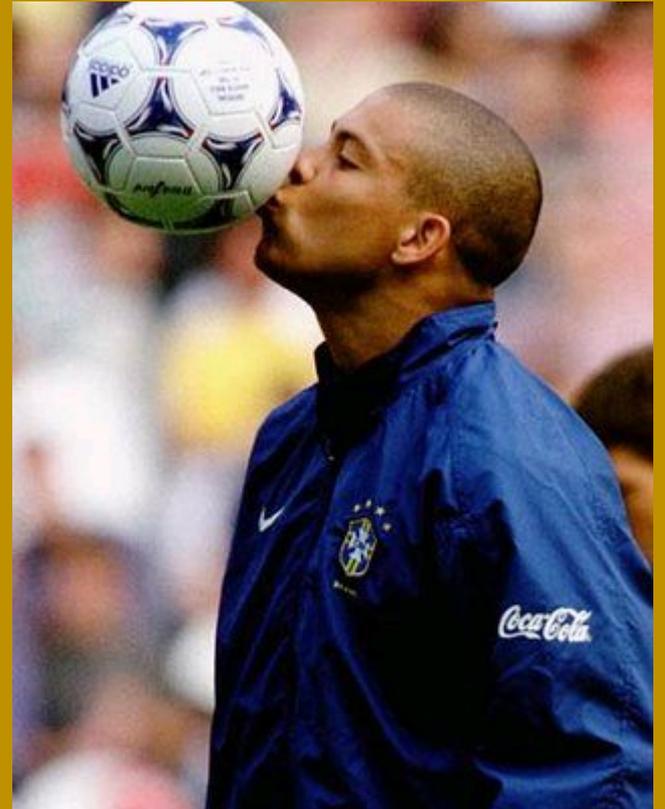
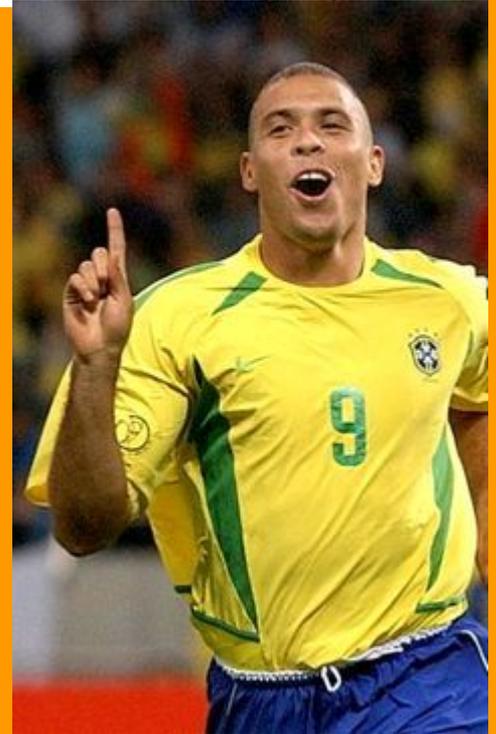


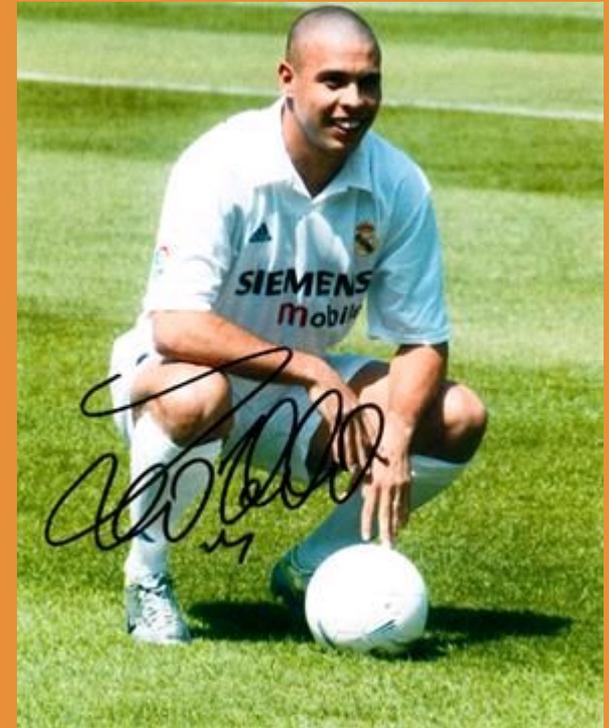
RONALDO



Ronaldo Luís Nazário de Lima, born 18 September 1976^[2]), commonly known as **Ronaldo**, is a retired Brazilian **footballer**. Popularly dubbed "the phenomenon", he is considered by experts and fans to be one of the greatest football players of all time.^[1]



He is one of only four players to have won the FIFA World Player of the Year award three times or more, along with Zinedine Zidane, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.^[8] He also won the Ballon d'Or twice, in 1997 and again in 2002.



Considered by many one of the best **strikers** of all time, in 2007 he was named in the greatest ever starting eleven by **France Football** magazine and in 2004 was named in the **FIFA 100** list of the greatest living players compiled by **Pelé**. He was inducted into the **Brazilian Football Museum Hall of Fame** in 2006, and the **Italian Football Hall of Fame** in 2015. In February 2011, Ronaldo announced his retirement from professional football after an 18-year career.^[9]



Ronaldo played for **Brazil** in 98 matches, scoring 62 goals, and is the **second highest goalscorer** for his national team. Aged 17, he was a part of the Brazilian squad that won the **1994 FIFA World Cup**. At the **1998 World Cup** he received the **Golden Ball** for player of the tournament in helping Brazil reach **the final** where he suffered a **convulsive fit** hours before the defeat to France. He won a second World Cup in **2002** where he scored twice in the **final**, and received the **Golden Boot** as top goalscorer. During the **2006 FIFA World Cup**, Ronaldo scored his **15th World Cup goal**, which was a World Cup record at the time.

Having suffered a string of serious injuries throughout his career, Ronaldo retired on 14 February 2011, citing [pain](#) and [hypothyroidism](#) as the reasons for his premature retirement.^[10] Since 2000, Ronaldo has been a [United Nations Development Programme Goodwill Ambassador](#), concerned with helping move the world against poverty.^[11] In January 2013 he was named one of the six Ambassadors of the [2014 FIFA World Cup](#) in Brazil.^[12]

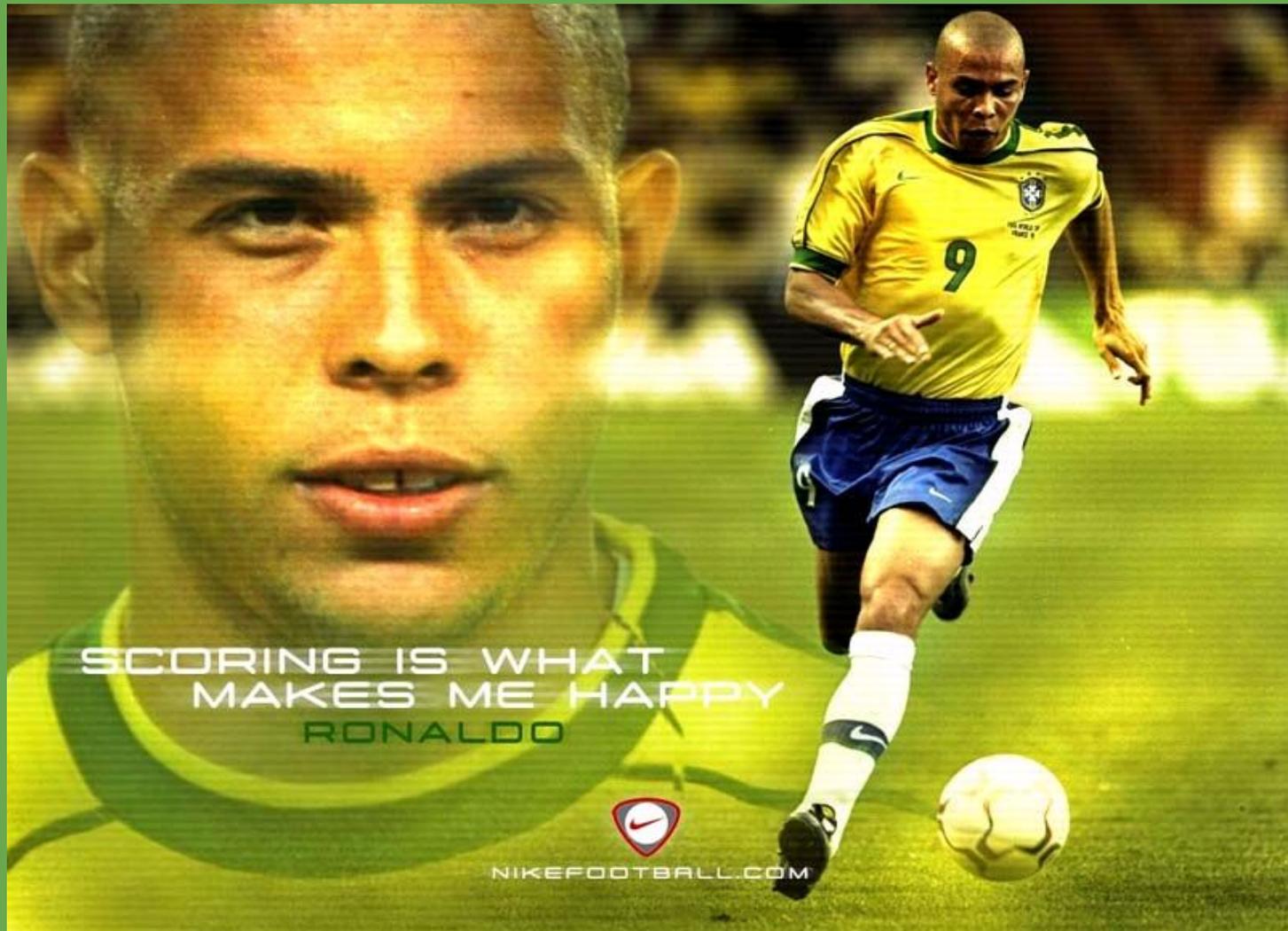






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