

## 2002 AWARDS

### ● Men's World Player

Ronaldo, who scored eight goals to lead Brazil to the 2002 World Cup title, became the first player to win FIFA's annual award for the third time. He had 387 points, more than double that of Germany's Oliver Kahn, the second-place finisher with 171 points. France's Zinedine Zidane finished third with 141 points in voting (5-3-1 point system) by 148 national team coaches. American Landon Donovan received the third-place votes of coaches from Mexico and Cape Verde Islands.

### ● Women's World Player

Mia Hamm (Washington Freedom) won for the second straight year, beating out Germany's Birgit Prinz (Carolina Courage) and Chinese star Sun Wen (Atlanta Beat) in a vote of 77 national team coaches. U.S.-based players swept the top 10 positions and 19 of the top 20 spots — Hanna Ljungberg of Sweden finished 11th — and 28 WUSA players and four college stars received votes.

### ● European Player

Ronaldo (171 points) edged Brazil and Real Madrid teammate Carlos Roberto (145 points) to win the 47th Golden Ball, awarded to the top European-based player and organized by *France Football*. Voting (5-4-3-2-1 point system) was done by 52 journalists, one from each European country, from a list of 50 players. American goalie Brad Friedel was on *France Football's* alternate list of 50 players.

### ● King of the Americas

Paraguayan Jose Cardozo of Mexican club Toluca won the King of Americas award, awarded to the top Americas player based in the Americas and organized by Uruguayan daily *El Pais*. Cardozo (39 points) edged Uruguayans Sergio Ortman (32) and Alejandro Lembo (30). Donovan finished tied for 29th with four points. Guatemalan Carlos Ruiz of the Los Angeles Galaxy earned one point.