



THE LIFE AND TIMES OF

Diego Maradona



FOOTBALL GENIUS



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Diego Maradona: A Life Story



Diego Armando Maradona was born October 30th, 1960 and is a former Argentine football player and coach. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest football players of all time.

Over the course of his professional club career Maradona played for Argentinos Juniors, Boca Juniors, Barcelona, Napoli, Sevilla and Newell's Old Boys. He set world-record contract fees. In his international career, playing for Argentina, he earned 91 caps and scored 34 goals.

Maradona played in four FIFA World Cup tournaments, including the 1986 tournament, where he captained Argentina and led them to their victory over West Germany in the final, winning the Golden Ball award as the tournament's best player.

In that same tournament's quarter-final round, he scored both goals in a 2–1 victory over England that entered football history, though for two different reasons. The first goal was via an unpenalized handball known as the "Hand of God", while the second goal was a remarkable 60 m (66 yd) effort that involved dribbling past six England players; it was voted the "goal of the century".



Maradona is considered one of the sport's legends and most controversial figures.

He was suspended from football for 15 months in 1991 after failing a drug test for cocaine in Italy. Further, he was sent home from the 1994 World Cup in the USA after testing positive for ephedrine.

After retiring from playing on his 37th birthday in 1997, he gained weight, suffered ill health, mainly from the effects of large scale cocaine use.

Maradona married his childhood sweetheart Claudia Villafane in 1989. The wedding was a major extravaganza and the newspapers criticized him. In spite of all this, as the New York Times stated on November 14, 2001, "Maradona may only be a shadow of his old self, but he still has the strongest hold over his people of any living Argentine."

The subsequent years were turbulent. Maradona commanded huge paychecks, became a drug addict and had two paternity suits filed against him. He had two children out of wedlock. Rumors said he was closely associated with the mafia.

In 2005, a stomach stapling operation helped Maradona control his weight gain, and he overcame his cocaine addiction.

His outspoken manners have sometimes put him at odds with journalists and sport executives. Although he had little managerial experience, he became head coach of the Argentina national team in November 2008, and held the job for eighteen months, until his contract expired after the 2010 World Cup.

Despite losing in the quarter finals, Diego Maradona was a larger than life figure on the touch line. He displayed a great rapport with his players, such as the new star Lionel Messi.

Between 2010 and 2020 Madonna coached various clubs with often mixed results. He coached teams in Dubai, Belarus and Mexico (Dorados) where he also starred in a widely watched Netflix series. He ended his career back in Argentina coaching the first division team, Gimnasia de la Plata.

Diego Maradona passed away (heart attack), November 25th at his home in Tigre, Argentina. He will remain a legend of sport and is still beloved by millions of fans both in Argentina and around the world.

Career Highlights

1976–1981 Argentinos Juniors 167 appearances (115 goals)

1981–1982 Boca Juniors 40 (28)

1982–1984 Barcelona 36 (22)

1984–1991 Napoli 188 (81)

1992–1993 Sevilla 26 (5)

1993–1994 Newell's Old Boys 7 (0)

1995–1997 Boca Juniors 30 (7)

Total 494 (258)

RIP
1960 - 2020



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11. Maradona is a legend and _____ by millions of fans.
12. Maradona _____ in 2020 by way of a heart attack.



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Research

In the boxes below, share your story! What important events have happened in this person's life? Research and then present the information to the class.



Personal Information



Family Life



Famous Quote



Early Life



Major Accomplishments



3 Interesting Facts



What Their Life Teaches Us



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The Life Of A Famous Player

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What important events happened in their life.
Research and find out the information.

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- Family Life:** Located in the middle left, with a lightning bolt and a squiggle to its right.
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- What Their Life Teaches Us:** Located at the bottom right, with a squiggle to its left.

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