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But Ronaldo also has Messi to thank, according to Zidane, who claimed the Portuguese striker uses his rivalry with the Argentine star as a reason to constantly improve himself.

"The rivalry with Messi is only pushing him to get the best out of himself," said the French legendary forward. "You have to see Ronaldo on the training pitch. It is simply amazing to see him in action."

Zidane also said Raul's departure from Real Madrid helped Ronaldo, as he then went on to develop himself into another club legend.

Recently, Ronaldo achieved historic feats as he joined the 500 Club after totalling more than 501 goals, while also breaking Real Madrid's record of the highest scorer in history with 324, one more than Raul made in 400 more games than the Portuguese star.

"Ronaldo is feeling very well at Real Madrid," said Zidane.

Bleacher Report said Ronaldo has gone from Manchester United talent to possibly the greatest footballer of all time in his 13 years at the top of the game.

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