

INTRODUCTION - THE KEEPERS WHO BROKE UNIQUE RECORDS

NARRATOR

It's often said that to be a goalkeeper you have to be crazy. You spend most of your time waiting around in solitude and with no room for error. But with that comes great reward. From cult heroes to national legends, goalkeepers regularly go down in the history books.

But what records stand out the most? Let's look at the keepers who broke some truly unique records:

SEGMENT 1 - Highest Scoring Keeper of All Time.

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When you think of set piece masters, you might think of David Beckham, Juninho, or Messi. Well, what about a keeper? Meet Rogério Ceni.

The Brazilian keeper scored an incredible 131 goals in 1,266 games during his 25-year career between the sticks. All but one of his goals came from set pieces. No keeper has scored more goals in professional football.

Fans of Brazilian side São Paulo will remember well the sight of their famous number one ambling forward to the other end of the pitch to line one up from 25 yards out. And, of course, he often pinged them in the top corner.

The man scored 59 free kicks between 93 and 2015. That's only 6 less than Beckham.

Few clubs would take on such a risk, but Ceni was unlike any other keeper. Until his retirement aged 40, Ceni was an icon for football fans around the globe. World Cup winner. A safe pair of hands. And a deadly set of feet.

SEGMENT 2 - Most Penalty Saves

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To the modern-day football fan, the name Lev Yashin might not be a familiar one. But for those old enough to remember, or those with too much time on their hands, Yashin is arguably the greatest goalkeeper of all time.

The Moscow-born man was known for revolutionizing the position into one of authority, tactics and acrobatics. His talents were spotted while playing for the Soviet Union military factory team during World War Two and he'd go on to be nicknamed the "Black Spider" or the "Black Panther"

But what we're interested in is his penalty-saving abilities. Yes, Yashin made Emilio Martinez's antics look amateur.

That's because, during his 20-year career, Yashin saved a frankly ridiculous 150 penalties. 150!
To put that into context, second on the list is Gigi Buffon with a mere 30 penalty saves.

Yashin's achievements came in the days of muddy six-yard boxes and keeper gloves. No easy feat.

To quote the man himself, *"The joy of seeing Yuri Gagarin flying in space is only superseded by the joy of a good penalty save."*

SEGMENT 3 - Most Goalkeeper Red Cards

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We couldn't make a video about goalkeeper records without mentioning their inevitable howlers and mistakes, could we?

So who had the most red cards as a goalkeeper?

If you said Jens Lehmann, then you know you're stuff. The big German received a record 7 red cards during his 27-year career, beating Oliver Kahn, Jussi Jaaskelainen and Pepe Reina's 4 reds.

Lehmann was an incredible leader and imposing figure. But he was known as 'Mad Jens' for a reason. Just ask Borussia Dortmund fans.

It was there in the early 2000s that he developed this reputation, kicking SC Freiburg's Soumalia Coulibaly after a collision. He still holds the record for the most keeper red cards in the Bundesliga, decades after leaving.

Perhaps most famously though, he was sent off for bringing down Samuel Eto'o in Arsenal's 2006 Champions League final defeat to Barcelona.

It was a red card that many people believe cost Arsenal the chance at European glory and one that surely still haunts the big German to this day.