

Introduction

Pelé, real name **Edson Arantes do Nascimento** was born on October 23, 1940, he was a Brazilian professional soccer player who played as a forward. Regarded as one of the [greatest players of all time](#) and labelled "the greatest" by FIFA. He was in his time one of the best-paid, most popular and successful athletes. (Wikipedia, 2021)



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Early career

As incredible as it may seem, Pelé was refused by major club teams when he was younger, but in 1956 he could join one of the biggest soccer teams in Brazil called [Santos](#), [winning several games](#) before and after his participation in the World Cup, national and international club cups. He is largely known in his home country and worldwide. He scored his [1,000th goal](#) on November 20, 1969. (The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2021)



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Achievements

He is the all-time leading goalscorer for Brazil and Santos with 77 goals in 92 games and 643 goals in 659 games, respectively. His first time playing abroad happened in 1957 and the next year, he would participate in his first World Cup and win alongside Brazil's professional team. In the next world Cup in 1962 he [injured his leg](#) in the last football match against Czechoslovakia, people say that this was the reason why the 1966 World Cup Brazil was eliminated at the first phase. (Wikipedia, 2021)



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Last games

His desire to win another World Cup trophy brought him back only to win his last one on June 14, 1970, against Italy. He announced his retirement in 1974 from soccer games but signed a 7-million dollars contract with New York Cosmos for 3 years and then he retired from soccer for once. (The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2021)

In the following table you can see schematized information about the won World Cups that Pelé participated

TABLE	#1 World Cup won	#2 World Cup won	#3 World Cup won
Year	1958	1962	1970
Place	Sweden	Chile	Mexico
Quarter-finals opponent	Wales	England	Peru
Semi-final opponent	France	Chile (host)	Uruguay
Final opponent	Sweden (host)	Czechoslovakia	Italy
Final game score	5 - 2	3 - 1	4 - 1

(Guinness World Records, n.d.)

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