

MY LIFE IN FOOTBALL

# THE MAN WHO PLAYS FI



**CONRAN TOBIN (AKA RANNERZ)**

**Pro FIFA player**  
 Age 21  
 Team Chelsea  
 FIFA team Roma FNATIC



Rannerz gets quizzed at a Gfinity event

**Whenever an adult tells you to stop wasting your time on those game consoles, tell them you're training to be a pro FIFA player just like Rannerz!**

**My earliest memories of football** are watching Chelsea in the early 2000s, when they had players such as Gianfranco Zola. My dad supported them since he was young so I've followed in his footsteps.

**My best memory of watching football** was Chelsea winning the Champions League in 2012. I was watching Bayern Munich dominate and when Thomas Müller scored I thought it was all over. But then up stepped my favourite Chelsea player, Didier Drogba, to score Chelsea's winning penalty.

**My favourite current player** is Cristiano Ronaldo. Not only is he one of the greatest to ever play but he embodies the work ethic that I strive to have.

**To become a pro FIFA gamer** I qualified for the first major EA event of the year in Barcelona. While finishing in the top 32 wasn't extremely impressive, it helped put my name out there. Then, following the Gfinity Challenger Series, I was drafted by Roma FNATIC.

**I spend between four and six hours per day** practising FIFA. This is mostly by playing other pros, as playing just regular games doesn't challenge us. I also learn from our head coach Enzo.



No throwing controllers here!

<b>94</b> ST	<b>88</b> RW
RONALDO	BALE
90 PAC	90 DEF
93 SHO	35 DR
81 PAS	79 T
95 PAC	85 DRI
88 SHO	58 DEF
84 PAS	76 PHY

# FA AS A JOB



Champions! Rannerz takes home the trophy

**A day at a gaming tournament can be very long!** I start by having a good breakfast to keep me going through the ten hours I'll be at the arena. My warm up involves practising against other pros so I'm not rusty. Games are quite spread out so there's a lot of waiting time where I listen to music to stay focused. Once the event is over it's around 10pm and all you want to do is go to sleep and do it all again tomorrow.

**The best thing about playing FIFA for a living** is that there's no alarm clock! However, it's very busy and it can be difficult to disconnect. My proudest moment so far was definitely winning the Gfinity Elite Series.

**Cristiano Ronaldo is too good** in this game to not have in your team. So if you're still playing *FIFA 18*, pick Real Madrid. If you've moved on to *FIFA 19*, take Juventus. However, Gareth Bale is a great player who is often overlooked. He is one of the cheaper top players and has pace, height and great shooting.

**If you want to play FIFA for a job** you'll need to practise every week. Then you have to play to win rather than for fun and progress up the FUT Champions standing to qualify for a tournament and make a name for yourself on your own. Nothing is off limits.



Didier Drogba enjoys his trophy



Chelsea win the Champions League thanks to Didier Drogba's penalty



Pro FIFA players must concentrate