

Iconic Strikers: Mario Kempes



1) Discussion

- a) Do you know any strikers from the 1970s and 80s? Who are your favourites?
 - b) Can you think of any legendary Argentinian strikers (not including Messi)
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Synonymous (adjective) | a) To show off something you're proud of. |
| 2) Stellar (adjective) | b) When two things are so closely related that they almost mean the same thing. |
| 3) To boast (verb) | c) When something makes you feel strongly about it or connect with it. |
| 4) Prolifically (adverb) | d) It's used to describe something that stands out as exceptional. |
| 5) To showcase (verb) | e) To display something to show how great it is. |
| 6) To resonate (verb) | f) Doing something a lot, or doing it really well and often. |

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

Stellar

Synonymous

To boast

To resonate

To showcase

Prolifically

- 1) In the world of football, Pele's name is _____ with Brazilian brilliance and skill.
- 2) James Rodriguez's _____ performances during the 2014 World Cup earned him a move to Real Madrid.
- 3) Arsenal fans like to _____ about their 49 game unbeaten streak in the 2003-2004 league this season.
- 4) Sam Kerr has been scoring goals _____ throughout her career.
- 5) The documentary will _____ the incredible talents of young footballers from around the globe.
- 6) Sir Alex Ferguson would give passionate speeches that _____ with the players in the dressing room.



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

a) In what year did Mario Kempes win the World Cup?

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Mario Kempes, a name synonymous with Argentine football glory, rose to prominence as one of the most prolific strikers of his era. Born on July 15, 1954, in Bell Ville, Argentina, Kempes embarked on a remarkable journey that solidified his status as a football legend.

Kempes' career sparkled with numerous standout moments, but none as defining as his heroics in the 1978 FIFA World Cup. Leading the Argentine national team, Kempes played a pivotal role in securing Argentina's first-ever World Cup triumph. His stellar performances throughout the tournament earned him the Golden Boot as the top scorer (six goals) and the Golden Ball for the best player, forever etching his name in football history.

However, Kempes' brilliance extended beyond the international stage. His club career boasted impressive statistics, notably during his time with Valencia CF in Spain. Joining Valencia in 1976, Kempes became an integral part of the team, scoring prolifically and guiding them to numerous successes. He played a pivotal role in Valencia's Copa del Rey victory in 1979 and their UEFA Cup Winners' Cup triumph in 1980, where he scored twice in the final against Arsenal.

Throughout his club career, Kempes showcased remarkable consistency and goal-scoring prowess, leaving an indelible mark on every team he represented. His prolific goal-scoring record and ability to rise to the occasion in crucial matches solidified his reputation as one of the finest forwards of his generation.

In addition to his World Cup triumph, Kempes also earned plaudits for his contributions to the Argentine national team. He represented his country in multiple Copa America tournaments, further cementing his legacy as an icon of Argentine football.

Mario Kempes' career was adorned with numerous accolades and achievements, including induction into the Argentine Football Hall of Fame. His impact transcended borders, inspiring generations of football enthusiasts and leaving an enduring legacy that continues to resonate with fans worldwide. As a true maestro of the beautiful game, Kempes remains a cherished figure in the annals of football history.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about the career of Mario Kempes?
- b) Do you think Mario Kempes is appreciated as much as he should be?
- c) How much would Kempes be worth in today's transfer market?

