25	Senegal	0	1501	81	United Arab Emirates	-4	1305	137	Kosovo	1	1099	192	American Samoa	-1	908
26	Romania	1	1491	82	Lebanon	-5	1300	138	Rwanda	-1	1092	194	Guam	-1	907
27	Ukraine	2	1490	83	Gabon	4	1288	139	Eswatini	-3	1088	194	Bangladesh	-1	907
28	Slovakia	-2	1483	84	Luxembourg	-2	1287	140	Botswana	2	1081	196	Brunei Darussalam	-1	903
29	Venezuela	3	1479	84	Oman	1	1287	141	Myanmar	-3	1080	197	Samoa	-1	896
30	IR Iran	3	1478	86	Cyprus	0	1279	142	Burundi	6	1074	197	Djibouti	-1	896
31	Paraguay	0	1477	87	Congo	-3	1277	143	Solomon Islands	1	1073	199	Pakistan	0	890
32	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	1476	87	Benin	1	1277	144	Hong Kong	-1	1071	200	US Virgin Islands	1	887
33	Republic of Ireland	-3	1473	89	Iraq	0	1270	145	Afghanistan	1	1068	201	Sri Lanka	-2	886
34	Northern Ireland	-6	1472	90	Kyrgyz Republic	1	1268	146	Equatorial Guinea	-5	1067	202	Montserrat	3	879
35	Serbia	0	1471	91	Israel	3	1267	147	Guatemala	0	1064	203	Cayman Islands	-1	873
36	Iceland	0	1458	92	Georgia	1	1265	148	Comoros	1	1062	204	Tonga	2	868
37	Costa Rica	0	1452	93	Trinidad and Tobago	-3	1263	149	Lesotho	-4	1055	204	Eritrea	2	868
38	Turkey	0	1449	94	Uzbekistan	2	1254	150	Ethiopia	-1	1054	204	Somalia	2	868
39	Montenegro	2	1440	95	Faroe Islands	-3	1251	151	Maldives	0	1049	207	British Virgin Islands	-4	867
40	Scotland	-1	1435	96	Qatar	-2	1248	152	Dominican Republic	0	1045	208	Anguilla	-2	864
41	Russia	5	1433	97	India	0	1245	153	Suriname	0	1040	209	San Marino	-5	862
42	Australia	1	1432	98	Estonia	0	1237	154	Liberia	1	1035	210	Bahamas	0	858
42	Greece	0	1432	99	Palestine	1	1233	155	New Caledonia	-1	1032	211	Turks and Caicos Islands	-1	855
44	Nigeria	4	1431	100	Madagascar	6	1224	156	Mauritius	0	1022				
45	Bulgaria	-1	1428	101	Armenia	-1	1222	157	Kuwait	2	1020				
46	Congo DR	-6	1423	102	Vietnam	0	1220	157	Tahiti	0	1020				
47	Morocco	-2	1422	103	Haiti	1	1216	159	South Sudan	-1	1005				
48	Czech Republic	-1	1420	104	Mauritania	-1	1213	160	Indonesia	4	1004				
48	Norway	4	1420	105	Libya	-6	1210	161	Nepal	-1	1001				
50	Japan	4	1409	105	Kenya	2	1210	162	Vanuatu	1	1000				
51	Cameroon	-1	1408	107	Azerbaijan	1	1207	162	Barbados	0	1000				
52	Ghana	-1	1407	108	Niger	-3	1195	164	Belize	-4	995				
53	Korea Republic	2	1401	109	Namibia	7	1192	165	Singapore	1	991				
53	Jamaica	0	1401	110	Korea DPR	-1	1191	166	Papua New Guinea	-1	984				
55	Hungary	-6	1400	110	Zimbabwe	7	1191	167	Fiji	1	981				
56	Finland	2	1392	112	Jordan	-2	1189	168	St Lucia	-2	977				



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98 caps for Japan, Asian Cup winner in 2011.



HIDDINK TAKES CHINA U-21 REINS

 The Chinese Football Association (CFA) has confirmed that Guus Hiddink has been appointed coach of China PR's U-21 national team. It is the first time the 71-year-old Dutchman has taken charge of a team in Asia since he led Korea Republic to the semi-finals in the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan™. An article on the CFA's official website, www.fa.org.cn, added: "The team will be prepared for the 2020 AFC U-23 Championship qualification with the aim of sealing a place at the Men's Football

Tournament of the 2020 Olympic Games." The former Russia and Netherlands manager will begin his tenure with a training camp in October. Should China make it to Tokyo 2020 under Hiddink, it will be their first appearance at the event since 2008, when they last qualified as hosts. The 2020 AFC U-23 Championship qualification kicks off next March, and the top 16 teams will advance to the final tournament. The two finalists and the third-placed side will then go on to represent Asia at the next Men's Olympic Football Tournament.



BENTO APPOINTED KOREA REPUBLIC COACH

 Korea Republic have named former Portugal boss Paulo Bento as their new coach, taking the reins from Shin Tae-yong who led them at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™. The 49-year-old's appointment was announced at a press conference, with Kim Pan-gon, chief of the national team supervisory committee, presenting the former Sporting CP

coach as the man to take them forward on the road to Qatar 2022. Bento has prior experience of the World Cup, having guided his country between 2010 and 2014, and leading Portugal at Brazil 2014. Their group-stage exit ultimately fell short of their previous major tournament experience at UEFA EURO 2012, where he took them to the quarter-finals.



FALLON TAKES ON NATIONAL ROLE

 The Cook Islands Football Association has announced former New Zealand national team coach Kevin Fallon as the new coach of the national men's team. Fallon is no stranger to the Cook Islands, having conducted football programmes on the islands of Aitutaki, Mauke, and Mitiaro, among others, for both FIFA and the OFC. "I will say this, after even one session last night it's definitely improved. I mean, I saw people doing things and looking at technique, that was a better technique than say 15-20 years ago, so that was encouraging and that was just the local lads," Fallon said, following the sessions." The former All Whites coach is pleased to be back in the Cook Islands and comes with a plan to identify and select high-quality players, which will give the national team a more competitive edge. "The plan is obviously to get recognition of what the squad is

inside the Cook Islands and then contact the people outside the country and try and get an idea of a working squad for later on," Fallon explained of his process. "We have got to identify which players want to play for the national team and which players are good enough – simple as that. The players have got to want to do better and maybe be one of the first Cook Islands' teams to get to the next round." Fallon is contracted to the role of Cook Islands national men's team coach for two years.

FIFA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME PILOT PROJECT

 The FIFA Exchange Programme Pilot Project – Youth Football kicked off with participants from Tonga, New Zealand, Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands

representing their member associations. Organisers Jorge Díaz-Cidoncha García and Philip Zimmermann, FIFA Youth Football and Grassroots Managers, held a three-day course, focusing on ensuring that it met the needs of the participants and the region. "The FIFA President, when he started his mandate two-and-a-half years ago, presented a new vision called FIFA 2.0," Zimmermann explained during the official opening. "If you read the document, one of the things he is saying is that in the technical part he'd like to see an exchange and internship programmes. He already organises these summits for general secretaries and presidents, but FIFA also wanted to organise something on this same level but focusing on the technical side of football. Within the region, there is enough knowledge, there are good people working in the associations and they should be able to help each other." Zimmermann said the exchange side of the project is getting key people from different nations who will have the same interest of wanting to make football in the whole region better, to share knowledge, experiences, best practices and also the difficulties they face in trying to achieve their football objectives. The exchange workshop, as with all technical workshops and seminars, will link theoretical sessions

with practical sessions in order to get the most out of discussions. Among the topics under discussion were youth football development in specific nations and how FIFA has been able to assist with that development so far, player selection and talent identification, the importance of domestic youth competitions and the opportunity for future collaboration amongst member associations.

"The initiative aims to develop existing potential in Cuba and raise the level of the game here by sharing experiences and passing on expertise, and this agreement enables both associations to do just that," Bertoni said during the event. Upon the completion of the first course, attended by 25 male and female coaches, he explained: "Instead of

offering sporadic opportunities, this project is a concept developed as part of the vision FIFA President Gianni Infantino outlined in the FIFA 2.0 document. Part of this vision acknowledges the need to encourage greater cooperation between the 211 member associations and foster the exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices."

BRAZIL AND CUBA FORM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



The Cuban Football Association General Secretary Jesus Pereira and his counterpart at the Brazilian Football Association (CBF), Walter Feldmann, have signed a collaboration agreement to promote the technical development of Cuban football from youth to elite level. The agreement was signed in the presence of Jair Bertoni, FIFA's Director of Member Associations, Americas, and members of FIFA regional offices in Panama and Asunción. The partnership will also promote training for referees on the island. The project, which aims to support technical development from grassroots level, began with a course for Cuban youth team coaches.

SUCCESSFUL GRASSROOTS REFEREE INSTRUCTOR COURSE



In collaboration with FIFA, CONCACAF has completed a successful grassroots referee instructor course that took place in San José, Costa Rica, involving 99 participants from various CONCACAF member associations. The FIFA Futuro III course introduced the most recent

instructional techniques and information to the key technical, fitness, futsal, and beach soccer instructors in the member associations. There were instructors from 29 different member associations, who had been selected based on their level of involvement in referee development at grassroots and local level. The 2018 edition of this course was

also seen as a landmark. For the first time ever, the course was conducted for English and Spanish speakers concurrently, promoting an environment for learning and social interchange. "The FIFA Futuro III course provided several benefits to me and my member association," said Cayman Islands Head of Refereeing and technical instructor Livingston Bailey.

"First, it enhanced my teaching methodology and provided me with new tools to ensure the learning process is effectively delivered back home. Second, it allowed me to collaborate with fellow CONCACAF instructors to ensure consistency in interpretation and the application of law. Finally, it benefited me as an individual instructor by enhancing my confidence and giving me reassurance that I am able to transfer the knowledge gained to local referees and instructors with whom I work with quite frequently." From FIFA's perspective, the five-day course was yet another example of its productive working relationship with CONCACAF. "This course is very important to FIFA and CONCACAF as we want to pass the latest concepts and considerations onto the active referee instructors from CONCACAF associations," said FIFA Senior Refereeing Manager Manuel Navarro. "By doing this, we reach the ultimate goal in refereeing: a uniform

interpretation and application of the Laws of the Game. Our cooperation with CONCACAF is very fruitful and helpful in particular as they advise FIFA on the selection of the instructors."

PÉKERMAN STEPS DOWN AS COLOMBIA COACH



José Pékerman has stepped down as Colombia coach after six-and-a-half years in charge. The 69-year-old, who led *Los Cafeteros* to two FIFA World Cups™, opted not to extend his contract with the South Americans. "My Colombian daughter must be sad, but I leave with happiness knowing I have people's support," Pékerman said. "I said it when I arrived, we need to work together, support the national team to achieve great things. There is a hard path that has been walked and we need to keep up the great work." Appointed to the role in January 2012, Pékerman guided Colombia to their first World Cup appearance in 16 years when they qualified for Brazil 2014. They went on to achieve their best result in a World Cup by reaching the quarter-finals. The Argentinian then successfully led the Colombians to this year's World Cup in Russia, where they made the round of 16 before losing to England in a penalty shoot-out.

TABÁREZ SIGNS FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH URUGUAY



★★★ The Uruguay Football Association announced that an agreement has been reached between long-time head coach Oscar Tabárez and his staff to continue leading the national team for another four years.



Tabárez and his coaching staff, including Celso Otero, Mario Rebollo and José Herrera, take charge for a fifth World Cup cycle. They have been at the helm since March 2006. Over the last 12 years, Tabárez and his staff have led Uruguay to a fourth-place finish at the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™, a fourth-place finish at the FIFA Confederations Cup 2013, the round of 16 at Brazil 2014 and the quarter-finals at Russia 2018. At the continental level, most notably Tabárez led Uruguay to 2011 Copa América glory, which was their first title in the competition since 1995. Referred to as "El Maestro" ("the teacher"), Tabárez holds two records as head coach

for the Uruguay national team: most matches (185) and most World Cup finals participations (four).

OSORIO NAMED NEW PARAGUAY BOSS



Former Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio

will lead Paraguay through their qualifying campaign for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™. The Colombian, who took *El Tri* to the round of 16 at Russia 2018, was named as *La Albirroja*'s new coach for the upcoming World Cup cycle and 2019 *Copa América*. The 57-year-old Osorio has previously coached club sides in Colombia, Mexico, Brazil and the USA. Paraguay failed to qualify for the past two World Cups, having reached the quarter-finals at South Africa 2010. In addition, the first-ever edition of the Executive Football Programme, an initiative backed by FIFA and CONMEBOL, in cooperation with the International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES), was launched at the CONMEBOL headquarters in Asunción, Paraguay, on 17 September. The principal objective of this trailblazing programme is to offer enhanced, multifaceted and comprehensive training to general secretaries and key administrative

staff working for the member associations in South America. The programme consists of seven modules that focus on different aspects of football management, such as strategy, governance, law, communication, marketing, audiovisual rights and development. It will be held over the space of a year via intensive sessions that will enable executives to benefit from the knowledge of top, internationally renowned presenters and professionals, which they will then use in their day-to-day jobs within the associations.

CONWAY AT THE FAI'S HELM



 Donal Conway was elected by acclamation as the new President of the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) at the association's general assembly. He will serve a four-year term. The former school principal, who was previously FAI Vice-President, succeeds the outgoing president Tony

Fitzgerald. Conway served as chairman of the Underage Committee, and was also a key figure behind the FAI's design and implementation of its player development plan. He has also played an important role in elevating standards in the schools, child welfare, and education departments.

O'CONNOR ELECTED IN WALES



Kieran O'Connor has been elected as the new President of the Football Association of Wales (FAW), succeeding David Griffiths, who will now become a life vice-president of the association. The election took place at a meeting of the FAW Council in Deganwy. O'Connor has been involved in football since 1970, and was a former Class A referee, before joining the Welsh Football League management committee in 1985, where he currently holds the positions of treasurer and assistant secretary. Away from football, O'Connor has been a qualified chartered secretary for more than three decades, working with a number of public companies and small businesses across Wales. He also has specialist training in corporate law, finance, governance and management.

EAT MOVE SLEEP PROGRAMME



The Norwegian Football Association is linking up with the public and private sectors to enable football clubs to spread knowledge about diet, nutrition and physical activity. The Eat Move Sleep Programme was launched in 2015 and aims to encourage and enable children in Norwegian football clubs to make healthier choices about food, physical activity and sleep. It is a collaboration between BAMA, Norway's largest private-sector distributor of fruit and vegetables, the NFF and the EAT Foundation, with research data provided by the Norwegian institute of public health. The programme provides clubs with a toolbox to help them use their venue, activities and business models to promote healthy and sustainable lifestyles. The toolbox activities include creating visibility at sports events, providing healthier food options at sports venues, getting high-profile football personalities involved and promoting a fruit scheme that offers sports clubs and organisers of football tournaments all over the country a 60% discount on fruit. Another key toolbox activity is coaching the coaches. They are taught how they can use their influence as role models to guide children and young people to make healthier and more sustainable lifestyle choices.

TEN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WOMEN'S FOOTBALL



A Danish Football Association (DBU) committee has published a series of recommendations for developing and strengthening the women's game. After almost two years of deliberations, the committee, which was established by the DBU in 2016, unveiled its final report – which includes three overarching goals and ten specific recommendations for fostering the development of women's football. Within ten years, the committee wants to see more women and girls playing the game, more women in positions of authority at local clubs (e.g. on clubs' boards), and more women refereeing high-level matches – in both women's and men's leagues. The committee, which was tasked with identifying ways of achieving sustainable growth and development in women's football – all with the goal of improving women's health and well-being and empowering women working in the world of football – was



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chaired by former Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt, who is now CEO of Save the Children International. "Since the Danish women's national team reached the final of the Women's EURO in the summer of 2017, interest in girls' football has increased significantly in Denmark. We need to take action now, unless we want the countries around us to overtake us with their ambitious plans for the development of women's football," she explained.

REFEREE ACADEMY GRADUATES

 Match officials recently completed the first course run by the referee academy of the Georgian Football Federation (GFF). The course, which began in December 2017, was financed by the

Georgian football development fund, making it free for all participants. Hundreds applied to take part, with 30 applicants initially being chosen and more being added to that list later on. The successful applicants included seven female referees. The President of the GFF, Levan Kobiashvili, congratulated the graduates and thanked them for their participation, telling them that graduating from the academy would be a major milestone in their quest to forge a career in refereeing. "Congratulations on successfully completing the course. You are set to become very important figures in Georgian football. I am delighted to see that you did not shy away from the challenges presented by the extensive application process, the busy schedule and the gruelling physical activities. You thoroughly deserve these diplomas. I am especially happy

for our female graduates. You are part of a new generation that will help combat existing social stereotypes about refereeing. I am sure that, in the future, more people in this country will want to get involved in football through refereeing," he said.

this country a lot, and we are committed to working hard to give back so much to it. We intend to set up a reconciliation team in a few days to reach out to aggrieved members of the football family with a view to bringing everyone under one umbrella for the purpose of a united front in the pursuit of the greater good for Nigerian football."

PINNICK RE-ELECTED

 Amaju Melvin Pinnick was re-elected President of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) at its congress in Katsina. "We respectfully ask for more support as we start a new tenure, during which we aim to consolidate our vision of building a sustainable football culture for our dear country and continue the great march towards ensuring financial independence for the NFF," Pinnick said. He added: "We owe

ABDELMALEK RESIGNS

 The South Sudan Football Association (SSFA) has confirmed that head coach Ahcene Aït Abdelmalek has resigned, just six months after signing a two-year contract. His resignation came after the 3-0 home defeat by Mali in the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations Cameroon qualifiers at Juba Stadium on 9 September 2018.

THEN

1939
PRESTON, ENGLAND

Plotting a path to victory

Five members of Preston Ladies FC appear to be in fine spirits ahead of a match against a Belgian outfit.



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2015
EDMONTON, CANADA

Laughing Lionesses

England certainly enjoyed their last Women's World Cup outing, when they finished in third place.



GARY LINEKER

11-30-1960

LEICESTER, UK



FA CUP
1991



COMMUNITY
SHIELD 1985



COPA DEL REY
1988



CUP
WINNERS
CUP
1989



WORLD
CUP
1986



Golden
Boot
6
GOALS

281
GOALS

A FIFA LEGEND'S CAREER

Gary Lineker was known not only for his eye for goal, but also for his fairness – incredibly, he did not receive a single yellow or red card in his 16-year career.



1978-1985 Leicester City

Makes senior debut on New Year's Day 1979. *The Foxes* seal promotion to the top flight (First Division) in 1983, thanks in no small part to 26 goals from "Links", by now a firm fan favourite.

1978

Cardinal Karol Józef Wojtyła is elected as Pope John Paul II on 16 October.



1985-1986 Everton

The reigning English champions swoop to sign Lineker, joint top goalscorer in 84-85 with 24 goals. He goes on to bag 30 league goals for *The Toffees*, more than anyone else in the league. Lineker is ready for the World Cup.

1985

Live Aid, the biggest charity concert in history, takes place on 13 July. An estimated 400 million people watch on TV.



1986-1989 FC Barcelona

After finishing as top scorer at Mexico '86 (six goals), Lineker switches to Spain. He is still revered in Catalonia because of his hat-trick in a famous 3-2 win against Real Madrid.

1986

Reinhold Messner becomes the first man to scale all 14 peaks over 8,000m.



1989-1992 Tottenham Hotspur

Top scorer in the English top flight for the third time (1989-90: 24 goals). In 1991, Lineker wins his only major title in England, the FA Cup.

1989

The Berlin Wall falls on 9 November.



1992-1994 Nagoya Grampus Eight

Lineker sees his career out in Japan, but his time in Nagoya is blighted by injury (23 games, nine goals).

1992

Olympic Games in Barcelona: for the first time in 20 years, all countries with a National Olympic Committee take part.





All kitted out The cotton shirts and relatively short shorts as worn by six German players, seen here practising their heading skills in 1935, certainly served their purpose. The ball, of course, was made of good old-fashioned



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leather, as were the tightly-laced boots, which ensured that players kept their footing on muddy pitches. The sole "spectator" preferred to sit out the session, it seems.



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YET AGAIN, WE'RE BLOWN AWAY!

In the world of virtual sport, the new FIFA 19 will take some beating.

By Alan Schweingruber



New and improved graphics
Players and fans in the FIFA 19 game.

The attention to detail is stunning: blink and you could almost imagine that the new FIFA 19 from EA Sports is no mere approximation of a football match and star performers, but the real thing. Of course, the graphics are amazing, with the players' faces even sharper than before, while the enhanced fan animation in the background is complemented by authentic chants coming out of the speakers. The game certainly has that elusive wow factor.

The new version also impresses with its tactical options. You can force your opponents into making a mistake by playing an aggressive, high-pressing game or simply by setting an offside trap. And when it all comes off, you have a hint of what it's like to be Klopp or Allegri on the touchline. In the ideal scenario, the players will respond correctly to everything that you do on your console – although easy it is not, as there is an array of ball skills to be mastered, just like real-life pros have to do.

Surprisingly, FIFA 19, with which UEFA Champions League can be played for the first time, is slower than its predecessor. However,

this is deliberate: the slightly slower tempo (which has three adjustable levels) gives users time to look around the pitch for space, change their movements, make themselves available for a pass, and so on. They can be more creative in attack and the goals are more spectacular and more individualistic than before. Build-up play has been considerably enhanced by the new Active Touch system, which changes the way players receive the ball. Although dribbling is still relatively easy, you need to keep your wits about you or do something extraordinary to avoid being robbed of the ball.

As an alternative to the regular game, beginners and crack players alike can take advantage of the "House Rules" feature, which is highly recommended: they can try playing with no fouls, bookings or off-sides, or only scoring with headers and long-range shots, for example. The "Survival" mode is also worth checking out: every time a team scores, one of its players is removed from the game!

WHEN PASSION MEETS PAGEANTRY

Amazing fan choreographies are works of art. And often crazy projects.

By Alan Schweingruber

It is a love of their club that drives football fans on, that gives them restless (or restful) nights and occasionally leads to them sweating proverbial blood for the cause. And if you had to give a striking illustration of that passion, then it is hard to top a nice fan choreography, as a symbolic expression of what fans feel for their club.

Fan choreographies have to be impressive, creative and – of course – big. Speaking of “big”, how about this example from 2011: fans of Peñarol in Uruguay took a flag into the stadium before a *Copa Libertadores* game that weighed almost two tonnes and that, when unravelled, covered a third of the stand. There is footage of this

legendary evening on YouTube. You can even see the players (including those of the opposing team, Independiente of Argentina) look up to the grandstand in amazement as the yellow flag is unfurled over the heads of thousands of spectators – it was twice the size of the pitch!

Fan choreography has a long history behind it across the world and has changed radically over the years. In the 1970s and 1980s, it was something of an adventuresome and haphazard endeavour. Fans sewed fabrics together in their gardens or painted bed sheets, which they then brought into the stadium with a few friends. These days, there is long-term planning behind the

choreography. There are professionals at work and people are mobilised online for all kinds of projects. That night in Uruguay, it took 300 fans just to carry the flag into the stadium. The club must be notified when a challenging event is planned. Subjects like fire safety and disposal of the materials have a key part to play. And the club will also want to know what the content is – as it is the club, after all, that bears responsibility for any message. In return, many clubs now contribute financially to the choreographies, whose production and logistics always involve a great deal of money.

It all sounds like a lot of work. But, after all, it is a labour of love.



Always creative Borussia Dortmund fans

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Senegal fans get behind their team at the 2018 FIFA World Cup™ in Russia (Senegal v. Japan, Ekaterinburg, 24 June 2018).



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