

Paolo Rossi: Pablito



1) Discussion

- a) What strikers from the 80s do you know about?
 - b) Are there any strikers from your country who played well at World Cups?
 - c) Who is your favourite Italian striker ever?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) To soar (verb) | a) When someone is not allowed to do something for a certain period of time. |
| 2) Promotion (noun) | b) Facing difficulties or challenges in life. |
| 3) Adversity (noun) | c) To fly high, to increase quickly to a high level. |
| 4) Ban (verb/noun) | d) Something that has a big impact or makes an important difference. |
| 5) Decisive (adjective) | e) When you move up to a higher position or level, like going from a lower football league to a higher one. |
| 6) Ensure (verb) | f) To make sure that something will happen or be certain. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

To soar

Promotion

Adversity

Ban

Decisive

To Ensure

- 1) Leicester won _____ to the Premier League in 2014, two years later they won the Premier League.
- 2) The referees are here to _____ that the match is played fairly and according to the rules.
- 3) Roberto Baggio experienced _____ after the 1994 World Cup when he missed a penalty in the final.
- 4) Due to his involvement in the match-fixing scandal, the player received a two-year _____ from all football.
- 5) After winning the championship, the team's spirits began to _____ as they celebrated their victory.
- 6) Iniesta's goal in the final minutes of the match proved to be _____, securing the World Cup for Spain in 2010.



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

- a) What was the highlight of Paolo Rossi's career?

Pablito

Paolo Rossi, an Italian football legend, made a big impact on football with his incredible goal-scoring ability and memorable performances. Born in 1956, Rossi's journey through football saw him play for teams like Juventus and Vicenza Calcio.

Rossi's career soared during his time at Vicenza, scoring 60 goals in 94 games and helped the team secure promotion to Serie A, Italy's top football league. His exceptional talent didn't go unnoticed, leading to transfers to Perugia and later, a return to Juventus.

Despite his success on the field, Rossi faced adversity in 1980 when he became involved in a betting scandal, resulting in a two-year ban from football. However, Rossi remained determined to overcome this setback and prove his worth.

The biggest moment of Rossi's career came during the 1982 FIFA World Cup in Spain. Although there were doubts around his form due to his suspension, Rossi was the tournament's standout player. His remarkable hat-trick against Brazil in a crucial group stage match and decisive goals in the knockout stages propelled Italy to victory.

In the final against West Germany, Rossi scored the first goal in Italy's triumph, securing their third World Cup title. His performances earned him the Golden Boot as the tournament's top scorer and the Golden Ball as the best player.

Rossi's remarkable journey continues to inspire footballers and fans around the world, ensuring that his name is remembered for generations to come.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think of Paolo Rossi's career?

- b) Can you think of any other players who have had adversity but come back?

- c) How much would Paolo Rossi cost in today's transfer market?

