

Pelè a soccer star

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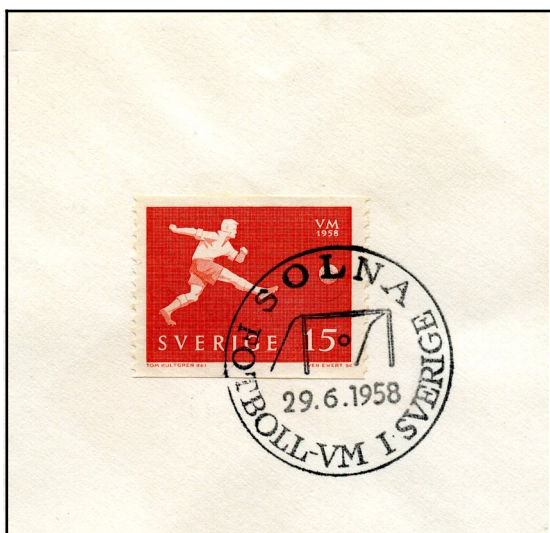
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Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known as **Pelé**, was one of the greatest world soccer stars of all time. Known as O Rei (the king), he was revered in Brazil as **the king of the Rio carnival**. In all matches, including friendly match, he scored more than 1,200 goals. He scored the number 1,000 on 28 November 1969 by shooting a penalty kick. He achieved the greatest successes with the national team of his country, **Brazil**.



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Cancellation of the 1958 Stockholm Final



In **Stockholm in 1958**, he won his first world championship title at the age of 17, but his masterpiece came in 1970, when **the Brazil team won the Rimet Cup for ever**.



Cancellation of the definitive winning of the Rimet Cup.



He played most of his soccer career for **Santos**, a team from the city of the same name located in the state of São Paulo. By his own choice, he never wanted to play in Europe, despite receiving big offers from the best teams on the continent.

He could kick with **both feet**, which is why he scored a large number of **goals**.



Bulgaria 1962 - imperforate



Albania 1962 - imperforate

He wanted to end his glorious career in the shadow of the **Statue of Liberty**, at the New York Cosmos, to bring soccer to the States. He passed away on December 29, 2022, and this page is his memorial.

