

Iconic Strikers: Andriy Shevchenko



1) Discussion

- a) Who are some of your favourite strikers from the 2000?
 - b) Can you name any strikers to win the Ballon d'or?
 - c) Can you think of any great players from eastern Europe?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) To rise to fame (phrase) | a) To score a goal. |
| 2) To Net (verb) | b) Even though. |
| 3) To Struggle (verb) | c) To try something new. |
| 4) To Replicate (verb) | d) To become very well-known. |
| 5) Despite (preposition) | e) To do something again in the same way. |
| 6) To Venture (verb) | f) To have a hard time. |



b) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

To Rise to Fame

To Net

To Struggle

To Replicate

Despite

To Venture

- 1) After moving to Manchester United, Alexis Sanchez _____ to find his best form.
- 2) After retiring as a player, Fabio Cannavaro decided _____ into football management, becoming the head coach of Guangzhou Evergrande in China.
- 3) _____ being injured, Kevin De Bruyne played an important role in Manchester City's victory.
- 4) Robert Lewandowski _____ a hat-trick in Bayern Munich's 4-0 win over Borussia Dortmund.
- 5) Ronaldo _____ during his time at PSV in 1994.
- 6) Mohamed Salah aims to _____ his record-breaking season from 2017-2018 at Liverpool.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) What big individual award did Andriy Shevchenko win?

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Andriy Shevchenko, a legendary figure in Ukrainian football, rose to fame through his exceptional skills and goal-scoring prowess across Europe. Born on September 29, 1976, in Dvirkivschyna, Ukraine, Shevchenko began his football journey at Dynamo Kiev's youth academy, where his talent quickly became evident. Making his senior debut in 1994, he soon became a key player for the club, scoring 60 goals in 117 appearances.

In 1999, Shevchenko joined AC Milan, marking the pinnacle of his career. He formed a deadly partnership with fellow striker Filippo Inzaghi, helping Milan win the Serie A title in 2004, the Coppa Italia in 2003 and the UEFA Champions League in 2003. Shevchenko's remarkable goal-scoring abilities saw him net 127 goals in 208 appearances for Milan.

His success at Milan earned him the 2004 Ballon d'Or award, recognizing him as Europe's best player that year. In 2006, he joined Chelsea FC in a high-profile transfer, but struggled to replicate his Milan form in the Premier League. Despite this, he still managed to score 22 goals in 77 appearances for the London club.

On the international stage, Shevchenko was a prolific scorer for Ukraine, earning 111 caps and scoring 48 goals. He played in multiple UEFA European Championships and captained Ukraine in their first-ever FIFA World Cup appearance in 2006.

Throughout his career, Shevchenko's goal-scoring record remained impressive, tallying over 350 career goals for club and country combined. His achievements include five Ukrainian Premier League titles with Dynamo Kiev, a Serie A title and a Champions League trophy with Milan, and various individual accolades.

After retiring from professional football in 2012, Shevchenko ventured into coaching, eventually becoming the head coach of the Ukrainian national team in 2016. His legacy as a player and his continued contribution to Ukrainian football as a coach solidify his place as one of the country's greatest football icons.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Andriy Shevchenko's career?
- b) At which club do you think he was best?
- c) Why do you think he didn't play well at Chelsea?
- d) Do you think he deserved his Ballon d'or?

