GOALKEEPERS

Goalies are different. They wear different kit to their team-mates and are the only players allowed to handle the ball. Before 1912, keepers were allowed to handle the ball anywhere in their own half. A few keepers even scored goals by throwing the ball into the opponents' net!

Some people think that you have to be a bit mad to be a keeper. They point to goalies like Welsh international, Leigh Richmond Roose who wore the same unwashed lucky undershirt beneath his goalie's jersey until he retired at age 37. Pooh!

Gianluigi Buffon,
Italy
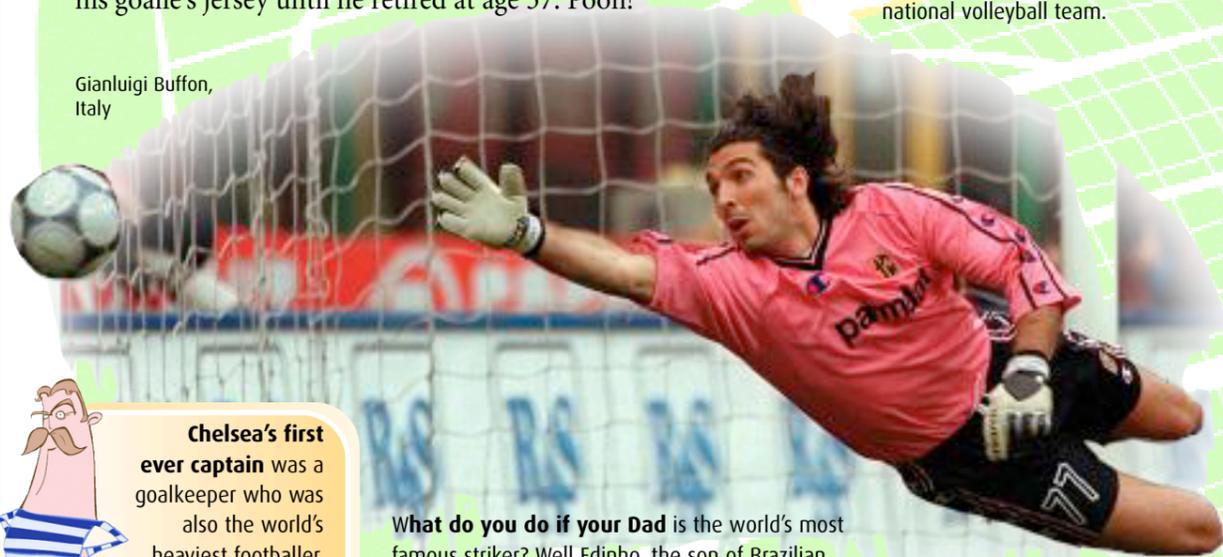
Chelsea's first ever captain was a goalkeeper who was also the world's heaviest footballer. **William 'Fatty' Foulke** was signed from Sheffield United for £20 in 1905. He weighed in at over 135 kg. Team-mates used to take the mickey out of him for his weight, but he would get his own back by sitting on a player until he apologised!

W**hat do you do if your Dad** is the world's most famous striker? Well Edinho, the son of Brazilian legend Pelé, decided to be a goalkeeper. And he was a good one too, becoming the first- choice keeper at his father's old club, Santos.

Former Barcelona goalie Jesus Angoy switched sports to sign for American Football team the **Denver Broncos** as a field goal kicker.

Scottish goalkeeper Andy Goram also played cricket for Scotland three times. His first match was against Australia in 1989. Fast bowler Merv Hughes bowled him a bouncer then told him to **stick to football**!

Moscow Dynamo's **Lev Yashin** is the only goalkeeper to be European Footballer of the Year (1963). The great Russian keeper was called 'the black panther'.

Italian keeper Gianluigi Buffon became the world's most expensive goalie in 2001, when he moved to Juventus from Parma for £32.6 million. Gianluigi comes from **a very sporting family**: his father, Adriano, was a junior weightlifting champion, his mother, Stella, represented Italy at discus throwing and his sisters, Guendalina and Veronica, play for Italy's national volleyball team.

England goalkeeper Gordon Banks didn't use gloves until near the end of his career. He used to **chew gum** and use the sticky saliva on his fingers to give him extra grip.

Walter Scott of Grimsby Town was the first goalkeeper to save **three penalties in a single game**. He performed this amazing and heroic feat in 1909 against Burnley.

Goalscoring goalies

Imagine a goalkeeper being his club's top scorer in a season? Well, it happened in the 1999/2000 season when German goalie Hans-Jorg Butt **scored nine goals** for the famous German side, SV Hamburg.

Jose Luis Chilavert taking a free kick against Japan, 2001

The king of goalscoring goalkeepers is Paraguay's Jose Luis Chilavert. The fiery keeper regularly takes penalties and free-kicks for his club and country. He has racked up 62 goals – 45 from penalties, 15 from free-kicks, and two in open play when he joined in an attack!

World goalkeepers of the year

1987	Jean-Marie Pfaff	Belgium
1988	Rinat Dasaev	Soviet Union
1989	Walter Zenga	Italy
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1992	Peter Schmeichel	Denmark
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1994	Michel Preud'homme	Belgium
1995	Jose Luis Chilavert	Paraguay
1996	Andreas Kopke	Germany
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1999	Oliver Kahn	Germany
2000	Fabien Barthez	France
2001	Oliver Kahn	Germany
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2003	Gianluigi Buffon	Italy
2004	Gianluigi Buffon	Italy

Ouch!

Perhaps the strangest goalie injury came in a 1975 game featuring Manchester United keeper Alex Stepney. He had to leave the field **after dislocating his jaw** while shouting at his defenders! England midfielder, Brian Greenhof, had to go in goal and managed to keep a clean sheet.

Clean Sheets

Not letting in a goal is known as keeping a clean sheet. Every goalie aims to keep a clean sheet for as long as possible. Italian keeper Walter Zenga holds **the record in the World Cup**, going 517 minutes (almost six games) in the 1990 competition without conceding

The longest known record for keeping a clean sheet in professional football is held by **Spanish keeper, Abel Resino** of Atletico Madrid. He went 1,275 minutes (more than 14 matches) without letting in a goal.

In international football, Italian Dino Zoff holds the record for the longest-lasting clean sheet, going **an astonishing 1,142 minutes** (more than 12 matches) without a goal being scored against him. Can you guess which footballing nation broke Zoff's record? Was it mighty Brazil, France, Argentina? Nope, it was Haiti with a goal by Sanon.

Italy's goalkeeper Walter Zenga saves a shot from Argentina's Oscar Ruggeri

Manchester City's German goalkeeper Bert Trautmann was injured during the 1956 FA Cup Final. He bravely played on, **helping his side to a 3-1 victory**. It was only afterwards that Trautmann discovered he had broken his neck!

American goalkeeper Kasey Keller needed an unscheduled trip to the dentist in 1998, but **not because of football**. He knocked out his front teeth while pulling his golf bag from his car.