



REWIND IN BLACK AND WHITE

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A few weeks ago the greatest player of all time in world football Pele was a special guest in Melbourne. Pele is printed in football history as the best Brazilian player and worlds best player ever to play the game.

With all this said lets rewind in black and white with our clubs link to the legendary Pele.

In today's game we have players that play in Australia as marquee players and visa players. This player in todays game would have been just that.

His name is Jose Cassio Da Silva who was one of two brazilan players to have played for Juventus of Melbourne (Zebras) in 1968. Jose in his younger years was a team mate of Pele in the Santos team where Pele wore the number 10 shirt and Jose the number 8 shirt (as reported in Juve! Juve!)

Jose Cassio Da Silva arrived in Melbourne to play for our club from Tournai F.C of Belgium. His playing carrer stretched playing for Ypiranga (1950-55), Juventus (1957-61), Corinthians (1962-63), Portuguese 19(63-64) Anderlech of Belgium and Tourani F.C.

He arrived at Juventus of Melbourne in his final years as a player at the age of 32. He took to the field (1968) alongside some our greatest players Morris Bonfieni, De Marchi and Pasqualino (Pat) Della Rocca. Even in his twilight, Jose was described as a conductor of an orchestra when on the field and the Juventus players around him always responded with a bubbly and positive performances.

It has been noted that the committee of the time at Juventus had hopes to make Jose a coach of the future but unfortunately Jose Cassio Da Silva had asked to be released of his contract due to sentimental reasons – father not well. It was later learnt that he settled back in Belgium and took over as coach at Tournai F.C.

Juventus (Moreland Zebras) is proud to have had a player of his talent and statue wear the Black and White. While it was only in 1968, as stated in Juve! Juve! (Our Clubs history published in 1990) "is deserved to be remembered for the touch of class he infused in the awakening team of 1968"



Jose Cassio Da Silva arrives at Melbourne Airport greeted by Secretary Egilberto Martin