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**Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior** ([Template:IPA-pt](/wiki/Template:IPA-pt); born 5 February 1992), commonly known as **Neymar** or **Neymar Jr.**, is a Brazilian professional [footballer](/wiki/Association_football) who plays for Spanish club [FC Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona) and the [Brazil national team](/wiki/Brazil_national_football_team) as a [forward](/wiki/Forward_(association_football)) or [winger](/wiki/Midfielder#Winger), and is also the [captain](/wiki/Captain_(association_football)) of the national team.

At the age of 19, Neymar won the [2011](/wiki/2011_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year) [South American Footballer of the Year](/wiki/2011_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year) award, after coming third in [2010](/wiki/2010_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year).[[1]](#cite_note-1) He followed this up by winning it again in [2012](/wiki/2012_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year). In 2011 Neymar won the [FIFA Puskás Award](/wiki/FIFA_Puskás_Award) for Goal of the Year.[[2]](#cite_note-2) In [2015](/wiki/2015_FIFA_Ballon_d'Or) he came third for the [FIFA Ballon d'Or](/wiki/FIFA_Ballon_d'Or) behind [Lionel Messi](/wiki/Lionel_Messi) and [Cristiano Ronaldo](/wiki/Cristiano_Ronaldo).[[3]](#cite_note-3) Neymar is known for his acceleration, [dribbling](/wiki/Dribbling#Association_football) skills, finishing and ability with both feet. His playing style has earned him critical acclaim, with fans, media and former players drawing comparison to former Brazil forward [Pelé](/wiki/Pelé), who has called Neymar "an excellent player", while [Ronaldo](/wiki/Ronaldo), [Ronaldinho](/wiki/Ronaldinho) and Lionel Messi have stated "he will be the best in the world".[[4]](#cite_note-4)[[5]](#cite_note-5)[[6]](#cite_note-6)[[7]](#cite_note-7)[[8]](#cite_note-8) Neymar joined [Santos](/wiki/Santos_FC) in 2003 and, aged 17, made his debut for the club in 2009 and was voted the Best Young Player of the [2009 Campeonato Paulista](/wiki/2009_Campeonato_Paulista). Neymar was named player of the year as Santos won the [2010 Campeonato Paulista](/wiki/2010_Campeonato_Paulista), and he was also top scorer in the [2010 Copa do Brasil](/wiki/2010_Copa_do_Brasil) with 11 goals. He finished the 2010 season with 42 goals in 60 games, as his club achieved [the Double](/wiki/Double_(association_football)). Neymar was again voted the player of the year in 2011 as Santos retained the state title and also won the [2011 Copa Libertadores](/wiki/2011_Copa_Libertadores) securing a [Continental Double](/wiki/Double_(association_football)#Continental_Double), Santos' first since 1963. Joining Barcelona in June 2013, in his second season at the club in 2014–15, Neymar helped them win the [continental treble](/wiki/Treble_(association_football)) of [La Liga](/wiki/La_Liga), [Copa del Rey](/wiki/Copa_del_Rey) and the [UEFA Champions League](/wiki/UEFA_Champions_League).

Neymar has represented Brazil at [Under-17](/wiki/Brazil_national_under-17_football_team), [Under-20](/wiki/Brazil_national_under-20_football_team) and [senior](/wiki/Brazil_national_football_team) levels. On 10 August 2010, aged 18, he made his senior debut for Brazil in a friendly match against the [United States](/wiki/United_States_men's_national_soccer_team); he scored in a 2–0 win. Neymar was the leading goal scorer of the [2011 South American Youth Championship](/wiki/2011_South_American_Youth_Championship) with nine goals, including two in the final, in the 6–0 win against Uruguay. He was named in Brazil's squad for the [2013 Confederations Cup](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup), and was assigned the [number 10](/wiki/Squad_number_(association_football)) shirt. On 30 June, Neymar scored Brazil's second goal in the 3–0 [final](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup_Final) win over [Spain](/wiki/Spain_national_football_team). His performances saw him receive the [golden ball](/wiki/Golden_Ball_(FIFA_Confederations_Cup)) as player of the tournament.[[9]](#cite_note-9) At the [2014 FIFA World Cup](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup), Neymar scored four goals before he suffered a fractured vertebra in his spine in the quarter-finals and missed the rest of the tournament. He received the [Bronze Boot](/wiki/FIFA_World_Cup_Golden_Shoe#Golden_Boot) as the tournament's third top goalscorer, and was named in the [World Cup All Star XI](/wiki/FIFA_World_Cup_Golden_Shoe#All-Star_Team). Neymar captained Brazil at the [2015 Copa América](/wiki/2015_Copa_América), but in the group stage was given a suspension which ruled him out for the rest of the tournament.

With 46 goals in 70 matches for Brazil, Neymar is the [fifth highest goalscorer](/wiki/Brazil_national_football_team#Top_goalscorers) for his national team.[[10]](#cite_note-10) In 2012 and 2013, *SportsPro* named him the most marketable athlete in the world.[[11]](#cite_note-11) In December 2015 he was ranked by [*The Guardian*](/wiki/The_Guardian) as the third best player in the world.[[12]](#cite_note-12) In June 2016, [ESPN](/wiki/ESPN) ranked Neymar fourth on their list of the world's most famous athletes.[[13]](#cite_note-13)

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## Early life[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

Neymar da Silva Santos Júnior was born in [Mogi das Cruzes](/wiki/Mogi_das_Cruzes), [São Paulo](/wiki/São_Paulo_(state)), to Neymar Santos, Sr. and Nadine da Silva. He inherited his name from his father, who is a former footballer and became his son's advisor as Neymar's talents began to grow.[[14]](#cite_note-14) Neymar comments on his father's role "My father has been by my side since I was little. He takes care of things, my finances and my family."[[15]](#cite_note-15) Growing up, Neymar combined his love of [futsal](/wiki/Futsal) with [street football](/wiki/Street_football).[[16]](#cite_note-16) In 2003, Neymar moved with his family to [São Vicente](/wiki/São_Vicente,_São_Paulo), where he began playing for youth side [Portuguesa Santista](/wiki/Associação_Atlética_Portuguesa_(Santos)).[[17]](#cite_note-17) Then, later in 2003, they moved to [Santos](/wiki/Santos,_São_Paulo), where Neymar joined [Santos FC](/wiki/Santos_FC).[[18]](#cite_note-18) With the success of his youth career and added income, the family bought their first property, a house next to the Vila Belmiro. Their quality of family life improved, as at age 15, Neymar was earning 10,000 [reais](/wiki/Brazilian_real) per month and at 16, 125,000 reais per month. At 17, he signed his first full professional contract, was upgraded to the Santos first team, and began signing his first [sponsorship](/wiki/Sponsor_(commercial)) deals.[[19]](#cite_note-19)

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Neymar began playing football at an early age and he was soon spotted by [Santos FC](/wiki/Santos_FC) who offered him a contract in 2003, where he was inducted into their [youth academy](/wiki/Football_academy), which has, in the past, produced Brazilian internationals like [Coutinho](/wiki/Antônio_Wilson_Vieira_Honório), [Clodoaldo](/wiki/Clodoaldo), [Diego](/wiki/Diego_Ribas_da_Cunha), [Elano](/wiki/Elano) and [Alex](/wiki/Alex_Rodrigo_Dias_da_Costa). He also joined the likes of [Pepe](/wiki/José_Macia), [Pelé](/wiki/Pelé) and [Robinho](/wiki/Robinho) in starting out his career at the club, nicknamed *Peixe*.[[20]](#cite_note-20) While in the youth academy, Neymar met [Paulo Henrique Ganso](/wiki/Paulo_Henrique_Ganso), becoming good friends in the process. Aged 14, Neymar travelled to Spain to join the [Real Madrid](/wiki/Real_Madrid_C.F.) youth team, at the time when Real had stars like [Ronaldo](/wiki/Ronaldo), [Zinedine Zidane](/wiki/Zinedine_Zidane), [David Beckham](/wiki/David_Beckham), [Roberto Carlos](/wiki/Roberto_Carlos_(footballer)) and [Robinho](/wiki/Robinho).[[21]](#cite_note-21)

#### 2009: Debut season[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

Neymar made his professional debut on 7 March 2009, despite being only 17 years old; he was brought on for the last thirty minutes, in a 2–1 win against [Oeste](/wiki/Oeste_Futebol_Clube).[[16]](#cite_note-16) The following week he scored his first goal for Santos against [Mogi Mirim](/wiki/Mogi_Mirim_Esporte_Clube). One month later, on 11 April, Neymar scored the decisive goal in a 2–1 win against [Palmeiras](/wiki/Sociedade_Esportiva_Palmeiras) in the [2009 Campeonato Paulista semi-final first leg](/wiki/Campeonato_Paulista_2009#Semi-finals).[[22]](#cite_note-22) In the final, however, Santos suffered a 4–2 aggregate defeat to the [Corinthians](/wiki/Sport_Club_Corinthians_Paulista).[[23]](#cite_note-23) In his first season, Neymar racked up 14 goals in 48 games.[[16]](#cite_note-16)

#### 2010: Campeonato Paulista success[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

[Template:Quote box](/wiki/Template:Quote_box) Neymar continued his ascendancy in 2010, and, on 15 April 2010, he scored five goals for Santos in an 8–1 rout of [Guarani](/wiki/Guarani_Futebol_Clube) in the qualifying stages of the Brazilian Cup.[[24]](#cite_note-24) Following the 2010 Campeonato Paulista in which Neymar scored 14 goals in 19 games,[[20]](#cite_note-20) the club were crowned champions after a 5–5 aggregate win over [Santo André](/wiki/Esporte_Clube_Santo_André) in the finals.[[25]](#cite_note-25) Neymar was subsequently given the award for the best player in the competition.[[26]](#cite_note-26)Neymar's performances for Santos have drawn comparisons to other Brazilians, including Robinho and Brazilian legend Pelé.[[27]](#cite_note-27) In 2010, Santos rejected a £12 million bid for him from [English Premier League](/wiki/Premier_League) team [West Ham United](/wiki/West_Ham_United_F.C.),[[28]](#cite_note-28) and later an offer from another English club [Chelsea](/wiki/Chelsea_F.C.), reported to be in the region of £20 million.<ref name=chelseachase>[Chelsea continue Neymar chase](http://www.skysports.com/story/0,19528,11668_6313845,00.html) Sky Sports, 15 August 2010</ref> Despite Santos unwillingness to sell and Neymar himself insisting "I'm focused only on Santos",[[29]](#cite_note-29) his agent, Wagner Ribeiro, indicated that Neymar’s career was elsewhere, stating "He wants to become the best player in the world. The chances of him doing that while playing in Brazil are zero."[[30]](#cite_note-30) Although one year later Neymar admitted, in an interview with the [Daily Telegraph](/wiki/Daily_Telegraph), that he had been happy with Chelsea's interest in him as it was a "dream" of his "to play in Europe", whilst also stating that at the time it had been the right decision to stay in Brazil.[[31]](#cite_note-31) On 30 November 2010, Santos sold a 5% share of future transfer fees that he would receive to an investment group, Terceira Estrela Investimentos S.A. (TEISA), for [R$](/wiki/Brazilian_real) 3,549,900 (€1.5 million).[[32]](#cite_note-32) The previous year, his family had sold a 40% stake in Neymar's sporting rights to the [DIS Esporte group](/wiki/DIS_Esporte) who had been a long-term strategic partner of Santos' football club.[[33]](#cite_note-33) Despite his first two seasons being highly successful, having ended the 2010 season with an impressive 42 goals in 60 games, problems had been identified, namely Neymar's apparent taste for diving when tackled, rather than attempting to continue his run, and his attitude. The latter came to the forefront during a match with Goianiense, on 15 September 2010, when the Santos' manager, [Dorival Júnior](/wiki/Dorival_Júnior), appointed another player to take the penalty awarded for a foul on Neymar. His decision was based on the fact that Neymar had missed a crucial penalty during the [Copa do Brasil final](/wiki/Copa_do_Brasil_2010#Final_phase) of that year, even if Santos went on to win. Reacting to this, Neymar turned his back on his manager, had to be calmed down by a linesman and argued with his captain, [Edu Dracena](/wiki/Edu_Dracena). The fallout from this event was that Dorival Júnior wished to have Neymar suspended for two weeks, but the board sided with the player and promptly sacked the manager. Despite Neymar's apologies over the incident, some doubts still remain about his attitude.[[16]](#cite_note-16) In December 2010, aged just 18, Neymar came third for the [2010 South American Footballer of the Year](/wiki/2010_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year), behind [Andrés D'Alessandro](/wiki/Andrés_D'Alessandro) and [Juan Sebastián Verón](/wiki/Juan_Sebastián_Verón).[[34]](#cite_note-34)

#### 2011: Puskás Award[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

[right|thumb|Neymar playing for Santos against future club](/wiki/File:Neymar_Junior_the_Future_of_Brazil_2.jpg) [FC Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona) in the final of the [2011 FIFA Club World Cup](/wiki/2011_FIFA_Club_World_Cup). Neymar scored six goals during Santos run to the [2011 Copa Libertadores Finals](/wiki/2011_Copa_Libertadores_Finals), tying him for third top goalscorer,[[35]](#cite_note-35) including the clinching goal of Santos' 4–3 aggregate win over [Cerro Porteño](/wiki/Cerro_Porteño) in the semifinals.[[36]](#cite_note-36) In the two-legged final, Santos faced Uruguayan side [Peñarol](/wiki/C.A._Peñarol) and drew the first leg 0–0 in [Montevideo](/wiki/Montevideo).[[37]](#cite_note-37) At home in the second leg, Neymar opened the scoring in the 46th minute as Santos held on for a 2–1 win and Neymar won Man of the Match honours.[[38]](#cite_note-38)[[39]](#cite_note-39) The win brought Santos their first [Copa Libertadores](/wiki/Copa_Libertadores) triumph since 1963, when Brazilian legend [Pelé](/wiki/Pelé) was playing for the club.[[40]](#cite_note-40)[[41]](#cite_note-41) In September 2011, Santos president Luis Ribeiro threatened to report [Real Madrid](/wiki/Real_Madrid_C.F.) to [FIFA](/wiki/FIFA) following reports that they had attempted to sign Neymar to a pre-contract agreement and denied that such an agreement was in place.[[42]](#cite_note-42)On 9 November 2011, Neymar and Santos agreed to a contract extension that would see the player stay with the club until after the [2014 World Cup](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup) in Brazil. The deal reportedly increased Neymar's wages by 50%, to the levels that top European clubs would be paying him.[[43]](#cite_note-43) On 14 December 2011, Neymar scored the opening goal for Santos as they defeated [Kashiwa Reysol](/wiki/Kashiwa_Reysol) 3–1 in the semi-finals of the [FIFA Club World Cup](/wiki/2011_FIFA_Club_World_Cup) at the [Toyota Stadium](/wiki/Toyota_Stadium) in [Toyota, Japan](/wiki/Toyota,_Aichi), but failed to score against [Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona) in the final on 18 December 2011, where Santos were defeated 4–0, finishing as runners up in the competition.[[44]](#cite_note-44) He won the 2011 [FIFA Puskás Award](/wiki/FIFA_Puskás_Award) for scoring a sensational solo goal in the [Brasileirão Série A](/wiki/Campeonato_Brasileiro_Série_A) against [Flamengo](/wiki/Clube_de_Regatas_do_Flamengo), in a 5–4 loss. On 31 December 2011, he won the [2011 South American Footballer of the Year](/wiki/2011_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year) award for the first time, by a record margin, following in the footsteps of [Diego Maradona](/wiki/Diego_Maradona), [Romário](/wiki/Romário), [Pelé](/wiki/Pelé) and [Zico](/wiki/Zico).[[45]](#cite_note-45)

#### 2012: South America's best player[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

On 5 February 2012, when he turned 20, he scored his 100th goal as a professional football player, against [Palmeiras](/wiki/Sociedade_Esportiva_Palmeiras) in the [Campeonato Paulista](/wiki/2012_Campeonato_Paulista).[[46]](#cite_note-46)[[47]](#cite_note-47) On 25 February 2012, Neymar scored two goals, one of whom from 25-yards and assisted with two, to help his side to a 6–1 win over [Ponte Preta](/wiki/Associação_Atlética_Ponte_Preta).[[48]](#cite_note-48) On 7 March 2012, Neymar netted a [hat-trick](/wiki/Hat-trick_(association_football)) as Santos saw off Brazilian rivals [Internacional](/wiki/Sport_Club_Internacional) 3–1 in the [Copa Libertadores](/wiki/Copa_Libertadores) Group stage match.[[49]](#cite_note-49) On 29 March, he scored a brace against [Guaratinguetá](/wiki/Guaratinguetá_Futebol) in a 5–0 victory.[[50]](#cite_note-50) In the fixture against [São Paulo](/wiki/São_Paulo_FC) on 29 April 2012, Neymar scored a hat-trick with the match ending 3–1.[[51]](#cite_note-51) Thereafter, he went on to score twice in the [1st](/wiki/2012_Campeonato_Paulista_knockout_phase#First_leg)[[52]](#cite_note-52) and [2nd legs](/wiki/2012_Campeonato_Paulista_knockout_phase#Second_leg)[[53]](#cite_note-53) in the [2012 Campeonato Paulista Finals](/wiki/2012_Campeonato_Paulista_knockout_phase#Finals) against [Guarani](/wiki/Guarani_Futebol_Clube), which ended 7–2 on aggregate. Neymar finished the [2012 Campeonato Paulista](/wiki/2012_Campeonato_Paulista) with 20 goals and was voted the Best player and Best Forward, and Santos were crowned champions. He was joint top scorer in the [Copa Libertadores](/wiki/2012_Copa_Libertadores) with 8 goals, after Santos were beaten over two legs by eventual champions [Corinthians](/wiki/Sport_Club_Corinthians_Paulista) in the semi-finals.

On 25 August 2012, he scored a brace in the 2–1 away win at [Palmeiras](/wiki/Sociedade_Esportiva_Palmeiras).[[54]](#cite_note-54) On 3 November 2012, in the [Brasileiro Série A](/wiki/Campeonato_Brasileiro_Série_A) away fixture at [Cruzeiro](/wiki/Cruzeiro_Esporte_Clube), Neymar scored a hat-trick and assisted Felipe Anderson's goal, to help his side to a 4–0 win.[[55]](#cite_note-55) Neymar finished off the 2012 season in style, first setting-up [Victor Andrade's](/wiki/Victor_Andrade) equaliser, then scoring twice, to give Santos a 3–1 home win over [Palmeiras](/wiki/Sociedade_Esportiva_Palmeiras) on 1 December 2012.[[56]](#cite_note-56) Neymar was voted the Best player of the [2012 Recopa Sudamericana](/wiki/2012_Recopa_Sudamericana), Neymar scoring in the second leg to win the title 2–0 on aggregate. He finished the 2012 Campeonato Brasileiro Série A with 14 goals and being voted the Best forward. Neymar finished the 2012 season, being award the [Golden Ball](/wiki/Bola_de_Ouro), Arthur Friedenreich Award and Armando Nogueira Trophy. He was one of three finalists in the 2012 [FIFA Puskás Award](/wiki/FIFA_Puskás_Award) and finished runners-up behind [Miroslav Stoch](/wiki/Miroslav_Stoch). He won the [2012 South American Footballer of the Year](/wiki/2012_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year), retaining his award and winning it ahead of the likes of [Ronaldinho](/wiki/Ronaldinho). Reports emerged in 2011 that Santos reached an agreement with [Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona) to sign him at a later stage. However, Neymar rejected this in an interview, saying that he had "no agreement with Barcelona or anyone else".[[57]](#cite_note-57)

#### 2013: Final season[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

Neymar started the [2013 Campeonato Paulista](/wiki/2013_Campeonato_Paulista) scoring twice in the first match, which ended a 3–1 win over [São Bernardo](/wiki/São_Bernardo_Futebol_Clube) on 19 January 2013.[[58]](#cite_note-58) Four days later on 23 January 2013, Neymar scored again against [Botafogo](/wiki/Botafogo_Futebol_Clube_(SP)) in a 3–0 win.[[59]](#cite_note-59) On 3 February 2013, in the Paulista fixture against [São Paulo](/wiki/São_Paulo_FC), where Santos won 3–1, with Neymar scoring and making two assists.[[60]](#cite_note-60) on 18 March 2013, Neymar told that he had a "dream of playing in Europe, for a big club like [Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona), [Real Madrid](/wiki/Real_Madrid_C.F.) and [Chelsea](/wiki/Chelsea_F.C.)." But he went on to say: "There's no point in speculating when I'll leave Santos. I'll leave when I want to."[[61]](#cite_note-61) Neymar scored all four goals, had another disallowed and hit the post as Santos beat [União Barbarense](/wiki/União_Agrícola_Barbarense_Futebol_Clube) 4–0 in the Paulista on 13 April.[[62]](#cite_note-62) On 25 April 2013, his agent and father revealed that Neymar intended to leave for Europe before the [2014 FIFA World Cup](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup).[[63]](#cite_note-63) Ahead of his last match for Santos, on 26 May against [Flamengo](/wiki/Flamengo), Neymar was in tears during the national anthem.[[64]](#cite_note-64)

### Barcelona[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

[Template:See also](/wiki/Template:See_also) [thumb|right|190px|Neymar during his unveiling at Barcelona in June 2013.](/wiki/Image:Neymar_Barcelona_presentation_1.jpg)

On 24 May 2013, Santos announced that they had received two offers for Neymar.[[65]](#cite_note-65) The following day, Neymar announced he would sign with [FC Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona) on 27 May 2013 and join the team after playing in the [2013 Confederations Cup](/wiki/2013_Confederations_Cup). Neither Neymar nor the clubs released details on the transfer fee or personal terms, except to say he signed a five-year deal.[[66]](#cite_note-66) On 3 June 2013, Neymar was unveiled by Barcelona after passing medical tests and signing a contract that would keep him at the club through June 2018.[[67]](#cite_note-67) Neymar was presented at the [Camp Nou](/wiki/Camp_Nou) in front of 56,500 fans, a record turnout for a Brazilian player.[[68]](#cite_note-68) Club vice-president [Josep Maria Bartomeu](/wiki/Josep_Maria_Bartomeu) initially said Neymar's transfer fee was €57.1 million and his release clause was set at €190 million.[[69]](#cite_note-69)[[70]](#cite_note-70) Barcelona's doctor suggested he might need to gain weight to be able to cope physically in Spanish football.[[71]](#cite_note-71)

#### Transfer investigation[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]

In January 2014, the prosecutor's office in [Madrid](/wiki/Madrid) began investigating the transfer fee that Barcelona paid for Neymar.[[72]](#cite_note-72) The documents submitted to the authorities on request contained contradictory information.[[72]](#cite_note-72) On 23 January 2014 Rosell resigned from his position as president.[[73]](#cite_note-73) A day later the details of the transfer were revealed by Barcelona; the transfer had in fact cost them €86.2 million (£71.5 million),[[74]](#cite_note-74)[[75]](#cite_note-75)[[76]](#cite_note-76) with Neymar's parents confirmed to have received a €40 million sum.[[77]](#cite_note-77)[[78]](#cite_note-78) In the aftermath, Barcelona and Bartomeu were charged with tax fraud.[[79]](#cite_note-79)

#### 2013–14: Adapting to Spain[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]

On 30 July 2013, Barcelona drew 2–2 against [Lechia Gdańsk](/wiki/Lechia_Gdańsk) in a preseason friendly; this was Neymar's unofficial debut when he came on as a substitute.[[80]](#cite_note-80) He scored his first goal for the club in a 7–1 win against a Thailand XI on 7 August.[[81]](#cite_note-81) Neymar made his competitive debut for Barcelona during the opening game of the [2013–14](/wiki/2013–14_FC_Barcelona_season) [La Liga](/wiki/2013–14_La_Liga) season as a 63rd-minute substitute for [Alexis Sánchez](/wiki/Alexis_Sánchez) in a 7–0 win against [Levante UD](/wiki/Levante_UD).[[82]](#cite_note-82) On 21 August, he scored his first competitive goal for the club in the first leg of the [2013](/wiki/2013_Supercopa_de_España) [Supercopa de España](/wiki/Supercopa_de_España) against [Atlético Madrid](/wiki/Atlético_Madrid): seven minutes after coming on as a substitute for [Pedro](/wiki/Pedro_(footballer,_born_July_1987)), he headed [Dani Alves'](/wiki/Dani_Alves) cross to equalise in a 1–1 draw at the [Vicente Calderón Stadium](/wiki/Vicente_Calderón_Stadium) as Barcelona won on the [away goals rule](/wiki/Away_goals_rule) for his first trophy at the club.[[83]](#cite_note-83) On 18 September, he made his [UEFA Champions League](/wiki/UEFA_Champions_League) debut, [assisting](/wiki/Assist_(football)) a [Gerard Piqué](/wiki/Gerard_Piqué) goal as Barça beat [AFC Ajax](/wiki/AFC_Ajax) 4–0 in their opening match of the [2013–14 tournament](/wiki/2013–14_UEFA_Champions_League).[[84]](#cite_note-84) Six days later, Neymar scored his first goal in La Liga in Barcelona's 4–1 defeat of [Real Sociedad](/wiki/Real_Sociedad) at [Camp Nou](/wiki/Camp_Nou).[[85]](#cite_note-85) On 26 October he made his first [*El Clásico*](/wiki/El_Clásico) appearance, scoring the opening goal and assisting the team's winning goal scored by Sánchez as Barcelona beat [Real Madrid](/wiki/Real_Madrid_C.F.) 2–1 at Camp Nou.[[86]](#cite_note-86)<ref name=clasico>[Template:Cite news](/wiki/Template:Cite_news)</ref> On 11 December, Neymar recorded his first [three Champions League goals](/wiki/List_of_UEFA_Champions_League_hat-tricks) as he scored a [hat-trick](/wiki/Hat-trick_(association_football)) in a 6–1 win over [Celtic](/wiki/Celtic_F.C.) in Barcelona's final [Group H](/wiki/2013–14_UEFA_Champions_League_group_stage#Group_H) match.[[87]](#cite_note-87)

#### 2014–15: The treble and individual success[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=13)]

[thumbnail|Neymar playing for Barcelona against](/wiki/File:Neymar_(16245492137).jpg) [Villarreal](/wiki/Villarreal_CF) in La Liga, 1 February 2015. Neymar opened the scoring for Barcelona in their 3–2 win On 13 September 2014, after appearing as a substitute, Neymar scored his first two goals of the [2014–15 season](/wiki/2014–15_FC_Barcelona_season), helping Barcelona beat [Athletic Bilbao](/wiki/Athletic_Bilbao) 2–0. On 27 September, he scored a hat-trick against [Granada](/wiki/Granada_CF) in a 6–0 win[[88]](#cite_note-88) and went on to score in his next three [La Liga](/wiki/2014–15_La_Liga) matches, including the opening goal in a 1–3 loss to Real Madrid at [Estadio Santiago Bernabéu](/wiki/Estadio_Santiago_Bernabéu).[[89]](#cite_note-89) On 24 January 2015, Neymar scored twice and assisted two more goals in a 6–0 win at [Elche](/wiki/Elche_CF).[[90]](#cite_note-90) On 28 January, he scored his 20th goal of the season in a 3–2 [Copa del Rey](/wiki/2014–15_Copa_del_Rey) quarter-final win over [Atlético de Madrid](/wiki/Atlético_de_Madrid).[[91]](#cite_note-91) On 4 March, Neymar scored twice in Barcelona's 3–1 Copa del Rey semi-final win over [Villarreal](/wiki/Villarreal_CF) to qualify the club for its 37th Spanish Cup [final](/wiki/2015_Copa_del_Rey_Final).[[92]](#cite_note-92) On 21 April, Neymar took his tally to 30 goals for the season by scoring twice in Barcelona's 2–0 [Champions League](/wiki/2014–15_UEFA_Champions_League) quarter-final win over [Paris Saint-Germain](/wiki/Paris_Saint-Germain_F.C.) to qualify the club for the semi-finals.[[93]](#cite_note-93) In May, the closing month of the season, Neymar scored the last goal in a 3–0 win against [FC Bayern Munich](/wiki/FC_Bayern_Munich) in the first leg of the Champions League semi-final.[[94]](#cite_note-94) A week later, he scored both the team's goals in a 3–2 second leg defeat at the [Allianz Arena](/wiki/Allianz_Arena) to ensure *Barça* would qualify for the [2015 UEFA Champions League Final](/wiki/2015_UEFA_Champions_League_Final).[[95]](#cite_note-95) He also opened the scoring with a header in a 2–0 league win versus [Real Sociedad](/wiki/Real_Sociedad), a result which gave *Barça* a four-point lead over Real Madrid with only two matches remaining.[[96]](#cite_note-96) After securing the [league title](/wiki/List_of_Spanish_football_champions) on 17 May with a 1–0 win over Atlético de Madrid at the [Estadio Vicente Calderón](/wiki/Estadio_Vicente_Calderón), Barcelona defeated Athletic Club 3–1 at Camp Nou in the [2015 Copa del Rey Final](/wiki/2015_Copa_del_Rey_Final) on 30 May, with Neymar scoring the second goal for *Barça*.[[97]](#cite_note-97) With Barcelona's victory likely, he performed tricks with the ball in the final stages of the game, which was deemed unsporting by opponent [Andoni Iraola](/wiki/Andoni_Iraola). Barcelona manager [Luis Enrique](/wiki/Luis_Enrique_(footballer)) claimed that it had to be understood that such behaviour was acceptable in Brazil, while Neymar himself did not apologise.[[98]](#cite_note-98) On 6 June 2015, Neymar scored the third goal for *Barça* in the 3–1 [UEFA Champions League Final](/wiki/2015_UEFA_Champions_League_Final) defeat of Italian champions [Juventus](/wiki/Juventus_F.C.) at Berlin's [Olympiastadion](/wiki/Olympiastadion_Berlin), ensuring the club won its fifth [European Cup](/wiki/European_Champion_Clubs'_Cup).[[99]](#cite_note-99) This made FC Barcelona the first club in history to win [the treble](/wiki/Treble_(association_football)) of domestic league, domestic cup and European Cup twice.<ref name=triple>[Template:Cite news](/wiki/Template:Cite_news)</ref> On a personal note, he became the eighth player in football's history to win both the [Copa Libertadores](/wiki/Copa_Libertadores) and the [UEFA Champions League](/wiki/UEFA_Champions_League), and the first player to score in final victories in both competitions.[[100]](#cite_note-100) Neymar ended the season with 39 goals in all competitions and 10 in the Champions League, making him joint highest scorer with [Cristiano Ronaldo](/wiki/Cristiano_Ronaldo) and teammate [Lionel Messi](/wiki/Lionel_Messi) in the latter competition.[[101]](#cite_note-101) He was the first player apart from those two to top the competition's scoring list, since compatriot [Kaká](/wiki/Kaká) in [2006–07](/wiki/2006–07_UEFA_Champions_League).[[102]](#cite_note-102) Barcelona's attacking trio of Messi, [Luis Suárez](/wiki/Luis_Suárez) and Neymar, dubbed MSN, ended with 122 goals, the most in a season for an attacking trio in Spanish football history.[[103]](#cite_note-103)

#### 2015–16 season[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=14)]

Due to having the [mumps](/wiki/Mumps), Neymar was expected to miss the [2015 UEFA Super Cup](/wiki/2015_UEFA_Super_Cup) and the [2015 Supercopa de España](/wiki/2015_Supercopa_de_España).[[104]](#cite_note-104) On 17 October, Neymar scored four goals in Barcelona's 5–2 home win over [Rayo Vallecano](/wiki/Rayo_Vallecano) in La Liga, taking his total to eight goals for the season.[[105]](#cite_note-105) On 21 November, Neymar scored one and provided a back heel assist for Iniesta in Barcelona's 4–0 away win against Real Madrid.[[106]](#cite_note-106) He scored twice in a 4–0 home win over [Real Sociedad](/wiki/Real_Sociedad) on 28 November, taking his La Liga total to 14 goals in 12 games.[[107]](#cite_note-107) On 30 November, Neymar was shortlisted for the [2015 FIFA Ballon d'Or](/wiki/2015_FIFA_Ballon_d'Or) alongside Messi and Ronaldo, and subsequently came third.[[3]](#cite_note-3)[[108]](#cite_note-108) On 22 May 2016, Neymar scored a late goal in Barcelona's 2–0 [extra time](/wiki/Overtime_(sports)) win over [Sevilla](/wiki/Sevilla_FC) in the [2016 Copa del Rey Final](/wiki/2016_Copa_del_Rey_Final) at the [Vicente Calderón Stadium](/wiki/Vicente_Calderón_Stadium), as the club celebrated winning the [domestic double](/wiki/Double_(association_football)#Spain) for the second consecutive season, following their treble victory from the previous season.[[109]](#cite_note-109)[[110]](#cite_note-110)

## International career[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=15)]

[thumb|left|Neymar at a press conference for](/wiki/File:Neymar.jpg) [Brazil](/wiki/Brazil_national_football_team). Following Neymar's performances for Brazil's [U-17 team](/wiki/Brazil_national_under-17_football_team) at the [2009 U-17 World Cup](/wiki/2009_FIFA_U-17_World_Cup) in which he scored a goal in the opening match against [Japan](/wiki/Japan_national_under-17_football_team),[[111]](#cite_note-111) former Brazilian football players [Pelé](/wiki/Pelé) and [Romário](/wiki/Romário) reportedly urged coach [Dunga](/wiki/Dunga) to take Neymar to the [2010 World Cup](/wiki/2010_FIFA_World_Cup).[[29]](#cite_note-29)[[112]](#cite_note-112) Although the widespread opinion that Neymar deserved a place in Dunga's squad went as far as a 14,000 signature petition,[[29]](#cite_note-29)[[113]](#cite_note-113) and despite the huge pressure on Dunga to pick Neymar,[[114]](#cite_note-114) he was omitted from both the squad of 23,[[115]](#cite_note-115)[[116]](#cite_note-116) and the stand-by list.[[117]](#cite_note-117) Although Dunga described Neymar as "extremely talented", he claimed that he had not been tested sufficiently on the international level to earn a World Cup spot and he had failed to impress enough while on international duty.[[118]](#cite_note-118)[[119]](#cite_note-119) [thumb|right|Neymar celebrates his goal for](/wiki/File:André_Santos,_Neymar_and_Ramires_celebrate_Neymars_goal.jpg) [Brazil](/wiki/Brazil_national_football_team) against [Scotland](/wiki/Scotland_national_football_team), on 27 March 2011, with [André Santos](/wiki/André_Santos) and [Ramires](/wiki/Ramires). On 26 July 2010, Neymar was selected for the first time in the [Brazil senior team](/wiki/Brazil_national_football_team) by new head coach [Mano Menezes](/wiki/Mano_Menezes) for a friendly match against the [United States](/wiki/United_States_men's_national_soccer_team) to be played in [East Rutherford, New Jersey](/wiki/East_Rutherford,_New_Jersey). On 10 August 2010 he made his debut with the national team in that game, aged 18 years old, starting the match and wearing the number 11 jersey. He scored on his debut after 28 minutes, a header coming from an [André Santos](/wiki/André_Santos) cross in a 2–0 win for Brazil.[[120]](#cite_note-120) On 1 March 2011, Neymar said: "Being on the Brazilian team is a privilege, There are some marvelous players and I'm very happy to be among them."[[15]](#cite_note-15) On 27 March 2011, he scored twice in a 2–0 win against [Scotland](/wiki/Scotland_national_football_team) at the [Emirates Stadium](/wiki/Emirates_Stadium).[[121]](#cite_note-121) During the match against [Scotland](/wiki/Scotland_national_football_team), a banana was thrown onto the pitch after he scored from the penalty spot, which led Neymar to complain about 'constant jeering and an atmosphere of racism', implying that [Scottish](/wiki/Scotland) fans exhibited racism.[[122]](#cite_note-122)[[123]](#cite_note-123) While Scottish officials explained that Neymar had been booed solely for perceived injury-feigning, a German student who was in the stadium amongst Brazil supporters said that he threw the banana with no racist intentions. This led to the [Scottish Football Association](/wiki/Scottish_Football_Association) asking the [Brazilian Football Confederation](/wiki/Brazilian_Football_Confederation) for an apology for the accusations made to the [Scottish](/wiki/Scotland) fans.[[124]](#cite_note-124)[[125]](#cite_note-125) Neymar refused to apologize or retract his words claiming he 'did not accuse any person or any group of supporters'.[[126]](#cite_note-126)[[127]](#cite_note-127)[[128]](#cite_note-128)

### 2011 Copa América[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=16)]

Neymar took part at the [2011 Copa América](/wiki/2011_Copa_América) in [Argentina](/wiki/Argentina), where he scored two goals in the first round game against [Ecuador](/wiki/Ecuador_national_football_team). He was selected 'Man of the Match' in Brazil's first match against [Venezuela](/wiki/Venezuela_national_football_team), which ended a [1–1](/wiki/2011_Copa_América_Group_B#Brazil_v_Venezuela) draw. Brazil were eliminated in the quarter-finals in a [penalty shoot-out](/wiki/Penalty_shoot-out_(association_football)) against [Paraguay](/wiki/Paraguay_national_football_team) (2–2 [a.e.t.](/wiki/Overtime_(association_football))), with Neymar being substituted in the 80th minute.

### 2012 Summer Olympics and first hat-trick[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=17)]

[thumb|right|Neymar preparing to take a free-kick against Belarus at](/wiki/File:Brazil_at_the_2012_Olympics.jpg) [Old Trafford](/wiki/Old_Trafford) during the [2012 Summer Olympics](/wiki/2012_Summer_Olympics) On 11 May 2012, Neymar was selected for the squad of the [Brazil Olympic football team](/wiki/Brazil_Olympic_football_team) to participate in the [London 2012 Olympic Games](/wiki/London_2012_Olympic_Games).[[129]](#cite_note-129)[[130]](#cite_note-130)In Brazil's first warm-up match on 20 July 2012, against the host nation [Great Britain](/wiki/Great_Britain_national_football_team) at [Riverside Stadium](/wiki/Riverside_Stadium), Neymar was involved in both goals of a 2–0 win, first making an assist with a free-kick into the six-yard box for [Sandro's](/wiki/Sandro_Raniere) header, before converting a penalty.[[131]](#cite_note-131) On 26 July 2012, Neymar scored his first goal of the 2012 Summer Olympics in Brazil's opening fixture against [Egypt](/wiki/Egypt_national_under-23_football_team), which ended a 3–2 victory for Brazil.[[132]](#cite_note-132) In the following match against [Belarus](/wiki/Belarus_national_under-23_football_team) at [Old Trafford](/wiki/Old_Trafford) in Manchester, Neymar scored a free-kick from 25-yards into the top-right corner of the goal and set up goals for [Alexandre Pato's](/wiki/Alexandre_Pato) header with a cross from the right and [Oscar](/wiki/Oscar_(footballer_born_1991)) with a back heel as Brazil secured their place in the quarter-finals with a 3–1 win. Afterwards he said: "I scored and made two assists so for me it was perfect".[[133]](#cite_note-133)[[134]](#cite_note-134) On 5 August 2012, in the quarter-final encounter against [Honduras](/wiki/Honduras_national_under-23_football_team), Neymar scored a penalty, his third goal of the tournament and assisted in [Leandro Damião's](/wiki/Leandro_Damião) second goal on the match, to help Brazil to a 3–2 victory at [St James' Park](/wiki/St_James'_Park) and book a place in the semi-finals.[[135]](#cite_note-135) On 11 August, Brazil lost 2-1 to [Mexico](/wiki/Mexico_national_under-23_football_team) in the final at [Wembley Stadium](/wiki/Wembley_Stadium) in London.[[136]](#cite_note-136) Neymar scored his first full international hat-trick on 10 September 2012, in an 8–0 win over [China](/wiki/China_national_football_team) at the [Estádio José do Rego Maciel](/wiki/Estádio_José_do_Rego_Maciel) in [Recife](/wiki/Recife).[[137]](#cite_note-137) On 19 September, Neymar scored the winner against Argentina in a 2–1 win in the first leg of the [2012 Superclásico de las Américas](/wiki/2012_Superclásico_de_las_Américas) at the [Estádio Serra Dourada](/wiki/Estádio_Serra_Dourada) in [Goiânia](/wiki/Goiânia), Brazil.[[138]](#cite_note-138)

### 2013 Confederations Cup[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=18)]

[thumb|left|Neymar playing against Spain's](/wiki/File:Pique&neymar.jpg) [Gerard Piqué](/wiki/Gerard_Piqué) in the [2013 FIFA Confederations Cup Final](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup_Final)

Neymar was selected as part of [Luiz Felipe Scolari's](/wiki/Luiz_Felipe_Scolari) Brazil squad for the [2013 Confederations Cup](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup) on home soil. For the tournament he was assigned the [iconic number 10](/wiki/Squad_number_(association_football)) shirt, having previously worn 11.[[139]](#cite_note-139) Neymar scored the first goal of the tournament in a 3–0 win over [Japan](/wiki/Japan_national_football_team) at the [Estádio Nacional Mané Garrincha](/wiki/Estádio_Nacional_Mané_Garrincha) on 15 June.[[140]](#cite_note-140) In their second match, Neymar scored after nine minutes and crossed for [Jô's](/wiki/Jô) late goal to give Brazil a 2–0 win over [Mexico](/wiki/Mexico_national_football_team).[[141]](#cite_note-141) He scored in his third consecutive match, with a powerful free kick from the edge of the penalty area, as Brazil beat [Italy](/wiki/Italy_national_football_team) 4–2, and received his third consecutive man-of-the-match award.[[142]](#cite_note-142)[[143]](#cite_note-143) On 30 June, Neymar scored Brazil's second goal in the 3–0 [final](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup_Final) victory over [Spain](/wiki/Spain_national_football_team). Neymar's performances saw him receive the [Golden Ball](/wiki/Golden_Ball_(FIFA_Confederations_Cup)) for player of the tournament.[[9]](#cite_note-9)

### 2014 World Cup[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=19)]

[thumb|right|Neymar prepares to take a free kick during Brazil's opening match of the](/wiki/File:Brazil_and_Croatia_match_at_the_FIFA_World_Cup_2014-06-12_(02).jpg) [2014 FIFA World Cup](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup) against Croatia. On 5 March 2014, Neymar scored a hat-trick in a friendly win against [South Africa](/wiki/South_Africa_national_football_team) in [Johannesburg](/wiki/Johannesburg). He made headlines for his conduct after the final whistle when a young South African boy ran onto the pitch. As security staff began to escort the boy from the field, Neymar intervened and introduced him to his Brazil team-mates before they all lifted him in the air during their celebrations.[[144]](#cite_note-144)[[145]](#cite_note-145) On 2 June, Neymar was named to participate with Team Brazil in the [2014 FIFA World Cup](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup).[[146]](#cite_note-146) Going into the tournament, as the team's star player, Neymar was the man expected to win Brazil its sixth World Cup on home soil.[[147]](#cite_note-147) One week prior to the team's opening match, Neymar scored once and made two assists in a 4–0 friendly win over [Panama](/wiki/Panama_national_football_team).[[148]](#cite_note-148) [thumb|left|Neymar evading a tackle against](/wiki/File:Brazil_and_Mexico_match_at_the_FIFA_World_Cup_2014-06-17_(19).jpg) [Mexico](/wiki/Mexico_national_football_team) at the 2014 World Cup Neymar earned his 50th international cap in the opening match of the tournament, on 12 June against [Croatia](/wiki/Croatia_national_football_team) in [São Paulo](/wiki/São_Paulo). In the 26th minute, with Croatia leading 1–0, Neymar elbowed Croatian midfielder [Luka Modrić](/wiki/Luka_Modrić), after which Neymar was issued a [yellow card](/wiki/Yellow_card_(association_football)).[[149]](#cite_note-149) Many critics agreed that Neymar's punishment was too lenient and that he should have been issued a [red card](/wiki/Red_card_(association_football)).[[150]](#cite_note-150)[[151]](#cite_note-151)[[152]](#cite_note-152) He equalised before half-time with a shot from outside the box and gave Brazil the lead in the second half with a penalty kick, following a [controversial decision](/wiki/List_of_2014_FIFA_World_Cup_controversies#Brazil_vs_Croatia) by the referee, in an eventual 3–1 win.[[153]](#cite_note-153) In the third group match, he again scored twice as the *Seleção* defeated [Cameroon](/wiki/Cameroon_national_football_team) 4–1 to reach the [knockout stage](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup_knockout_stage).[[154]](#cite_note-154) In the [round of 16](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup_knockout_stage#Round_of_16) against [Chile](/wiki/Chile_national_football_team), the match finished 1–1 after 120 minutes and was decided by a penalty shoot-out with Neymar scoring what proved to be the winning kick for Brazil.<ref name=beeb>["Brazil 1-1 Chile"](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/27952759). BBC Sport. Retrieved 30 June 2014</ref> [Template:Quote box](/wiki/Template:Quote_box)

In the [quarter-final](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup_knockout_stage#Quarter-finals) defeat of [Colombia](/wiki/Colombia_national_football_team), while challenging for the ball, Neymar was kneed in the back by [Juan Camilo Zúñiga](/wiki/Juan_Camilo_Zúñiga) and had to be removed from the pitch on a stretcher. A hospital scan revealed that Neymar had suffered a fractured vertebra in his spine and he missed the rest of the World Cup.[[155]](#cite_note-155) Earlier in the match, Neymar assisted [Thiago Silva's](/wiki/Thiago_Silva) opening goal with a cross from a corner kick.[[156]](#cite_note-156) It was the second time in the tournament that a Neymar corner had led to a goal for Brazil, after his cross created [David Luiz's](/wiki/David_Luiz) goal in the previous round against Chile.<ref name=beeb/>

On 11 July, Neymar was named on the 10-man shortlist for FIFA's [Golden Ball](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup#Golden_Ball) award for the tournament's best player.[[157]](#cite_note-157) He won the [Bronze Boot](/wiki/FIFA_World_Cup_Golden_Shoe#Golden_Boot) as the tournament's third top goalscorer and was named in the [World Cup All Star XI](/wiki/FIFA_World_Cup_Golden_Shoe#All-Star_Team).[[158]](#cite_note-158)

### 2015 Copa América[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=20)]

With captain [Thiago Silva](/wiki/Thiago_Silva) ruled out through injury, new coach [Dunga](/wiki/Dunga) decided to make Neymar captain and confirmed on 5 September that the forward would stay on as skipper on a permanent basis.[[159]](#cite_note-159) On 14 October 2014, Neymar scored four goals in one game for the first time in his international career, scoring all of Brazil's goals in 4–0 friendly win against Japan at the [National Stadium, Singapore](/wiki/National_Stadium,_Singapore).[[160]](#cite_note-160) At the age of just 22 years, Neymar had scored 40 goals in 58 internationals, and had become the [fifth highest goalscorer](/wiki/Brazil_national_football_team#Top_goalscorers) for his national team.[[10]](#cite_note-10)[[160]](#cite_note-160) On 26 March 2015, Neymar scored Brazil's second goal in a 3–1 friendly win over [France](/wiki/France_national_football_team) in Paris.[[161]](#cite_note-161) On 14 June 2015, in Brazil's opening [Copa América](/wiki/Copa_América_2015) fixture, Neymar scored the equaliser and assisted the stoppage-time winning goal by [Douglas Costa](/wiki/Douglas_Costa) as Brazil came from 0–1 down to beat [Peru](/wiki/Peru_national_football_team) 2–1 in [Temuco](/wiki/Temuco).[[162]](#cite_note-162) After Brazil's second match, a 0–1 loss to [Colombia](/wiki/Colombia_national_football_team) in [Santiago](/wiki/Santiago,_Chile), Neymar was booked for handball, resulting in a suspension. After the final whistle, he was [red carded](/wiki/Ejection_(sports)) for deliberately kicking the ball at [Pablo Armero](/wiki/Pablo_Armero), and as a result was pushed over by Colombian striker [Carlos Bacca](/wiki/Carlos_Bacca), who was also dismissed.[[163]](#cite_note-163) [CONMEBOL](/wiki/CONMEBOL) issued Neymar with a four-match ban, ruling him out for the remainder of the tournament, in addition to a $10,000 fine.[[164]](#cite_note-164) The CBF had wanted Neymar to play at the [Copa América Centenario](/wiki/Copa_América_Centenario) and the [Olympics in Rio](/wiki/Football_at_the_2016_Summer_Olympics_–_Men's_tournament) during the summer of 2016, but after a request from Barcelona manager Luis Enrique, he was rested from the first tournament.[[165]](#cite_note-165)

## Style of play[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=21)]

[left|thumb|upright|Neymar with future teammate](/wiki/File:Messi_with_Neymar_Junior_the_Future_of_Brazil.jpg) [Lionel Messi](/wiki/Lionel_Messi) after the final of the [2011 FIFA Club World Cup](/wiki/2011_FIFA_Club_World_Cup). Neymar primarily plays as either a [central striker](/wiki/Forward_(association_football)#Striker), [second striker](/wiki/Second_striker), [winger](/wiki/Forward_(association_football)#Winger) or occasionally as an [attacking midfielder](/wiki/Attacking_midfielder), and has been described as "a true phenomenon".[[166]](#cite_note-166)<ref name=tuttomercatoweb.com>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> He often plays as a left sided forward for both club and country in the team's 4–3–3 formation, drifting infield, due to his energetic pace and [playmaking](/wiki/Playmaker) skills; this position allows him to shoot with his stronger foot, or [create chances for team-mates](/wiki/Assist_(football)).<ref name=tuttomercatoweb.com/> Neymar's [dribbling](/wiki/Dribbling#Association_football) skills, [tricks](/wiki/Association_football_tactics_and_skills) and playmaking ability are reminiscent of compatriot [Ronaldinho](/wiki/Ronaldinho). His common traits are his creativity, passing, finishing, dribbling, [feints](/wiki/Dummy_(football)#Association_football) and technique, being described as both "electric" and "explosive".[[167]](#cite_note-167) Although naturally right-footed, he is capable of scoring with both feet, as well as with his head, and is an accurate [free-kick](/wiki/Direct_free_kick) and [penalty](/wiki/Penalty_kick) taker.<ref name=tuttomercatoweb.com/><ref name=generazioneditalenti.it>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> He commented on his attributes saying: "I'm always trying to perfect everything – dribbling, shooting, headers and control. You can always improve".[[15]](#cite_note-15) Neymar stated that he has been inspired by [Lionel Messi](/wiki/Lionel_Messi), [Cristiano Ronaldo](/wiki/Cristiano_Ronaldo), [Andrés Iniesta](/wiki/Andrés_Iniesta), [Xavi](/wiki/Xavi) and [Wayne Rooney](/wiki/Wayne_Rooney).[[168]](#cite_note-168) [thumb|upright|Neymar, playing for Brazil in 2011, has been compared to compatriots](/wiki/File:Neymar_2011.jpg) [Pelé](/wiki/Pelé) and [Ronaldinho](/wiki/Ronaldinho). Brazilian superstar [Ronaldinho](/wiki/Ronaldinho) had also tipped Neymar on becoming the best player in the world: “Neymar is young though, and I can't explain how special he will become. In the next two or three seasons he will become the best player."[[169]](#cite_note-169) Another Brazilian star, retired World Cup winner [Ronaldo](/wiki/Ronaldo) also believes that Neymar can become the best in the world: "Logically, Messi is better right now but Neymar is a great talent who will show the world that he will be number one".[[170]](#cite_note-170) Former Real Madrid sporting director [Jorge Valdano](/wiki/Jorge_Valdano) has also praised Neymar, stating: "I like Neymar a lot. Many of his individual actions result in a goal and often it's a move that only seems to be happening with him on the pitch."[[171]](#cite_note-171) FC Barcelona star [Xavi](/wiki/Xavi) also stated that Neymar "is a great player, has a very good attitude, and will go on to be the best player in the world."[[172]](#cite_note-172) However, Neymar also has been known and criticised for his [diving](/wiki/Diving_(association_football)) when tackled. For which Pelé has told: "He is a player with a body that can't take a lot of hits. [...] A lot of times he will fall because he can't do anything else, but he was overdoing it." He continued: "Even when he is fouled, he can't make a spectacle out of it".[[173]](#cite_note-173)

### Comparisons[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=22)]

The media have often drawn comparisons between Neymar and Brazilian legend [Pelé](/wiki/Pelé),[[174]](#cite_note-174) as Neymar possesses similar attributes and also like Pelé came from the Santos Youth Academy and turned heads with his skill. Neymar has said that Pelé is his "role model" but also saying: "I don't like to make a comparison with Pelé".[[175]](#cite_note-175) On 11 April 2012, during the celebrations for the 100 years of Santos, when asked by journalists about [Lionel Messi](/wiki/Lionel_Messi), Pelé said he felt that Neymar was better: "Now everyone is talking about Messi; he is a star. But [to be the best ever] he must first become better than Neymar," Pelé said. "At the moment Messi is just more experienced."[[176]](#cite_note-176) Neymar's increasing reputation led both the media and former great players to draw comparisons between Neymar and Barcelona forward Lionel Messi, which Neymar has commented on saying: "Messi is above everyone, there is no use comparing me with him. [...] He is the best player in the world and I always get inspired when I watch good football."[[177]](#cite_note-177) Ronaldo stated: “Neymar is a great talent, the best we have in Brazil. He is very similar to Messi.” [Zico](/wiki/Zico) said: “I see Neymar like a [Cristiano] Ronaldo or a Messi, the type who appears and makes things happen.”[[178]](#cite_note-178) After his hat-trick against Internacional 3–1 in Copa Libertadores and Messi's five goals scored in the Champions League, Neymar said: "I am a Messi fan. I was told what he did today. I support him to score a lot of nice goals so I can keep copying and imitating him."[[179]](#cite_note-179)

## Outside football[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=23)]

### Personal life and charity work[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=24)]

[thumb|Neymar (far left) with](/wiki/File:Neymar,_Lucas_Moura,_Dilma_Rousseff,_Ganso.jpg) [Lucas Moura](/wiki/Lucas_Moura) (second from left), [Ganso](/wiki/Paulo_Henrique_Ganso) (far right) and Brazilian President [Dilma Rousseff](/wiki/Dilma_Rousseff) after the draw for the [2014 FIFA World Cup](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup) Neymar became a father to a baby boy in August 2011 at age 19. The baby's mother is Carolina Dantas, but Neymar is not in a relationship with her. The baby, David Lucca, was born in São Paulo.[[180]](#cite_note-180) Neymar was quoted as saying "I cried when I learned that I would be his father. At first, I felt fear. Then joy. It is a new responsibility and I am now enjoying it."[[181]](#cite_note-181) He later described the birth of his baby boy as "2.8 kilograms of pure happiness" and also said "Mother and baby are in good condition just after childbirth".[[182]](#cite_note-182)[[183]](#cite_note-183) He has a very close [sibling relationship](/wiki/Sibling_relationship) with his sister Rafaella Beckran, and cemented this closeness by tattooing her face on his arm, while Beckran tattooed her brothers eyes on her arm.[[184]](#cite_note-184) Neymar is a [Christian](/wiki/Christianity).[[185]](#cite_note-185)[[186]](#cite_note-186)[[187]](#cite_note-187) Neymar has spoken about his faith saying, "Life only makes sense when our highest ideal is to serve [Christ](/wiki/Jesus)!"[[188]](#cite_note-188) Neymar reportedly also [tithes](/wiki/Tithe) (10%) his income to his church and has named [Kaká](/wiki/Kaká) as his religious role model.[[189]](#cite_note-189) Each year, Neymar organizes a charity match with fellow Brazilian footballer [Nenê](/wiki/Nenê_(footballer,_born_1981)) in Nenê's hometown of [Jundiaí](/wiki/Jundiaí), with the purpose of raising food for needy families.[[190]](#cite_note-190)

### Wealth and sponsorships[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=25)]

Neymar has signed many sponsorship deals since his reputation rapidly grew from the age of 17. In March 2011, he signed an 11-year contract with American sportswear company [Nike](/wiki/Nike,_Inc.).[[191]](#cite_note-191) In the same month, [Panasonic](/wiki/Panasonic) paid US$2.4 million to secure Neymar's services for two years. Prior to signing for Barcelona, [*France Football*](/wiki/France_Football) had ranked Neymar 13th in its list of the world's richest players in 2012, with total earnings of $18.8 million for the previous 12 months.[[192]](#cite_note-192)[[193]](#cite_note-193) He has signed other sponsorships from [Volkswagen](/wiki/Volkswagen), Tenys Pé Baruel, Lupo, [Ambev](/wiki/Ambev), [Claro](/wiki/Claro_Americas), [Unilever](/wiki/Unilever) and [Santander](/wiki/Santander_Group).[[194]](#cite_note-194)[[195]](#cite_note-195)[[196]](#cite_note-196)[[197]](#cite_note-197) All of his sponsorships have earned him a total of an estimated €20 million per year.[[19]](#cite_note-19) On 8 May 2013, Neymar was rated by [*SportsPro*](/wiki/SportsPro) magazine as the most marketable athlete in the world, ahead of Lionel Messi (2nd) and Cristiano Ronaldo (8th).[[198]](#cite_note-198) In November 2012 advertising agency Loducca, created Neymar's own personal brand logo,[[199]](#cite_note-199) featuring the N, J and R (Neymar Junior) with the N styled to match Neymar’s shirt number 11.[[199]](#cite_note-199) Neymar starred in a 2014 advert for [Beats](/wiki/Beats_Electronics) with other global football stars including [Thierry Henry](/wiki/Thierry_Henry) and [Luis Suárez](/wiki/Luis_Suárez), with the theme of 'The Game Before The Game' and the players pre-game ritual of listening to music.[[200]](#cite_note-200)

### Media[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=26)]

[thumb|upright|Neymar at the](/wiki/File:Neymar_visiting_Red_Bull_Arena_(cropped).jpg) [Red Bull Arena](/wiki/Red_Bull_Arena_(New_Jersey)) in [Harrison, New Jersey](/wiki/Harrison,_New_Jersey) during a match between the [New York Red Bulls](/wiki/New_York_Red_Bulls) and the [Los Angeles Galaxy](/wiki/Los_Angeles_Galaxy) Neymar was featured on the front covers of the video games [*Pro Evolution Soccer 2012*](/wiki/Pro_Evolution_Soccer_2012) and [*Pro Evolution Soccer 2013*](/wiki/Pro_Evolution_Soccer_2013) on the North American version, after Konami Digital Entertainment announced that he had joined Pro Evolution Soccer.[[201]](#cite_note-201) Neymar joined [Cristiano Ronaldo](/wiki/Cristiano_Ronaldo) as a featured cover athlete.[[202]](#cite_note-202)[[203]](#cite_note-203) Neymar appeared on the cover of [*Time*](/wiki/TIME_(magazine)) magazine in February 2013, the first Brazilian athlete to be so honoured. The issue included an article by [Bobby Ghosh](/wiki/Bobby_Ghosh) entitled "The Next Pelé" and subtitled "How the career of Brazilian football star Neymar explains his country's economy".[[204]](#cite_note-204) Controversy erupted because of a cover by Brazilian football magazine [*Placar*](/wiki/Placar) that depicted Neymar on a cross. The title read "A Crucificação de Neymar" (the Crucifixion of Neymar) and subtitled: "the Brazilian ace turns scapegoat in a sport where everyone plays dirty".[[205]](#cite_note-205) In April 2013, Brazilian cartoonist [Mauricio de Sousa](/wiki/Mauricio_de_Sousa) released a [*Monica's Gang*](/wiki/Monica's_Gang) comic book featuring a younger version of Neymar (called *Neymar Jr*) as the main character.[[206]](#cite_note-206) In May 2013, *SportsPro* magazine named Neymar as the most marketable athlete on the planet for the second consecutive year. He topped the list ahead of [Lionel Messi](/wiki/Lionel_Messi), [Rory McIlroy](/wiki/Rory_McIlroy), [Usain Bolt](/wiki/Usain_Bolt) and Cristiano Ronaldo, among other sportspeople.[[11]](#cite_note-11) The list measures the monetary value, the age, the force in domestic markets, the charisma and their market potential in the next three years.[[11]](#cite_note-11) In March 2015, Neymar had the fourth highest social media rank in the world among sportspeople, behind Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and David Beckham, with 52 million Facebook fans.[[207]](#cite_note-207)[[208]](#cite_note-208) In [ESPN's](/wiki/ESPN) list of active sportspeople in 2016, Neymar was ranked the fourth most famous athlete in the world.[[13]](#cite_note-13) To mark the [World Cup](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup) commencing in Brazil, in June 2014, Neymar appeared with supermodel [Gisele Bündchen](/wiki/Gisele_Bündchen) on the front cover of [*Vogue*'s](/wiki/Vogue_(magazine)) Brazilian edition.[[209]](#cite_note-209) In November 2014, Neymar appeared in FIFA's "11 against [Ebola](/wiki/Ebola_virus_disease)" campaign with a selection of top football players from around the world, including Cristiano Ronaldo, [Gareth Bale](/wiki/Gareth_Bale), [Xavi](/wiki/Xavi) and African star [Didier Drogba](/wiki/Didier_Drogba).[[210]](#cite_note-210) Under the slogan "Together, we can beat Ebola", FIFA's campaign was done in conjunction with the [Confederation of African Football](/wiki/Confederation_of_African_Football) and health experts, with the players holding up eleven messages to raise awareness of the disease and ways to combat it.[[210]](#cite_note-210)[[211]](#cite_note-211)

### Music[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=27)]

Neymar has become an icon in promoting Brazilian modern pop music, particularly [Música sertaneja](/wiki/Música_sertaneja). The video in which Neymar dances in the [Santos](/wiki/Santos_FC) [locker room](/wiki/Locker_room) dancing in front of teammates carrying his recorder making the round of the players and making them react to the tune of [Michel Teló's](/wiki/Michel_Teló) hit "[Ai se eu te pego!](/wiki/Ai_se_eu_te_pego!)" went [viral](/wiki/Viral_video). He made a point of performing his dance antics to the song after scoring goals in football games and appeared live with Teló in one of the latter's concerts. He also supported sertanejo singer [Gusttavo Lima](/wiki/Gusttavo_Lima) performing live with Lima on renditions of the singer's hits "[Balada](/wiki/Balada_(song))" and "Fazer Beber". In 2012, he made cameo appearances in the [music video](/wiki/Music_video) for yet another sertanejo hit "[Eu Quero Tchu, Eu Quero Tcha](/wiki/Eu_Quero_Tchu,_Eu_Quero_Tcha)" by [João Lucas & Marcelo](/wiki/João_Lucas_&_Marcelo). In 2013, Neymar appeared on a rap music video, "País do Futebol" from [MC Guimê](/wiki/MC_Guimê).[[212]](#cite_note-212)

## Career statistics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=28)]

### Club[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=29)]

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| [2011](/wiki/2011_Santos_FC_season) | 21 | 13 | colspan=2|– | 13[[lower-alpha 2]](#cite_note-217) | 6 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 47 | 24 |  |
| [2012](/wiki/2012_Santos_FC_season) | 17 | 14 | colspan=2|– | 14[[lower-alpha 3]](#cite_note-218) | 9 | colspan=2|– | 16 | 20 | 47 | 43 |  |  |
| [2013](/wiki/2013_Santos_FC_season) | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | colspan=2|– | colspan=2|– | 18 | 12 | 23 | 13 |  |  |
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| [Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona) | [2013–14](/wiki/2013–14_FC_Barcelona_season) | 26 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 10[[lower-alpha 4]](#cite_note-219) | 4 | colspan=2|– | 2 | 1 | 41 | 15 |  |
| [2014–15](/wiki/2014–15_FC_Barcelona_season) | 33 | 22 | 6 | 7 | 12[[lower-alpha 4]](#cite_note-219) | 10 | colspan=2|– | colspan=2|– | 51 | 39 |  |  |
| [2015–16](/wiki/2015–16_FC_Barcelona_season) | 34 | 24 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 31 |
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## Honours[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=31)]

### Club[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=32)]

Santos[[217]](#cite_note-221)\*[Campeonato Paulista](/wiki/Campeonato_Paulista)

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* [Copa do Brasil](/wiki/Copa_do_Brasil): [2010](/wiki/2010_Copa_do_Brasil)
* [Copa Libertadores](/wiki/Copa_Libertadores): [2011](/wiki/2011_Copa_Libertadores)
* [Recopa Sudamericana](/wiki/Recopa_Sudamericana): [2012](/wiki/2012_Recopa_Sudamericana)

Barcelona[[217]](#cite_note-221)\*[La Liga](/wiki/La_Liga)

[2014–15](/wiki/2014–15_La_Liga), [2015–16](/wiki/2015–16_La_Liga)

* [Copa del Rey](/wiki/Copa_del_Rey): [2014–15](/wiki/2014–15_Copa_del_Rey), [2015–16](/wiki/2015–16_Copa_del_Rey)
* [Supercopa de España](/wiki/Supercopa_de_España): [2013](/wiki/2013_Supercopa_de_España)
* [UEFA Champions League](/wiki/UEFA_Champions_League): [2014–15](/wiki/2014–15_UEFA_Champions_League)
* [UEFA Super Cup](/wiki/UEFA_Super_Cup): [2015](/wiki/2015_UEFA_Super_Cup)
* [FIFA Club World Cup](/wiki/FIFA_Club_World_Cup): [2015](/wiki/2015_FIFA_Club_World_Cup)

### International[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=33)]

**Brazil**[[217]](#cite_note-221)\*[South American Youth Championship](/wiki/South_American_Youth_Championship): [2011](/wiki/2011_South_American_Youth_Championship)

* [Superclásico de las Américas](/wiki/Superclásico_de_las_Américas): [2011](/wiki/2011_Superclásico_de_las_Américas), [2012](/wiki/2012_Superclásico_de_las_Américas), [2014](/wiki/2014_Superclásico_de_las_Américas)
* [Olympic Silver Medal](/wiki/Summer_Olympic_Games): [2012](/wiki/Football_at_the_2012_Summer_Olympics_–_Men's_tournament)
* [FIFA Confederations Cup](/wiki/FIFA_Confederations_Cup): [2013](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup)

### Individual[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=34)]

[thumb|right|upright|Neymar with the Golden Ball award for best player at the](/wiki/File:Neymargoldenball.jpg) [2013 Confederations Cup](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup)

* [*World Soccer* Young Player of the Year](/wiki/World_Soccer_(magazine)): [2011](/wiki/World_Soccer_(magazine)#Young_Player_of_the_Year)
* [Campeonato Brasileiro Série A Best Player](/wiki/Prêmio_Craque_do_Brasileirão): [2011](/wiki/Prêmio_Craque_do_Brasileirão#2011)
* [Campeonato Brasileiro Série A Championship Squad](/wiki/Prêmio_Craque_do_Brasileirão): [2010](/wiki/Prêmio_Craque_do_Brasileirão#2010), [2011](/wiki/Prêmio_Craque_do_Brasileirão#2011), [2012](/wiki/Prêmio_Craque_do_Brasileirão#2012)
* [Brazilian Silver Ball](/wiki/Bola_de_Ouro#Bola_de_Prata): 2010, 2011
* [Brazilian Golden Ball](/wiki/Bola_de_Ouro): [2011](/wiki/Bola_de_Ouro#2011)
* [Bola de Ouro](/wiki/Bola_de_Ouro) : 2012
* [FIFA Club World Cup Bronze Ball](/wiki/FIFA_Club_World_Cup): [2011](/wiki/2011_FIFA_Club_World_Cup#Awards)
* [South American Footballer of the Year](/wiki/South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year): [2011](/wiki/2011_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year), [2012](/wiki/2012_South_American_Footballer_of_the_Year)
* [FIFA Puskás Award](/wiki/FIFA_Puskás_Award): [2011](/wiki/FIFA_Puskás_Award#2011)
* [Copa Libertadores](/wiki/Copa_Libertadores) MVP: [2011](/wiki/2011_Copa_Libertadores)
* [FIFA Confederations Cup Golden Ball](/wiki/FIFA_Confederations_Cup): [2013](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup#Awards)
* [FIFA Confederations Cup Bronze Shoe](/wiki/FIFA_Confederations_Cup): [2013](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup#Awards)
* [FIFA Confederations Cup Dream Team](/wiki/FIFA_Confederations_Cup): [2013](/wiki/2013_FIFA_Confederations_Cup#Awards)
* [FIFA World Cup Bronze Boot](/wiki/FIFA_World_Cup): [2014](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup_awards#Golden_Boot)
* [FIFA World Cup Dream Team](/wiki/FIFA_World_Cup): [2014](/wiki/2014_FIFA_World_Cup_awards#Dream_Team)
* [Samba Gold](/wiki/Samba_Gold): 2014.[[218]](#cite_note-222)\*[UEFA Champions League Team of the Season](/wiki/UEFA_Champions_League): [2014–15](/wiki/2014–15_UEFA_Champions_League#Squad_of_the_season)[[219]](#cite_note-223)\*[FIFA FIFPro World XI](/wiki/FIFPro#FIFA_FIFPro_World_XI): 2015

### Records[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=35)]

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