

Brazil: For the love of football

■ **1990:** Poor Brazilian team knocked out in Last 16 by arch-rivals Argentina

■ **1994:** Brazil reach first final in 24 years – beating Italy in first World Cup decided on penalties

■ **1998:** Firm favourites for title but defeated by host nation France in final overshadowed by ill health of star striker **Ronaldo**

Cafu

Most capped Brazilian player of all time lifts World Cup trophy in 2002



▲ **2002:** **Ronaldo**, **Rivaldo** and **Ronaldinho** dazzle in winning record fifth title.

Ronaldo claims **Golden Boot**, scoring twice in 2-0 victory over Germany

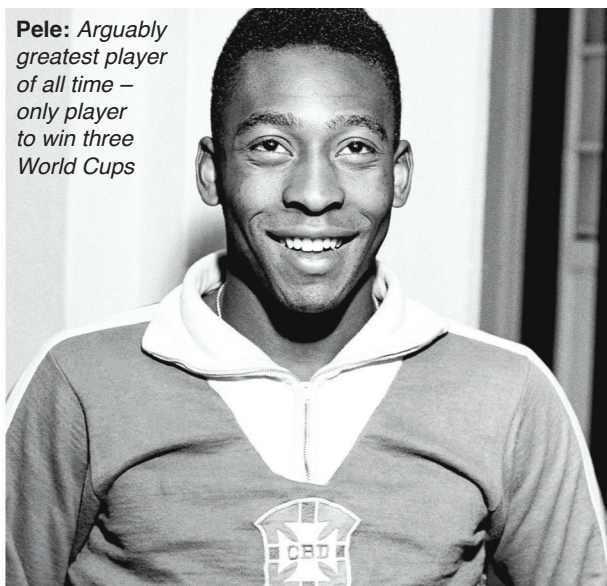


■ **2006:** Ageing Brazil team beaten in quarter-finals

■ **2010:** Eliminated in quarter-finals once again

◀ **2014:** Despite preparations marred by accidents and missed deadlines, Brazil hope to capitalise on home turf to win sixth World Cup

Pele: *Arguably greatest player of all time – only player to win three World Cups*



Most goals

Ronaldo

Pele

Vava, Jairzinho

Ademir, Leonidas, Rivaldo

Careca

WORLD CUP LEGENDS

15

12

9

8

7

Most caps

Cafu

Ronaldo

Dunga, Taffarel

Lucio, Roberto Carlos

Gilberto Silva, Jairzinho

20

19

18

17

16

■ **1974:** Finish fourth after loss in semis to Netherlands

■ **1978:** Narrowly miss final on goal difference – settling for third place behind home champions Argentina

■ **1982:** Italy avenge 1970 defeat as team organisation triumphs over Brazilian flair

■ **1986:** **Socrates** misses penalty in quarter-final loss to France

Neymar

New star looking to light up world stage



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■ **1930:** Inaugural World Cup. **Preguinho** scores Brazil's first ever World Cup goal despite loss to Yugoslavia in first match

■ **1934:** First round exit

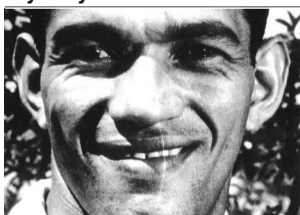
■ **1938:** **Leonidas** is top scorer with seven goals as Brazil finish in third place

▶ **1950:** Brazil host World Cup. Tournament decided by round-robin – two highest ranked teams contest *de facto* final, with Uruguay beating home favourites 2-1



■ **1954:** Eliminated in famously ill-tempered quarter-final by Hungary

■ **1958:** First World Cup title in Sweden, inspired by 17-year-old **Pele**



▲ **1962:** With Pele injured, **Garrincha** leads Brazil to back-to-back titles – feat never since emulated

■ **1966:** Exit in group stage

▶ **1970:** Greatest ever World Cup team includes **Pele**, **Tostao**, **Jairzinho**, **Carlos Alberto** and **Rivelino**. Brazil beat Italy to win third title and keep **Jules Rimet** trophy outright

