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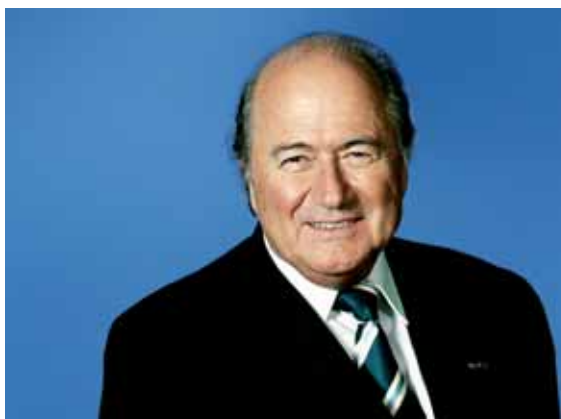
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"Women's football needs role models and we have some great ones on the team."

Dear members of the football family,

I am proud of all the women's football stars who are FIFA Ambassadors for Women's Football. First of all, when we chose our Ambassadors, we wanted to pay tribute to their talent as they had all dedicated their time, enthusiasm and energy to football. On the other hand, we also wanted to give them the opportunity to make the most of their fame and achievements to promote this branch of the game. Women's football needs role models and these great women have joined the team to help.

These women have a key role in the development of women's football. Each Ambassador can help to show that our sport is a chance to meet other people, girls and boys, through a joyful and positive activity. Through our game, even members of opposing sides in conflicts have the opportunity to learn and bond with each other on a neutral basis. Football is capable of playing a central role in establishing friendships, fighting discrimination,

promoting projects and so much more besides. It is a powerful platform that helps to foster fair play, equality, health and education for everyone. For girls especially, it is the perfect way to grow in terms of self-esteem and confidence!

We are grateful that we have been able to benefit from the opinions and experience of these people who are involved in the game. The ambassadors have taken part in FIFA Women's World Cups during their careers, so they know what it is all about. They are so much more than role models though, as they really can pass on all of the experience they have gained. And long may that continue!

Joseph S. Blatter
FIFA President



FIFA Ambassadors for Women's Football

In 2005, FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter hit upon the idea of appointing FIFA Ambassadors for Women's Football, an international, multicultural team of international women's football stars who support women's football worldwide.

The Ambassadors actively promote the development of the women's game. By raising public awareness and taking part in information campaigns, the Ambassadors not only help to spread women's football around the world but also work towards improving the standing of women in society by helping to break down social and cultural obstacles. They attend interviews, events and meetings to advocate women's football on behalf of football



in general and the women's game itself. The role of an Ambassador is not merely restricted to representing FIFA at events. They are encouraged to present fresh ideas and to relay any proposals and concerns raised at events back to the world governing body. They are all ready and willing to play an active role.

The FIFA Ambassadors for Women's Football can also serve as role models for all of the women and girls playing football today as well as for anyone else with an interest in women's football. They all have achieved extraordinary feats in their international careers and are widely respected on account of their performances on the pitch and their standing as athletes.



The FIFA Ambassadors for Women's Football (from left to right): Bettina Wiegmann (Germany) · Carolina Morace (Italy) · Futaba Kioka (Japan) · Pia Sundhage (Sweden) · Sissi (Brasil) · Heidi Stoere (Norway) · Silvana Burtini (Canada)

The objectives of FIFA and the ambassadors

A FIFA Ambassador for Women's Football:

- Actively promotes the development of women's football in her country, and around the world on behalf of herself and on behalf of FIFA
- Takes an interest in FIFA's role and its corporate social responsibility programmes and to identify with the work and objectives of the governing body, and as such, with the game of football in general
- Is ready and willing to play an active role in the development of women's football
- Makes proposals or takes initiative to promote the development of women's football
- Is ready, whenever possible and at FIFA's request, to attend official interviews with the media, press conferences and special events (such as seminars, courses, coaching seminars etc.)



Mercy Akide (Nigeria) · Wen Sun (China PR) · Ailing Liu (China PR) · Julie Murray (Australia).
Not pictured: Michelle Akers (USA) · Julie Foudy (USA) · Mia Hamm (USA) · Silvia Neid (Germany)

"I have achieved great things both professionally and personally from this wonderful game we call football and the beauty about football is that anyone and everyone can play."

Julie Murray

"Everybody should be able to enjoy football both on and off the field regardless you're a girl or boy. Football gives you a wonderful time and self confidence."

Pia Sundhage

"I want football to be a natural sport choice for girls, wherever they live. Because football is for all! It's open to everybody, it's colour blind and whatever handicap or skill, you can participate. And you will have fun!"

Heidi Stoebe

Michelle Akers



PERSONAL

Full name	Michelle AKERS
Date of birth	1 February 1966
Nationality	USA
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	153
First women's national "A" team cap	21 August 1985, USA v. Denmark (2-2)
Last women's national "A" team cap	20 August 2000, USA v. Canada (1-1)
Last club match	—

CAREER

First club/team/ college	University of Central Florida (USA)
Other clubs	Tyreso Football Club (SWE)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	3 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	1 st 1991, 3 rd 1995, 1 st 1999
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	1 tournament
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	1 st in 1996
Number of national championship titles	None
Current occupation	Mom, natural horsemanship trainer/ rider
Involvement in football today	Extremely limited... I am volunteer assistant coach at the University of Central Florida, Orlando (USA) and also make one or two appearances a year to benefit one cause or another through the football world.



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

Hardwork pays off, good friends and family are precious, calm seas do not make a good sailor... learn to enjoy the rough spots in life, and always be who I am (no matter how unpopular that might make me).

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

Seeing my family in the stadium watching us play, doing fitness and mentality training with some of the toughest players/people on the planet

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

I guess my wish is for the human race to treat each other, regardless of race, gender, or religion with respect, equality, and love.... on the field and off.

What is your biggest achievement?

Being a mom and wife and daughter

What has football given you?

A strong self of self, confidence in my ability to go after what I want in life, and a lot of wonderful friends all over the world.

Mercy Akide



PERSONAL

Full name	Mercy Joy AKIDE-UDOH
Date of birth	27 August 1975
Nationality	Nigerian
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	77 matches / 56 goals
First women's national "A" team cap	20 November 1994, Sierra Leone v. Nigeria in FIFA Women's World Cup qualifier (0-2, scored both goals)
Last women's national "A" team cap	20 August 2004, Germany v. Nigeria in Olympic Women's Football Tournament quarter-finals (2-1, scored the only goal for Nigeria)
Last club match	22 July 2006, Hampton Roads Piranhas v. Carolina Dynamo (1-1, scored for the Piranhas)

CAREER

First club/team/college	Garden City Queens, Port Harcourt (NGA)
Other clubs	Jegade Babes (NGA), Ufuoma Babes (NGA), Pelican Stars (NGA), Hampton Roads Piranhas (USA), San Diego Spirit (WUSA, USA)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	3 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	11 th in 1995, 7 th in 1999, 15 th in 2003
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	2 tournaments
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	8 th in 2000, 7 th in 2004
Number of national championship titles	6 league titles , 4 cup titles
Current occupation	Soccer player with Hampton Roads Piranhas, but I also coach kids
Involvement in football today	I continue to play the game



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

I have learned that if you believe in yourself, you can achieve anything in life.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

The friendship and companionship I shared with my Super Falcons team mates during the period between 1995 to 2000. And also when I was named as the first ever African Woman Footballer of the Year.

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

For it to grow as much as the men's game and to get the attention it deserves. My mission as a FIFA ambassador is to use football as a tool to help African girls to achieve their dreams and be the best she can be.

What is your biggest achievement?

Winning the US W-League championship with Hampton Roads Piranhas and being named the overall league Most Valuable Player (MVP) in 2003. Being the pioneer in so many ways for the women's game in Africa and being a role model for kids growing up who always say they want to be like Mercy Akide. I hope I can continue to be a good example for them.

What has football given you?

Football has given me a good life, exposure, fame and the most wonderful husband in the world!

Silvana Burtini



PERSONAL

Full name	Silvana BURTINI
Date of birth	10 May 1969
Nationality	Canadian
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	78
First women's national "A" team cap	1987, Canada v. Sweden (0-2)
Last women's national "A" team cap	2003, Canada v. Sweden (1-2)
Last club match	—

CAREER

First club/team/ college	Capilano College (CAN)
Other clubs	Carolina Courage (USA), Raleigh Wings (USA), Surrey Marlins (CAN), UBC Alumni (CAN), Naniamo Regal Tigers (CAN)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	3 tournaments and 1 test world cup in 1988
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	10 th in 1995, 12 th in 1999, 4 th in 2003
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	—
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	—
Number of national championship titles	5 titles
Current occupation	City of Vancouver police officer
Involvement in football today	Personal coaching and playing recreationally



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

The importance of good leadership, team cohesiveness and patience.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

Playing the opening game in the test women's world cup in Guangzhou, China in 1988 against the home team in a packed stadium. In addition, being selected and presently representing Canada as a FIFA women's football ambassador.

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

Continued success and future growth around the globe.

What is your biggest achievement?

Most valuable player (MVP) of the 1998 CONCACAF Championship and at the time, setting a world record for most goals scored in one game (8).

What has football given you?

The opportunity to travel extensively around the world and experience a variety of different cultures while developing lasting friendships.

Julie Foudy



PERSONAL

Full name	Julie FOUDY
Date of birth	23 January 1971
Nationality	USA
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	271
First women's national "A" team cap	3 August 1987, USA v. China (2-0)
Last women's national "A" team cap	8 December 2004, USA v. Mexico (3-0)
Last club match	–

CAREER

First club/team/ college	Stanford University (USA)
Other clubs	San Diego Spirit (WUSA, USA), Tyreso Football Club (SWE)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	4 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	1 st in 1991 and 1999, 3 rd in 1995 and 3 rd in 2003
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	3 tournaments
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	1 st in 1996 and 2004, 2 nd in 2000
Number of national championship titles	–
Current occupation	TV commentator for ESPN/ABC
Involvement in football today	Television commentary and my husband and I also run soccer camps/ sports leadership academies during the summer (Julie Foudy Soccer Camps, Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academies).



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

Football has given me my voice. It has taught me about being confident, strong, and self-disciplined. Sports have taught me about working with a team, respecting others, setting goals, believing in those goals, and having the courage to DREAM big. The great lessons I learned from playing football, I use everyday in life.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

The amazing group of women I played alongside throughout the 18 years I was on the national team.

What is your biggest achievement?

My husband, Ian Sawyers, and I now have a baby girl – born 1 January, 2007. Isabel Ann Sawyers is our greatest achievement!

What has football given you?

Football has given me everything ... I was able to play alongside not just great athletes, but incredible people. I was able to travel the world. I was able to experience many different cultures. I was able to test my strengths and weaknesses daily. I was able to express my personality on and off the soccer field. The list goes on and on! I feel blessed to have played for as long as I did.

Mia Hamm



PERSONAL

Full name Mariel HAMM GARCIAPARRA

Date of birth 17 March 1972

Nationality USA

Number of caps (women's national "A" team) 275 matches / 158 goals

First women's national "A" team cap 3 August 1987, USA v. China (2-0)

Last women's national "A" team cap 8 December 2004, USA v. Mexico, in Carson (USA) (5-0)

Last club match 24 August 2003, Washington Freedom v. Atlanta Beat (2-1, Washington Freedom, won the WUSA championship game)

CAREER

First club/team/college University of North Carolina (USA)

Other clubs Washington Freedom (USA)

Number of FIFA Women's World Cups 4 tournaments

Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups 1st in 1991, 3rd in 1995, 1st in 1999, 3rd in 2003

Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments 3 tournaments

Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments 1st in 1996, 2nd in 2000, 1st in 2004

Number of national championship titles 4 in college at the University of North Carolina (USA), 1 in the professional club league (WUSA) for the Washington Freedom (USA)

Current occupation Self-employed

Involvement in football today Youth outreach through appearances and training DVDs, work with sponsors



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

I love the game because of the relationships I have built and the opportunity to compete.

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

I just hope the sport continues to grow and prosper, ultimately providing more opportunities for girls and women around the globe.

What is your biggest achievement?

The 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup was so rewarding because no one felt we could attract the fans and fill the stadiums and we not only filled them but lived up to everyone's expectations by winning the FIFA Women's World Cup at home.

What has football given you?

It has provided so much joy and ultimately my best friends in the world. My team-mates and the experiences we shared over time are what I miss the most.

Futaba Kioka



PERSONAL

Full name	Futaba KIOKA
Date of birth	22 November 1965
Nationality	Japanese
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	76
First women's national "A" team cap	7 June 1981, Japan v. Chinese Taipei (0-1)
Last women's national "A" team cap	25 July 1996, Japan v. Norway (0-4)
Last club match	15 January 1997, Suzuyo Shimizu FC v. Nikko Shouken (2-3)

CAREER

First club/team/ college	Shimizudaihachi Sports Club (JPN)
Other clubs	Suzuyo Shimizu FC (JPN)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	2 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	12 th in 1991, 8 th in 1995
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	1 tournament
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	7 th in 1996
Number of national championship titles	—
Current occupation	Mother
Involvement in football today	—



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

Take matters seriously, but enjoy them as much as possible.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

*My whole career was great with my team-mates.
Can't decide the fondest.*

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

*To be popular in every place. Like women's tennis or volleyball,
I hope people can enjoy women's football.*

What is your biggest achievement?

*Playing for Japan for 15 years following the creation of the
first ever national team. Played in first FIFA Women's World Cup
(1991) and first Women's Olympic Tournament (1996)*

What has football given you?

*Self-confidence, great friends, great experiences not
many people can get.*

Ailing Liu



PERSONAL

Full name	Ailing LIU
Date of birth	2 May 1967
Nationality	Chinese
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	around 180
First women's national "A" team cap	1987, friendly match, China v. USA (0-2)
Last women's national "A" team cap	2001, AFC Women's Championship, China v. DPR Korea (1-3)
Last club match	14 July 2002, Washington Freedom v. Philadelphia Charge (1-1)

CAREER

First club/team/ college	Beijing FC (CHN)
Other clubs	Kobe Tasaki FC (JPN), Philadelphia Charge (USA)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	3 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	5 th in 1991, 4 th in 1995 and 2 nd in 1999
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	2 tournaments
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	2 nd in 1996, 5 th in 2000
Number of national championship titles	6 titles
Current occupation	Assistant to President, Beijing FA
Involvement in football today	In charge of youth programme with Beijing FA



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

To build and establish relationships in sport and the community and to develop personal values.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

Participation in 1st and 3rd FIFA Women's World Cups (1991, 1999).

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

The further development of youth programmes for girls' football.

What is your biggest achievement?

Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award for Women's Football 1998.

What has football given you?

Great honour and social recognition.

Carolina Morace



PERSONAL

Full name	Carolina MORACE
Date of birth	5 February 1964
Nationality	Italian
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	153 matches / 105 goals
First women's national "A" team cap	1 November 1978, Italy v. Yugoslavia (4-1)
Last women's national "A" team cap	12 July 1997, UEFA European Women's Championship final, Italy v. Germany (0-2)
Last club match	6 June 1998, Modena v. Cascine Vica (2-1)

CAREER

First club/team/ college	Cà Bianca (Division "C", Venice, ITA)
Other clubs	Spinea (ITA), Belluno (ITA), Verona (ITA), Trani (ITA), Lazio (ITA), Reggiana (ITA), Milan (ITA), Torres (ITA), Agliana (ITA), Modena (ITA)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	1 tournament
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	5 th in 1991
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	–
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	–
Number of national championship titles	12 titles
Current occupation	Lawyer, football commentator on TV and on radio, professor of football at Rome University
Involvement in football today	–



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

I learned to respect the rules of the game and my adversaries and I learned to respect my limits. Football gave me self-confidence and personality.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

I scored four goals against England at Wembley Stadium in 1990. It was a record, for both men and women in the legendary stadium (Italy won 4-1). Also, in 1999 I became the first woman in the world to coach a professional men's team (Viterbese, Division "C", ITA).

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

I hope that in all countries the standing of women's football will improve. And I hope to see many ex-players being used in women's football because they have a lot of competence and passion.

What is your biggest achievement?

In 1999 I was ranked the second-best European woman player of the century (and fourth in the world) in the standings defined by the International Federation of Football Historians and Statisticians.

What has football given you?

Football has given me a lot of opportunities to work and it has given me the possibility to express my talent and my skills.

Julie Murray



PERSONAL

Full name	Julie Elizabeth MURRAY
Date of birth	28 April 1970
Nationality	Australian
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	67 (19 goals)
First women's national "A" team cap	13 December 1987 in Taiwan, Australia v. Hong Kong (6-0)
Last women's national "A" team cap	13 September 2000, Women's Olympic Football Tournament, Australia v. Germany (0-3)
Last club match	001, WUSA final, San Jose CyberRays v. Atlanta Beat (4-2 after penalty kicks)

CAREER

First club/team/college	1970 Boys Select Team (USA)
Other clubs	1969 Women's Select Team (USA), Weston Creek Women's FC (AUS), Sydney Olympic (AUS), Eastern Suburbs FC (AUS), Fortuna Ladies FC (DEN), San Jose CyberRays (USA), Sutherland SC (AUS), New South Wales national league team (AUS)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	2 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	12 th in 1995, 11 th in 1999
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	1 tournament
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	7 th in 2000
Number of national championship titles	1 in WUSA (USA), 2 with New South Wales national league team (AUS)
Current occupation	Principal security adviser
Involvement in football today	Quite limited due to work commitments although I have always had a great interest in coaching at international level one day



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

Trust, honesty and loyalty is everything if you expect to be successful, I live by those virtues every day. The beautiful thing is that I haven't stopped learning, which is an indication of the extraordinary things you can achieve as a player and also in retirement.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

I have so many fond memories of my football career it is difficult to name just one. My clearest and fondest memories, however, would be the exhilarating feeling I had when walking out onto the pitch wearing the Australian jersey ... It's amazing!

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

My greatest wish for women's football is to have a multitude of professional leagues around the world where players (coaches, management etc) have the opportunity to play and coach football at the highest level and earn a living.

What is your biggest achievement?

After two years' absence from the national team (having been dropped in early 1996), my biggest achievement was being named captain of the Australian team for the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup in the USA and scoring two goals in that tournament.

What has football given you?

Football has been the most important thing in my life, outside family, for the best part of 28 years and as such has been quite influential on the way in which I communicate with people and view life in general. This, by the way, has always been in a positive way. Amazingly, football has made me cry, as a result of poor results, but also from great results... Football has also empowered me in so many ways!

Silvia Neid



PERSONAL

Full name	Silvia Edith Maria NEID
Date of birth	2 May 1964
Nationality	German
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	111
First women's national "A" team cap	1982, in Koblenz (Germany), Germany v. Switzerland (5-1)
Last women's national "A" team cap	1996, in Birmingham (USA), Women's Olympic Tournament group match, Germany v. Brazil (1-1)
Last club match	1996, in Siegen (Germany), TSV Siegen v. FSV Frankfurt (2-1)

CAREER

First club/team/ college	SV Schlierstadt (GER)
Other clubs	SC Klinge Seckach (GER), SSG 09 Bergisch Gladbach (GER), TSV Siegen (GER)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	2 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	4 th in 1991, 2 nd in 1995
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	1 tournament
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	5 th in 1996
Number of national championship titles	7 German championships, 6 German cups and 3 European Championships
Current occupation	Head coach of the German women's national team
Involvement in football today	Head coach of German women's national team since August 2005; coach at German FA since July 1996



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

Teamwork, self-confidence, knowledge of other customs and mentalities.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

Scoring the goal of the month in 1987, winning the European Championship for the first time in 1989 and coming second in the 1995 FIFA Women's World Cup.

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

More professionalism and better performances in the leagues; tactical work with young players at an earlier age.

What is your biggest achievement?

Winning the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup in the USA as assistant coach and the FIFA U-19 Women's World Championship in Thailand in 2004 as head coach.

What has football given you?

Impressions that will stay with me for ever and people who have contributed to my personal development.

Sissi



PERSONAL

Full name	"Sissi" Sisleide LIMA DO AMOR
Date of birth	2 June 1967
Nationality	Brazilian
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	no record kept in Brazil
First women's national "A" team cap	1988, Brazil v. Australia (0-1)
Last women's national "A" team cap	September 2000, Brazil v. Germany (0-2)
Last club match	21 September 2007, WPSL League, USA, California Storm v. East Bay Power (4-0)

CAREER

First club/team/college	Flamengo Futebol Clube (BRA)
Other clubs	California Storm (USA), E. C. Bahia SAAD Futebol Clube (BRA), San Jose CyberRays (WUSA, USA), Sociedade Esportiva Palmeiras (BRA), C.R. Vasco Da Gama (BRA), Sao Paulo Futebol Clube (BRA)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	3 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	9 th in 1991, 9 th in 1995, 3 rd in 1999
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	2 tournaments
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	4 th in 1996, 4 th in 2000
Number of national championship titles	3 Sul Americano Champions
Current occupation	Soccer coach, physical education teacher at Las Positas College (USA), foster parent
Involvement in football today	I play for the WPSL in USA .



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

I have learned patience with myself and others. I have learned never to give up and most importantly, I have learned to be strong and proud of the woman I am.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

In 2002 I received the Humanitarian of the Year award for my work with a young cancer patient. He passed away at the age of nine and although he is gone he lives in my heart forever.

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

I hope women's football will someday be on an equal playing field as the men with professional teams where women can pursue soccer as an occupation.

What is your biggest achievement?

In 1999 when I was voted second best player in the world and the best female athlete in South America.

What has football given you?

Football has allowed me to live out the dream I had as a little girl, the dream to be a professional athlete. It has allowed me to travel the world and meet the terrific fans and also the ability to play with and against the best players in the world.

Heidi Stoere



PERSONAL

Full name	Heidi Elin STØRE (STOERE)
Date of birth	4 July 1963
Nationality	Norwegian
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	151
First women's national "A" team cap	1980, Norway v. Denmark (0-4)
Last women's national "A" team cap	1997, UEFA Women's European Championship semi-final, Norway v. Italy (0-2)
Last club match	1999, Japanese Club Championship final, Nikko Sec. Ltd v. Yumouri

CAREER

First club/team/ college	Råde IL (NOR)
Other clubs	Sprint-Jeløy (NOR), Trollhättan IF (SWE), Kolbotn IL (NOR), Athene Moss (NOR), Nikko Sec. Ltd (JPN)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	2 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	2 nd in 1991, 1 st in 1995
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	1 tournament
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	3 rd in 1996
Number of national championship titles	2 in Norway and 3 in Japan
Current occupation	Project manager, The Football Association of Norway
Involvement in football today	I'm involved with the development of women's football through my work at the Norwegian football association



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

A lot of things! Most of all that hard work and determination can take you a long way. I have learned to work with a variety of people and personalities and I feel strongly that to become the best team you need to embrace diversity. Also, I know by experience that most of the time the details will win you the game.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

It has to be the time I played for Sprint Jeløy, early in my career. We were on our way back from an indoor tournament in Sweden, cruising along in the club's old bus. It was winter and very cold. Half way home the bus broke down! We were towed to a nearby garage, the bus and its 20 passengers. While the bus was being fixed, the 20 passengers shared one small 6-sqm room for eight hours. I would say those hours were the funniest time spent with any team; I would even say this was a great team-building event.

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

My wish is that football will be the natural sport choice for girls as it is for boys, wherever you live in the world. Girls need access to clubs and fields, sufficient equipment and coaches that truly care for the game. Unfortunately, many girls do not have access to the game in their home area even though they want to play.

What is your biggest achievement?

That must be the FIFA Women's World Championship in Sweden in 1995. Not only because of the gold medal, but the spirit and the great enthusiasm in the team during the whole tournament. We had fun, we enjoyed each other's company, we desperately wanted to win the next game and we stood up for each other. We found the winning recipe that summer.

What has football given you?

Lifelong friendships and many, many memories I will never forget.

Wen Sun



PERSONAL

Full name	Wen SUN
Date of birth	6 April 1973
Nationality	Chinese
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	151
First women's national "A" team cap	1991, China v. Thailand (10-1)
Last women's national "A" team cap	2006, China v. Norway (0-1)
Last club match	2006, Shanghai STV v. Australia (3-0)

CAREER

First club/team/ college	Shanghai Yuandong (CHN)
Other clubs	Shanghai STV (CHN), Atlanta Beat (USA)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	4 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	5 th in 1991, 4 th in 1995, 2 nd in 1999, 6 th in 2003
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	2 tournaments
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	2 nd in 1996, 9 th in 2000
Number of national championship titles	18 titles
Current occupation	Officer, Shanghai Football Association
Involvement in football today	Deputy Director of Marketing Department, Venue Organizing Committee (VOC) Shanghai, FIFA Women's World Cup China 2007



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

*Attitude is everything, more important than skill or capability.
Success belongs to those who persevere.*

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

*4 July 1999, FIFA Women's World Cup USA semi-final
between Norway and China (0-5).*

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

*To see more girls playing football and a world professional
club tournament.*

What is your biggest achievement?

*I have no idea. I just love to play.
Honestly, I don't care about prizes/awards.*

What has football given you?

Honour and enjoyment, unique experience of life.

Pia Sundhage



PERSONAL

Full name	Pia SUNDHAGE
Date of birth	13 February 1960
Nationality	Swedish
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	146
First women's national "A" team cap	15 June 1975, Sweden v. England in Ullevi (2-0)
Last women's national "A" team cap	25 July 1996, Denmark v. Sweden in an Olympic Women's Tournament group match in Atlanta (1-3)
Last club match	3 July 1996, Hammarby v. Tyresö (2-1)

CAREER

First club/team/ college	IFK Ulricehamn (SWE)
Other clubs	FKIF Falköping (SWE), Jitex BK (SWE), Östers IF (SWE), Lazio (ITA), Hammarby IF (SWE)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	2 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	3rd in 1995, 7th in 1991
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	1 tournament
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	6 th in 1996
Number of national championship titles	4 titles
Current occupation	Assistant coach of Chinese women's national football team
Involvement in football today	I have always been involved in football... today as a full-time assistant coach for China's women's national team



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

Like my dear family, football teaches me that we can create the environment that brings out the best performance in each other. Key words are solidarity, team work with individualism and joy. If you are really interested and enjoy what you're doing, football can take you wherever you want to go.

What is your fondest memory of your football career?

The winning goal with my diving header in the first leg of the 1984 UEFA European Championship final between Sweden and England on 12 May 1984 (1-0) and the winning penalty kick in the second leg (1-0) on 27 May 1984 – and the news from FIFA that the first World Cup would take place in China in 1991. That's recognition!

What do you wish for the future of women's football?

That every girl in the whole world, in every little small town has the chance to play this wonderful game, football. That we get many more female coaches, more educated coaches that take this game to the next level. And that women's football gets support from FIFA.

What is your biggest achievement?

As a player, I played with the best players in Sweden for 22 years, against the best players in the world. As a coach, I had the opportunity to coach the most capped player in the world, Kristine Lilly. As a role model, I encouraged my team-mate, Lilie Persson, to become a coach and now she is assistant coach of Sweden.

What has football given you?

Football has always been – and will always be – a part of my life and it has raised me since I was a child. Football is my education and I got to where I am through practice. Football has taken me to many places where I made friends – all over the world. I feel like the Bob Dylan song "If Not For You".

Bettina Wiegmann



PERSONAL

Full name	Bettina WIEGMANN
Date of birth	7 October 1971
Nationality	German
Number of caps (women's national "A" team)	154
First women's national "A" team cap	1 October 1989, Germany v. Hungary (1-1)
Last women's national "A" team cap	12 October 2003, Carson (USA), 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup final, Germany v. Sweden (2-1 after golden goal)
Last club match	15 June 2003, FFC Brauweiler Pulheim v. SC Bad Neuenahr (7-0)

CAREER

First club/team/ college	TSV Feytal (GER)
Other clubs	TUS Mechernich (GER), SG Rotbachtal (GER), FFC Brauweiler Pulheim (GER), Sportfreunde Siegen (GER), Boston Breakers (WUSA, USA)
Number of FIFA Women's World Cups	4 tournaments
Rankings at the FIFA Women's World Cups	4 th in 1991, 2 nd in 1995, 8 th in 1999, 1 st in 2003
Number of Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	2 tournaments
Rankings at Women's Olympic Football Tournaments	5 th in 1996, 3 rd in 2000
Number of national championship titles	1 title
Current occupation	Sports instructor at the Middle Rhine Football Association (GER)
Involvement in football today	Full time coach at the German Football Association, in charge of the U19 German women's national team



QUOTES

What have you learned through football?

*To lose, to respect your opponents and to work with
and for other people.*

What is your biggest achievement?

Winning the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup.

What has football given you?

*New friends, a lot of fun, discipline and
the will to work to achieve my goals.*





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