<u>LIONEL MESSI</u>

Lionel Andres Messi, born on June 24, 1987, also known as Leo Messi, is an Argentine professional football player who plays as a forward for League 1 club Paris Saint-Germain and captains the Argentina national team. He is also called the GOAT (Greatest of All Time). He is a very famous football player in recent times.

Achievement

Messi has won a record seven Ballon d'or awards. Another record of six European Golden Shoes, and in 2020 he was named to the Ballon d'Or Dream Team; he won a club record 35 trophies, including 10 La Liga titles, 7 Copa del Rey titles, and four UEFA Champions Leagues with his country; and finally, he won the 2021 Copa America and the 2022 FIFA World Cup for Argentina.

Messi holds the record for most goals in La Liga (474). Most hat-tricks (36 in La Liga and 8 in the UEFA Champions League) and most assists (192 in La Liga). In 1998, he also had the most international goals of any South American male. Messi has scored over 790 senior career goals for club and country and has the most goals by a player for a single club (672).

International career

In the 2022 FIFA World Cup Final on December 18, Messi made his recordbreaking 26th World Cup Finals appearance at Lusail Stadium. Messi scored Argentina's opening goal with a penalty. Finally, the 36-year wait for a tournament player is over. Becoming the first player in the tournament to win it twice. The championship game was widely acclaimed as one of the best of all time, with media coverage framing it as a duel between Messi and Mbappe. Following the game, Messi confirmed that he had no plans to retire from the national team, saying, "I want to continue playing as a champion." He is one of the greatest players of all time.

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