

Pelé

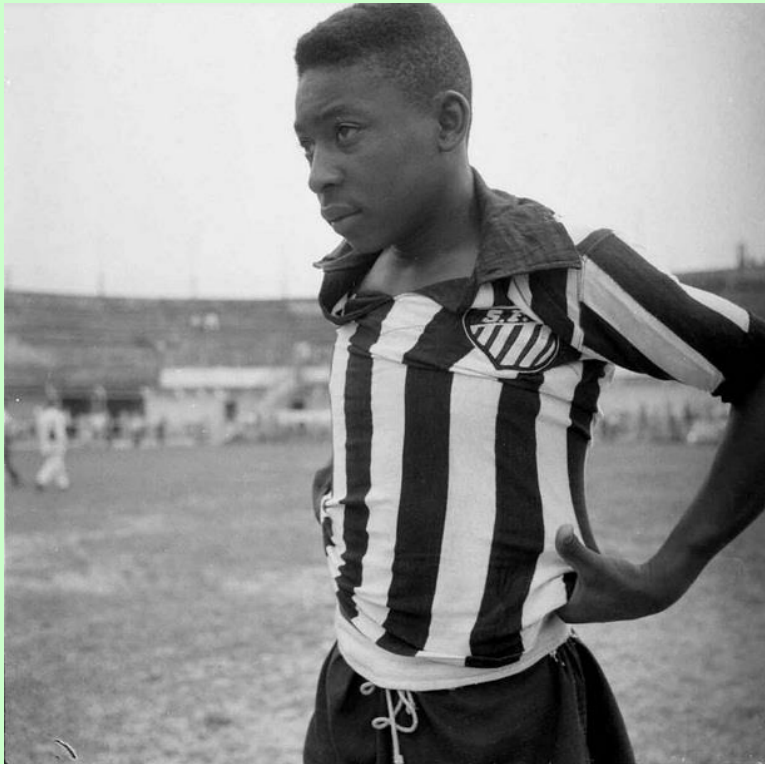
Pele was born on 23rd October 1940 in Brazil.
His father was a professional footballer. His family was poor.
He did lots of jobs to help his parents but he also played football in the streets with his friends.



When he was 15 he started playing for SANTOS, a big football club. He left his family and went to live in Santos.

During the first year he scored 32 goals for his club.

Soon he was chosen to play for his country Brazil. Football fans started calling him The Black Pearl.



In 1958 he played for his country in the world cup in Sweden.
In the final they played against Sweden.They won 5-2.



In the 1962 world cup in Chile, Pele was injured in the second game.



In 1969 he scored a goal for the 1000th time.



He retired as a player in 1977. He is still involved in the sport and does lots of charity work around the world.





Pele carries the Olympic Flame inside Maracena Stadium during Day 10 of the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Torch Relay June 13, 2004 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

