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Having begun his career at lower-league clubs he signed for [Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona) in 2008, playing predominantly with its [reserves](/wiki/FC_Barcelona_B). Three years later he moved to [Benfica](/wiki/S.L._Benfica), and was loaned back to Spain with [Granada](/wiki/Granada_CF) before joining [Celta](/wiki/Celta_de_Vigo) in 2013.

Nolito made his debut for the [Spanish national team](/wiki/Spain_national_football_team) in November 2014, representing the nation at [Euro 2016](/wiki/UEFA_Euro_2016).

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### Barcelona[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

Born in [Sanlúcar de Barrameda](/wiki/Sanlúcar_de_Barrameda), [Cádiz](/wiki/Province_of_Cádiz), [Andalusia](/wiki/Andalusia), Nolito arrived at [FC Barcelona](/wiki/FC_Barcelona) at nearly 22 years of age, having appeared with [Écija Balompié](/wiki/Écija_Balompié) in his native region in two [third division](/wiki/Segunda_División_B) seasons. With the [Catalans](/wiki/Catalonia), in the same level, he scored 16 league goals in two seasons combined – 12 in [the second](/wiki/2009–10_Segunda_División_B) – as the [B-team](/wiki/FC_Barcelona_B) returned to the [second level](/wiki/Segunda_División) after an 11-year absence; still as a youth, he briefly represented [Valencia CF](/wiki/Valencia_CF), but quickly returned to his first club [Atlético Sanluqueño CF](/wiki/Atlético_Sanluqueño_CF).[[1]](#cite_note-1) On 3 October 2010, Nolito made his [La Liga](/wiki/La_Liga) debut for Barcelona, coming on as a [substitute](/wiki/Substitute_(association_football)) for [Pedro](/wiki/Pedro_(footballer,_born_July_1987)) in a 1–1 home draw against [RCD Mallorca](/wiki/RCD_Mallorca).[[2]](#cite_note-2) On 10 November, he opened the scoring in a 5–1 home win against [AD Ceuta](/wiki/AD_Ceuta) for [the season's](/wiki/2010–11_Copa_del_Rey) [Copa del Rey](/wiki/Copa_del_Rey) (7–1 on aggregate).[[3]](#cite_note-3)

### Benfica[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

[thumb|left|Nolito with](/wiki/File:Nolito_on_Benfica_(cropped).jpg) [Benfica](/wiki/S.L._Benfica) in 2011 In late May 2011, Nolito rejected Barcelona's offer of a professional contract and instead signed a five-year deal with Portuguese side [S.L. Benfica](/wiki/S.L._Benfica), effective as of 1 July.[[4]](#cite_note-4) He scored on his official debut on the 27th, a 2–0 home win against [Trabzonspor](/wiki/Trabzonspor) for [the season's](/wiki/2011–12_UEFA_Champions_League) [UEFA Champions League](/wiki/UEFA_Champions_League).[[5]](#cite_note-5) He also netted in the second leg, a 1–1 draw.[[6]](#cite_note-6) On 20 August 2011, Nolito scored once in a 3–1 home win against [C.D. Feirense](/wiki/C.D._Feirense), making him alongside [Eusébio](/wiki/Eusébio) the only player to score in his first five official matches for the club.[[7]](#cite_note-7) He netted 15 goals in 48 official games in [his first season](/wiki/2011–12_Primeira_Liga), [helping](/wiki/2011–12_Taça_da_Liga) the Eagles to the [domestic League Cup](/wiki/Taça_da_Liga).

Nolito returned to his country and his native region on 29 January 2013, being loaned to [Granada CF](/wiki/Granada_CF) for six months and a fee of € 600,000, without the possibility of making the move permanent in June.[[8]](#cite_note-8)[[9]](#cite_note-9) In his first match, four days after signing, he took the [corner](/wiki/Corner_kick) which resulted in [Cristiano Ronaldo's](/wiki/Cristiano_Ronaldo) [own goal](/wiki/Own_goal) for the game's only goal, giving Granada its first win over [Real Madrid](/wiki/Real_Madrid_C.F.) in 40 years.[[10]](#cite_note-10)[[11]](#cite_note-11)

### Celta[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

[thumb|right|Nolito talking to an assistant referee in 2015](/wiki/File:Nolito_Jugador.JPG) On 1 July 2013, Nolito signed with [Celta de Vigo](/wiki/Celta_de_Vigo), penning a four-year deal and reuniting with former Barcelona B boss [Luis Enrique](/wiki/Luis_Enrique_(footballer)).[[12]](#cite_note-12) He finished [his debut season](/wiki/2013–14_La_Liga) as team top scorer, with 14.[[13]](#cite_note-13) Nolito was named [La Liga Player of the Month](/wiki/La_Liga_Player_of_the_Month) for September 2014, with four goals during a month which ended [with Celta in sixth position](/wiki/2014–15_La_Liga).<ref name=LFP>[Template:Cite news](/wiki/Template:Cite_news)</ref> He created 96 goalscoring opportunities over the campaign, the most in the Spanish league and fourth most in Europe's five leading leagues.[[14]](#cite_note-14) On 23 September 2015, Nolito took his league tally to five after scoring once and providing two [assists](/wiki/Assist_(football)) for [Iago Aspas](/wiki/Iago_Aspas) in a 4–1 home success over former club Barcelona.[[15]](#cite_note-15) He totalled three goals and an assist that month to help his team remain unbeaten, earning him a second Player of the Month accolade;<ref name=LFP2>[Template:Cite news](/wiki/Template:Cite_news)</ref> in mid-December, however, he suffered a [hamstring](/wiki/Hamstring) injury against [RCD Espanyol](/wiki/RCD_Espanyol) which sidelined him for two months.[[16]](#cite_note-16)[[17]](#cite_note-17) Nolito returned to action on 20 February 2016, featuring roughly 20 minutes in a 3–2 home win over [SD Eibar](/wiki/SD_Eibar).[[18]](#cite_note-18) In the following round, he scored the game's only goal at [Getafe CF](/wiki/Getafe_CF),[[19]](#cite_note-19) and his team eventually [finished in sixth place](/wiki/2015–16_La_Liga).

### Manchester City[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

On 1 July 2016, Nolito signed with [Premier League](/wiki/Premier_League) side [Manchester City](/wiki/Manchester_City_F.C.) on a four-year deal for a fee of £13.8 million.[[20]](#cite_note-20)[[21]](#cite_note-21)

## International career[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

Nolito did not gain a single [cap](/wiki/Cap_(sport)) for [Spain](/wiki/Spain_national_football_team) at [youth level](/wiki/Spain_national_youth_football_team). On 7 November 2014, he was called up by full side manager [Vicente del Bosque](/wiki/Vicente_del_Bosque) for a [UEFA Euro 2016](/wiki/UEFA_Euro_2016) [qualifier](/wiki/UEFA_Euro_2016_qualifying) against [Belarus](/wiki/Belarus_national_football_team) and a [friendly](/wiki/Exhibition_game) with [Germany](/wiki/Germany_national_football_team).[[22]](#cite_note-22) He made his debut against the latter on the 18th, starting at his club ground of [Balaídos](/wiki/Balaídos) in a 0–1 loss.[[23]](#cite_note-23) On 17 May 2016, Nolito was named in the preliminary squad for the final tournament in France.[[24]](#cite_note-24) Twelve days later, in a friendly against [Bosnia and Herzegovina](/wiki/Bosnia_and_Herzegovina_national_football_team), he scored his first goals, striking twice in the first half of a 3–1 win in Switzerland.[[25]](#cite_note-25) he repeated the feat the following match, a 6–1 routing of [South Korea](/wiki/South_Korea_national_football_team) in Austria.[[26]](#cite_note-26) Selected for the squad of 23,[[27]](#cite_note-27) Nolito acted often as starter, scoring from close range in a 3–0 group stage success over [Turkey](/wiki/Turkey_national_football_team) at the [Stade de Nice](/wiki/Allianz_Riviera) and also assisting [Álvaro Morata](/wiki/Álvaro_Morata) for the opener.[[28]](#cite_note-28)

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* [La Liga Player of the Month](/wiki/La_Liga_Player_of_the_Month): September 2014,<ref name=LFP/> September 2015<ref name=LFP2/>

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