

# CASEMIRO

## FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 · PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

■ BRAZIL (CO-CAPT) · FREE AGENT (EX-MAN UTD) · DEFENSIVE MID




■ FIT FOR WORLD CUP — Departed Manchester United May 21 (early release to prepare). **Brazil co-captain. 9 goals in final Man Utd season under Carrick. No club from July 1 — Inter Miami frontrunner. Brazil open vs Morocco, June 13.**

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## ① SHORT BIO

**Full name:** Carlos Henrique Casimiro | **Born:** February 23, 1992 — São José dos Campos, Brazil | **Age at WC 2026:** 34 | **Height:** 1.85 m | **Foot:** Right

Casemiro is one of the greatest defensive midfielders in football history. Signed by Real Madrid from São Paulo in 2013, he became the defensive cornerstone of the most successful Champions League dynasty of the modern era — winning **5 UCL titles, 3 La Liga titles and 2 Copa del Rey** with Los Blancos. He joined Manchester United for **£70M in August 2022**, winning the EFL Cup (2023) and FA Cup (2024). In his final season at Old Trafford under interim boss Michael Carrick, he experienced a remarkable renaissance — **9 goals and 84% passing accuracy**, his best United campaign statistically. He departed on May 21, 2026, receiving a standing ovation at Old Trafford in his farewell against Nottingham Forest. As **Brazil co-captain** alongside Marquinhos, he is Ancelotti's trusted midfield general and the disciplinary shield that allows Brazil's attackers to play freely.

- [Man Utd Official Farewell](#)
- [Wikipedia — Casemiro](#)
- [ESPN 2025-26 PL Stats](#)

## ② PROFESSIONAL STATS

<b>7</b> PL Goals · 2025-26	<b>160</b> Man Utd Apps · Career	<b>5</b> UCL Titles · Real Madrid	<b>34</b> Age at WC 2026
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Competition	Season	Apps	Goals	Assists	Notes
Premier League	2025-26	29	7	2	9G all comps, 84% pass
Premier League	2024-25	~25	~3	~1	Under Amorim/Ten Hag
Premier League	2023-24	~30	~4	~2	FA Cup winner
Premier League	2022-23	~35	~5	~2	EFL Cup winner
La Liga (Madrid)	Career	336	31	23	5× UCL champion
Brazil (Senior)	Career	75+	7+	5+	WC 2014, 2018, 2022

■ [ESPN Stats](#) ■ [Transfermarkt](#) ■ [Wikipedia](#)

## ③ SOCIAL MEDIA & OFFICIAL LINKS

■ <b>Instagram</b>	<a href="#">@casemiro</a>	Family, match moments, Old Trafford farewell content
■ <b>X (Twitter)</b>	<a href="#">@Casemiro</a>	Official club and international announcements
■ <b>YouTube</b>	<a href="#">Man Utd Channel</a>	Casemiro career highlights & farewell tributes
■ <b>Wikipedia</b>	<a href="#">Casemiro</a>	Full career bio, trophies and international record
■ <b>FIFA WC Hub</b>	<a href="#">FIFA Official</a>	World Cup 2026 squad & tournament hub

## ④ TOP 3 TRENDING STORIES

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### Old Trafford Farewell — Standing Ovation, Emotional Exit

Casemiro played his final Manchester United match on May 18 vs Nottingham Forest (3-2 win), receiving a **standing ovation from Old Trafford** when substituted. He addressed the crowd: *'The best thing in this club is you fans.'* Interim boss Michael Carrick then confirmed on May 21 that Casemiro had already departed the club early — released ahead of schedule so he could prepare fully for the World Cup. His 160-game United career ends with EFL Cup and FA Cup winners' medals.

■ Sources: [Yahoo Sports](#) · [Man United Official](#)

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## Final Season Renaissance — 9 Goals Under Carrick, 84% Pass Accuracy

Written off by some after difficult 2023-24 and 2024-25 campaigns, Casemiro produced a stunning final season under interim boss Michael Carrick — **9 goals across all competitions** as a defensive midfielder and an 84% passing accuracy rating. The Bruins Blog noted: *'scoring nine goals as a defensive-minded midfielder is a remarkable feat.'* He leaves as a fan favourite and enters the World Cup in the best form of his final club chapter.

■ Sources: [The Bruins Blog](#) · [Yahoo Sports](#)

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## Free Agent — Inter Miami Frontrunner After World Cup

With his Man United contract expired on June 30, Casemiro enters the World Cup as a free agent for the first time in his career. Yahoo Sports reports Inter Miami — the **2025 MLS Cup champions** — are the frontrunners to sign him post-tournament. A move to join Lionel Messi and co in Miami would be a fitting close to a storied European career. Saudi Pro League clubs have also made enquiries, though the MLS route appears most likely.

■ Sources: [Yahoo Sports](#) — [Next Club](#) · [Football Transfers](#)

## ⑤ STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

### ■ STRENGTHS

#### ✓ ■ Elite Ball Recovery

One of the best midfield ball-winners of his generation — 5 UCL titles built on his ability to shield the defence and intercept attacks.

#### ✓ ■ Leadership & Experience

Brazil co-captain, 3rd World Cup appearance, 75+ caps. Ancelotti's most trusted midfield general — provides the 'Legendo' grit Brazil need.

#### ✓ ■ Surprise Goal Threat

9 goals in his final United season as a CDM. His late runs into the box and set-piece presence are a genuine bonus attacking weapon.

#### ✓ ■ Ancelotti Chemistry

Played under Ancelotti at Real Madrid during the peak UCL years. The tactical familiarity and trust is unmatched in the Brazil squad.

### ■ AREAS TO WATCH

#### ✗ ■ Age & Pace Decline

At 34, his raw speed and recovery pace have declined. Mobile counter-attacking teams like Morocco could exploit the space behind him.

#### ✗ ■ Inconsistent 2023-25

Two difficult Premier League seasons before his Carrick renaissance — concerns remain about sustaining elite performance across a 7-game tournament.

#### ✗ ■ No Club From July 1

Entering a World Cup as a free agent is a unique distraction — contract talks and next-club speculation will run throughout the tournament.

#### ✗ ■ Disciplinary Record

Career-high yellow card tallies in his United years. In a knockout World Cup, accumulating a suspension at the wrong moment would be costly.