

# THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

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Weah was born in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. He grew up in Clara Town, a **slum** in the city, raised by his grandmother. Football offered a route out of poverty and he made his debut for Young Survivors FC of the Liberian 4th division when he was 16, scoring two goals on his debut. He helped them gain two promotions in three years before moving to the Liberian Premier League, winning a league title and becoming it's top scorer.

He was recommended to Monaco manager Arsene Wenger who brought him to Europe. He also played for PSG, AC Milan, Chelsea and Man City. He was one of the most feared strikers, scoring 360 goals in Europe's top divisions. He won the Ballon d'Or in 1995 and is still the only African to have done so. Many consider him the greatest footballer to have never played the World Cup as Liberia never qualified, despite Weah's contribution.

After retiring he entered politics, and ran for President of Liberia. His opponents attacked his lack of University education, but he won and served as President from 2018 to 2024 before losing his re-election bid.



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- Do you know of any other politicians that have had other successful first careers?

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