

Brazilian's Soccer Shirt Collection Gets Guinness World Record

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1. Article

Read the following article aloud.

Guinness World Records recently **recognized** a 41-year-old Brazilian man for having the world's largest collection of soccer shirts.

Cassio Brandão has collected 6,101 shirts since 2000. His collection **includes** rare Pelé jerseys and a 1998 World Cup shirt signed by Brazilian star Ronaldo.

"They are more than just 6,101 pieces of fabric; they are 6,101 stories that help us tell a bit of the history of soccer," Brandão told Reuters. Soccer is known as football in much of the world.

Brandão keeps the shirts at Alambrado Soccer & Culture, a collectors club he founded, in São Paulo. The club brings together 60 people who trade stories and jerseys. He wore white gloves as he showed the shirts to visitors.

Brandão's collection includes the shirt worn by Pelé when the Brazilian player met Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in 1968. She was the guest of honor at a game played at Rio de Janeiro's Maracanã stadium during an [official](#) visit to Brazil.

Pelé is the star at Alambrado. The club is filled with Pelé's signed shirts and pictures. The Brazilian soccer player died in December 2022.

"Some shirts can go up to 40,000 reais, but a Pelé shirt is priceless," Brandão said. Forty thousand reais are worth about \$7,200.

Brandão also [displayed](#) a 1994 Brazil jacket worn by seven-time Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton at last year's São Paulo Grand Prix. The British driver, an honorary Brazilian citizen, borrowed the jacket to wear at the event.

A large part of Brandão's collection is [dedicated](#) to his local club Corinthians. It includes jerseys from Ronaldo's time with the club and shirts worn by his favorite player Socrates.

"Each shirt contains a story," Brandão said. "Stories of wins, losses, and overcoming. Stories that document a bit of the world's greatest sport."

Leonardo Basassatto and Amanda Perobelli reported this story for Reuters. Hai Do adapted it for VOA Learning English.

2. Key phrases and vocabulary

First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

1. recognize (v.) accept something as true or important

The company **recognized** her hard work by giving her an award.

2. includes (v.) has something as part of a whole

The price of a night at the hotel **includes** breakfast and free parking for all guests.

3. official (adj.) connected to an important or formal event

He wore a suit to the **official** meeting at the city hall.

4. display (v.) show something so people can see it

The artist **displayed** his paintings along the hallway.

5. dedicated (adj.) given special attention or purpose

She has a **dedicated** room in her house for quiet study.

3. Questions

Read the questions aloud and answer them.

1. How many soccer shirts are in Cassio Brandão's collection?
2. Which famous player's shirts are a major part of the collection?
3. Why does Brandão think the shirts are important and special?
4. Why do you think people enjoy collecting items connected to sports?
5. Do you think sports history should be preserved through objects like shirts? Why or why not?