



RONALDO DE ASSIS MOREIRA A.K.A. RONALDINHO

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THESIS STATEMENT

- Ronaldinho has demonstrated civility, grace, and integrity on and off the field throughout his life through the numerous humanitarian honors he has won, the countless individuals he has effected, the testimonials of those closest to him, the causes he has supported, and his career on the field for both his clubs and country.



EARLY LIFE

- × Born and raised in Porto Alegre, Brazil
- × Majority of his family was professional soccer players
- × Played futsal and developed a lot of the ball skills that made him famous in future professional leagues
- × Signed his first contract with Grêmio, one of the most popular teams in Brazil's domestic league.



SOCCKER CAREER

- × Brazilian national team 1995.
- × At only 13 he scored 23 goals in one game.
- × His talent for finding the back of the net and impressive ball control allowed him to skip the youth league entirely, went directly to Gremio's professional team in 1997.
- × Won the FIFA U17 Championship in Egypt.
- × Won the FIFA Player of the Year award in 2004 and 2005.
- × Also in 2005, Ronaldinho became the third Brazilian player to win the prestigious European Footballer of the Year award.



STRUCTURE OF BRAZILIAN SOCCER

- Brazilian soccer clubs are divided into two main leagues; the national pyramid and the state pyramid.
- The state pyramid is regulated by each individual state.
 - Each state determines how many leagues they have and how many teams per league there will be.
- The national pyramid is regulated by the Brazilian Football Confederation.
 - 4 main leagues; A,B,C,D
 - In the A/B/C leagues there are 20 teams each while in the D league there are about 68 teams
- One way they regulate the competition on the National level is the concept of four promoted and four demoted.
- The four bottom teams in a league are bumped to the level under then while the top four bump up to the higher league.

TESTIMONIALS FROM FORMER TEAMMATES

“Ronaldinho was far more gifted than Leo or Cristiano. He was a natural with special ability. Whenever we gave the ball to him, the moves and goals were from a different world.” - Deco

“Ronaldinho transmits a lot of joy and pleasure playing the game, and he has individual skills that are of such a high level that everybody in the world adores him.” - Rijkaard



HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

- Partnered with World Food Program in 2005
 - *"I grew up with children from very poor families, and I've seen the effect hunger can have...I was lucky soccer rescued my family from poverty. Now I want to help WFP rescue other kids who aren't so fortunate."*
- Opened a school in his hometown of Porto Alegre in 2006
 - *"This is something I have always dreamed of doing," Ronaldinho told media before bursting into tears.*
- Joined UNAIDS organization as an ambassador in 2011
- Captained a team in the 'Match for Solidarity' in 2018
 - Charity game in Switzerland to raise money and awareness for UEFA Foundation for Children



CONCLUSION

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- Holistically, these reasons provide clear evidence that Ronaldinho was an impactful figure in Brazil but more importantly demonstrate the civility, grace, and integrity to which he has lived his life.

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