

Andrea Pirlo: Il Maestro



1) Discussion

- a) Who are your favourite Italian players?
 - b) What midfielders do you like from the 2000s?
 - c) Do you watch Italian football?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) To Transform (verb) | a) The ability to see and plan things well. |
| 2) Calmness (noun) | b) To change something completely. |
| 3) Smart (adjective) | c) A player who controls the game from a position far back on the field. |
| 4) Deep-lying Playmaker (noun) | d) Very correct or exact. |
| 5) Vision (noun) | e) Being very relaxed and not worried. |
| 6) Accurate (adjective) | f) Being clever and quick to understand things. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

To Transform

Calmness

Smart

Deep-lying Playmaker

Vision

Accurate

- 1) Pep Guardiola is a very _____ manager. Always making good decisions.
- 2) Raul was famous for his _____ shooting.
- 3) Franz Beckenbauer was the first _____. Starting attacks from the back of the team.
- 4) Jürgen Klopp managed to _____ Liverpool into one of the best teams in the world.
- 5) Sergio Busquets is famous for his _____ on the ball and never being stressed.
- 6) Kevin De Bruyne's _____ helps him to make perfect passes to his teammates at Manchester City.



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

a) What clubs did Andrea Pirlo play for?

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Andrea Pirlo is a famous Italian football player. He was born on May 19, 1979, in Flero, Italy. Pirlo started playing football when he was young. His first big team was Brescia.

At Brescia, Pirlo showed his skills. He was very good with the ball. But soon, Inter Milan bought him. At Inter, Pirlo did not play much. The team did not use him well, and he could not show his best.

In 2001, Pirlo moved to AC Milan. He was transformed. At AC Milan, Pirlo became one of the best players in the world. He won many trophies, including the Champions League twice. Pirlo was known for his passing, free kicks, and calmness on the ball.

After many years at AC Milan, Pirlo joined Juventus in 2011. He continued to play well. At Juventus, he won the Serie A title four times in a row. Pirlo was a key player for the team.

He then moved to New York City FC in 2015 to finish his career. He played 60 games for New York City and also played for the MLS All-Star team in 2016.

Pirlo also played for the Italian national team. He played in three World Cups. In 2006, Italy won the World Cup. Pirlo was very important in that team. He helped Italy win with his great passes and smart play.

Pirlo's style of play was special. He was a deep-lying playmaker. This means he played far back but controlled the game with his passes. He had great vision and could make very accurate long passes. His free kicks were also very famous.

Andrea Pirlo is now remembered as one of the best midfielders in football history. His skill and style were admired by fans all over the world.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Andrea Pirlo?
- b) Did you like watching him play?
- c) What do you think of his style of play?
- d) Do you think he is a good manager?

