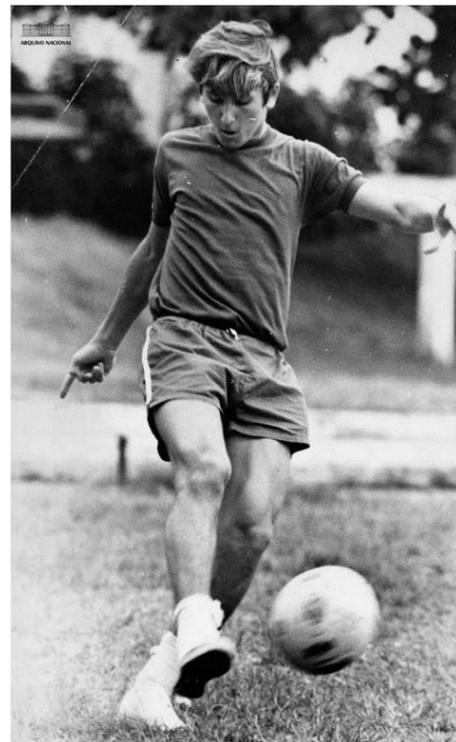


Zico: Talent, Resilience, and Legacy

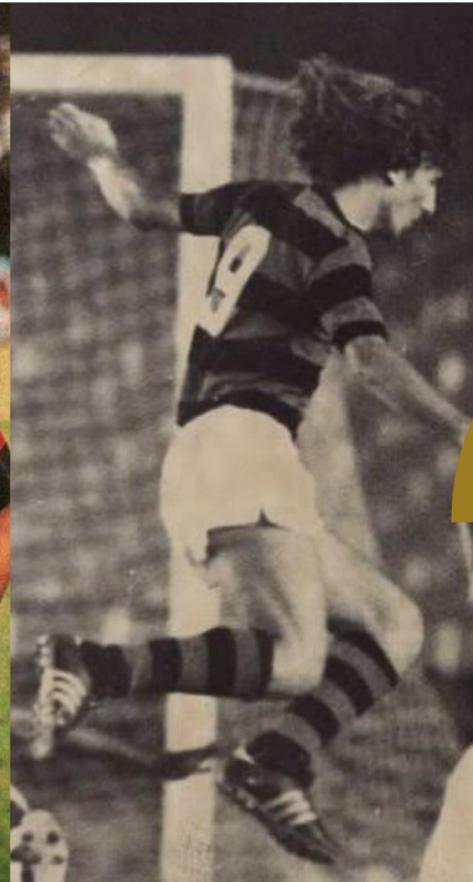
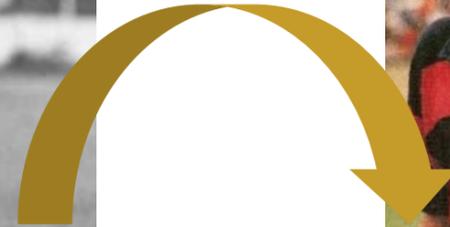


The Origins of a Star

- Birth: Arthur Antunes Coimbra, in the suburb of Quintino Bocaiuva, Rio de Janeiro
- The youngest of six siblings.
- First Steps: He began his career on a local futsal team with friends,
- “Zico” was physically slight, but his technique and intelligence were remarkable.



Youth career and Rise of an Idol



1967: Zico joins Flamengo youth academy

Who was your biggest inspiration as a player when you start your career?

1971: First professional match

What was your feeling when you start your first match with the jersey number 9 in the professional team? And later in **1974: Dream's achievement – Flamengo n° 10 Jersey**

“Zico Era” is born

1978: Rio de Janeiro Regional Championship “Carioca” title

80’s: Flamengo’s Golden era

- **South America Continental Championship (Libertadores 1981)**
- **National Leagues Titles (1980, 1982, 1983)**
- **Intercontinental Clubs World Cup (1981)**

Is it true that the 1978 Rio de Janeiro state championship was one of the most important of his career because it marked the beginning of Flamengo's golden generation of the 1980s?

Artist with his feet – Talent and brilliance



- **1976-1986: 67 goals in 89 matches**
- 3 World Cups played: Argentina 78, Spain 82 México 86.
- 1982 Brazilian Squad: The team recognized as the best in the history of soccer
- **“The one that was unlucky was the World Cup that didn’t see Zico become champion.”**
- What does it mean for you?





King of Udine

Udine - Italy (1983 – 1985)



Udinese fans recognize Zico as one of the club's greatest idols, with a sign that reads: 'Zico, thank you—because of you, the world knows us.'



The biggest challenge: the battle against injury

1985: Zico returns to Flamengo but after an aggressive tackle he was forced to stay away from the fields.



The diagnosis: ACL, Collateral and Meniscus Tear

How did they treat you back in that time?

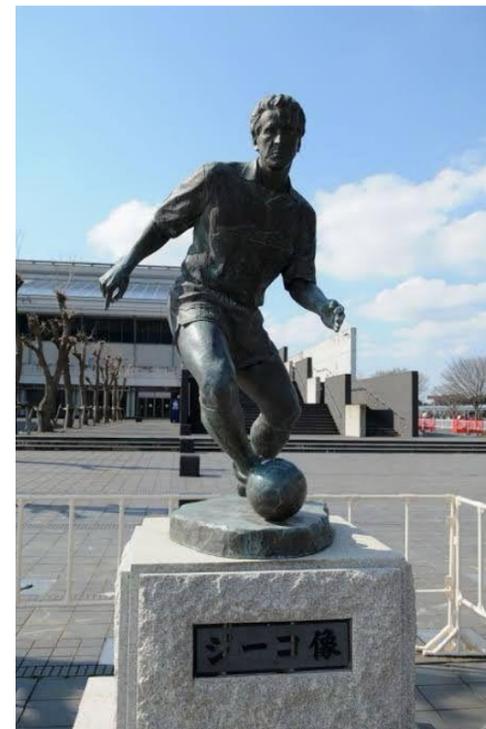
神様 "Sakka no Kamisama": God of Football

1991-1994: He was a pioneer in Japanese football and is still recognized today as a local sporting deity, playing a key role in the development of the sport in the country.



How significant was your time in Japan as a player?

Do you consider developing local football to be one of your greatest legacies?





The Legacy

Zico is universally regarded as one of the greatest players in the history of Brazilian and world football, often nicknamed the “White Pelé.”

He is admired not only for his extraordinary talent, but also for his professionalism, tactical intelligence, and character.





*Thank you so much,
Zico!*

