

The Armenian Soccer internet portal is glad to present Marcos Pineiro Pizzelli. The player of FC Pyunik and the Armenian National Team tells his story in an exclusive interview on www.armenian-soccer.com

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Armenian Soccer: First of all, congratulations on the win against FC Banants!



Marcos: The game against FC Banants was really worthy of a final, especially as the game resolved at the last second. This proves that the Armenian championship is each time becoming more qualified.

AS: Could you please tell us where you from are in Brazil? When and where have you begun to play football?

M: I was born in Piracicada (the State of São Paulo). However, I grew up and lived until now in Leme (the State of São Paulo). I have started to play in juvenile teams of Lemense FC, the club of my town. There I played since 7 till 16.

AS: In what clubs had you played before coming to Armenia?

M: Lemense FC, Gurani FC, São Carlos FC.

AS: How it had happened that you had got an offer from FC Ararat? Was it not a surprise for you?

M: Yes, it was a big surprise. I was then only 20 and just starting my career in Brazil. The offer came from an Armenian ex-footballer (Arkady Andreassian), who was in Brazil at the time to watch my club's game. He invited me to become part of FC Ararat.

AS: Did you know anything about Armenia or Armenians at the time?

M: Very little, just that it was a country newly established due to collapse of the Soviet Union.



AS: And why had you decided to accept the offer?

M: Because it is Europe where I would be able to build up a solid career.

AS: What was your impression when you first came to Armenia?

M: A country that is completely different. Different people dressed up differently. But the hardest thing was the cold. I shall confess that until now I have still not accustomed to Armenian winters.

AS: How the first months in FC Ararat and Armenia had passed? Did you have communication and adaptation problems?

M: There were many difficulties because I was far from home. There was a Brazilian guy who helped me with the language. The playing was difficult since I could not communicate with other players, as well as the playing tactics were much different. That is why the first months were quite complicated.

AS: Now do you speak Armenian well? Do you feel yourself integrated?



M: I speak basics, but I feel myself completely integrated in any place I go because I understand practically everything. Now here it is more comfortable and easy for me since I can communicate and express myself.

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AS: You played in AS Ararat Issy in France. What can you tell us about that club? Is it a serious project?

M: I was quite welcome at the club, but professionally this club lacks many things, such as the training center and professionals to make the rise to the big leagues of France possible in the future.

AS: Did the naturalization offer make you think much or you had already liked the idea?

M: I had not thought much because I have been very happy to represent Armenia and also of that my performance on the pitch has been recognized in Armenia.

AS: What do people in Brazil think of footballers such as Eduardo and yourself, who are naturalized in other countries?





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