

Like Father Like Son



1) Discussion

- a) Can you think of any famous football families?
 - b) Can you think of any famous fathers and sons who play football?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) To Pass Down (phrasal verb) | a) Continuing for a long time. |
| 2) To Reach (verb) | b) To give something to the next generation. |
| 3) To Claim (verb) | c) A link or relationship between things or people. |
| 4) Connection (noun) | d) Many in number. |
| 5) Numerous (adjective) | e) To get to a place or goal. |
| 6) Lasting (adjective) | f) To say something belongs to you. |



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

To Pass Down

To Reach

To Claim

Connection

Numerous

Lasting

1. Manchester United have _____ fans all over the world.
2. Johan Cruyff's impact on football is _____, influencing generations of players.
3. The _____ between Luka Modrić and Toni Kroos in the midfield was important for Real Madrid's success.
4. Jamie Vardy worked hard to _____ the Premier League.
5. Paolo Maldini's legacy was _____ to his sons, who also played for AC Milan.
6. Bayern Munich _____ their 5th Champions League title in 2020.



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

- a) Which father-son players are mentioned in the article?

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Father and son football duos are special pairs in the game, passing down their love for football through generations.

Diego Forlan, from Uruguay, learned from his dad Pablo Forlan, who also played football. Though Pablo didn't reach Diego's success, he helped Diego become a star. Diego Forlan scored over 250 career goals, won the Golden Ball at the 2010 FIFA World Cup, and claimed two European Golden Shoes during his career.

Johan Cruyff was a famous Dutch player and coach. His son, Jordi, followed his dad's path in football, creating his own legacy. Johan won three Ballon d'Or awards and led Ajax to three consecutive European Cups in the 1970s. Jordi had a successful career, playing for clubs like Barcelona and Manchester United.

Eddie Gray played for Leeds United and passed on his football skills to his son, Andy Gray, who also had a good career. Eddie Gray made over 450 appearances for Leeds and won two league titles. Andy Gray played for several English clubs, including Everton and Aston Villa.

AC Milan has a strong family connection in football with the Maldinis. Cesare Maldini, Paolo Maldini's dad, was a player too, who made over 400 appearances for Milan. Paolo became one of football's best defenders, winning seven Serie A titles and five Champions League trophies. Paolo's son, Christian, also played for Milan before retiring in 2016.

Xabi Alonso, known for his passing skills, got his love for football from his dad, Periko Alonso who played for Real Sociedad and Barcelona during the 70s and 80s. Xabi had a great career, winning titles with Real Sociedad, Liverpool, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich. He won the UEFA Champions League twice with Liverpool and once with Real Madrid, along with numerous league titles and domestic cups.

These football families show how the love for the game can pass from fathers to sons. They inspire others and leave a lasting legacy in football.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about the players in the article?
- b) Which players were better than their father?
- c) Which fathers were better than their sons?
- d) Who will be the next father-son combination?

