

Were you always a fashionista? How did you hook up with Metro Sneakers? Would you characterize yourself as a typical Metro Sneakers guy?

I was always trying to look good when i was buying my clothes and shoes, but i found it very difficult to find some nice and comfortable shoes to match. Because of the fact that I was shoe crazy (also football boots!) I was pleased to meet Parry Pattel, my partner of Metro-Sneakers, when he showed me his ideas and plan. I think that I'm a typical Metro-Sneaker guy because I love to combine fashion with sneakers without being too sporty (Adidas,Nike etc) and like the fact that because they are handmade in Portugal (and not in China for example like others) the quality is high.

Do you think the special sneakers made for the wives of the Dutch National Team had anything to do with them progressing to the final? :)

Haha,at least the wives were not disturbing the players with phonecalls that they were having sore feet!!!

They all loved them so for us it was a great tournament to see the Dutch team reaching the final but also seeing the players wives going to the games on our sneakers.

We know that you previously rejected an offer from Feyenoord to be their manager. Would you reject an offer from Fenerbahce for the same job? - alperensaylar

i rejected an offer from Feyenoord to become their assistant coach,but i made it clear that Turkey has got a special place in my heart and that when everything is right and the moment is there i would seriously think about the offer that comes along.

Playing for Fenerbahce, you used to drop into the midfield a lot and take a bit of a playmaker role. Some fans criticized this as you were playing as a striker and they expected you to score rather than playmake. Were you doing this naturally or was this a tactical decision by the coach at time? -aytron

Dropping in to the midfield was just a part of my game but because of the fact that i was a tall striker everybody expected me always to be in the box(just like the opposition.But at Fenerbahce i think that i did it much more in my first year then when Alex arrived because he was the creative guy that we didn't have in my first year.

What do make of Fenerbahce's new coach Aykut Kocaman's decision to not benefit from Alex de Souza's admirable talent anymore?

As i just said,i'm a very big fan of Alex and the impact that he had at Fenerbahce from the moment that he arrived is unbelievable.Off course i'm not working with him daily like Aykut but for me he is still one of the best players in the Turrkish league.

Which one was the best free kick you scored throughout your career?

I scored quite a lot of free kicks but the mention one i would say the one in the super cup final in 2002 against Real Madrid with Cassilas.But during my period at Fenerbahce i would pick my free kick against Dyarbakir(away) early season 2003/2004.

What are your thoughts about the Fenerbahce fans? And other fans in Turkey?

My relation with the fans has been great from day one and although they can be sometimes a bit unpatience they are so pasionate that it creates always a special atmospher in the stadiums.Working for LIG TV during Euro 2008 showed to me how proud the Turkish fans are for their country and that fans form Besiktas,Gala,Fener,Trabson all can wear their jerseys during games of the national team without any problem.Did is something what isn't possible in Holland!

Is it true that you had met with Galatasaray before you signed to Fenerbahce? If so, what made you choose Fenerbahce?

No,i didn't speak to anybody of Gala before talking to Fener.When i made my decision that i was gonna sign for Fener an agent called and told my agent that Gala wanted me too but out of respect i didn't listen to their eventual offer because i had given my word.And to be honest i've been toAlii Samyen twice to watch some games and the people were fantastic for me at that is something that makes me very proud.

We know that you worked exceptionally hard at perfecting your free kicks. Now, Turkey's new star Arda Turan is known to be working on his shooting skills and it is starting to show. What are your thoughts on the matter and Arda Turan?

Working on parts of your game to make them stronger or even better is something what i see as being normal for a player who wants to get everything out of his career. The hard work that i did paid off and i'm sure that that's exactly the same for Arda. Arda is one of the brightest players of Turkey. The fact that Rijkaard named him captain also gave him the responsibility to become more of an example. Players who are so creative, can make and score goals are very seldom.

Who was the most gifted player you had played with?

On club level that's got to be Alex, fantastic skill, vision, scoring goals, making goals and also being a great colleague.

Is there anything you would like to add or a message to Turkish fans?

My message to the fans is to get violence out of the game, i see too many games in the Turkish league being played without fans because of a penalty. The players need your support and don't deserve to play in an empty stadium.