

# ***Cristiano Ronaldo***



- Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro (port: Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro born February 5, 1985, Funchal) is a Portuguese footballer who plays for the Spanish club Real Madrid and Portugal, which included the European Champion 2016 year. He was the most expensive football player in the history of football until 2013 - for his transition from English "Manchester United" to "Real" was paid 80 million pounds sterling. The best scorer in the history of the Portuguese national team, as well as the record holder in terms of the number of matches played for her. It is considered one of the best players of the 2000-2010-ies Officially recognized PFF as the best player in the history of Portuguese football .

# The beginning of a football career

- As a child, Ronaldo's favorite team was Benfica. At the age of eight he played for the amateur team "Andorinha", in which his father worked. In 1995, Cristiano signed a contract with the local club "Nacional". After the victorious campaign in Nacional, Ronaldo went to a three-day viewing at Sporting, which concluded a contract with this Lisbon club.
- **Sporting** In 1997, Ronaldo moved to the youth academy of Sporting. He became the only football player in the history of the club, who played for all of Sporting's formations - up to 16, to 17, to 18, reserve and main teams - for one season [19]. He made his debut for the adult squad of Sporting on August 15, 2001 in a friendly match against Lisbon Athletico, coming on as a substitute in the second half and having scored a scoring goal. [20] At the same time, he played for the national team of Portugal at the European Youth Championship for players under .
- One of the first 16-year-old Ronaldo was noticed by the then head coach of "Liverpool" Gerard Houllier, but the Merseyside did not dare to conclude a contract with the Portuguese, considering that he is still too young and he needs time to develop his skills. . However, in the summer of 2003, he was noticed by the head coach of Manchester United, Sir Alex Ferguson, when Sporting defeated United with a score of 3-1 at the opening match of the Jose Alvalade stadium in Lisbon. The game Ronaldo impressed the players, "United", and they persuaded Ferguson to sign a contract with a talented Portuguese



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# Achievements CR7

- The top scorer in the history of European championships: 9 goals  
The record holder of the European Championships in the number of matches played: 21 match  
Best scorer in the history of the Portuguese national team: 75 goals  
Record-holder of the national team of Portugal in the number of matches played: 142 matches  
The record holder of the national team of Portugal in the number of goals in the European championships: 9 goals  
The best scorer in the history of international matches at the club level: 111 goals  
The best scorer in the history of European competition: 106 goals  
The top scorer in the history of the UEFA Champions League: 104 goals  
The best scorer in the history of the Club World Cup: 5 goals

# Awards CR7

- On 5 July 2004, shortly after the 2004 European Championships, Cristiano Ronaldo became an officer (5th degree) of the Portuguese Order of Infante, Don Enrique (OIH). In 2006, along with all the other players who played in the Portuguese national team at the 2006 World Championships, he was awarded the Medal of Merit of the Order of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary of Villa-Vicos, which is the dynastic award of the house of Bragans. On January 7, 2014, Cristiano Ronaldo became a great officer (3rd degree) of the Order of Infante Don Enrique (GOIH) for his services to Portugal, on January 20, a rewarding ceremony was held. June 17, 2015, astronomers from the University of Lisbon discovered a new galaxy, which was assigned the designation **CR7**.



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