

Lionel Messi



Me

- My name is Domen and I'm 14 years old. I live in Gasteraj in a house with my parents, my sister and my brother. I'm a very happy and active person. I play football for FC Jurovski Dol. In my free time I like telephoning with my friends, going for a walk, going out with my friends, listening to music and the most often I surf on the Internet. Like most of boys I like computer games. This year I'm going to secondary school in Maribor. My birthday is on 27th November. In the future I hope will succeed in the elementary school and enroll on a high school.

Why have I chosen this person?

I've chosen this person because:

- He is a footballer like me
- Despite glory and wealth he remains humble and modest
- He helps kids around the world and he has his own charity. It 's called Leo Messi foundation and he helps children.
- He h



The past

Messi was born in Rosario, to parents Jorge Messi and Celia Maria. He has two older brothers, Rodrigo and Matias, and a sister Maria. He started to play football when he was 5 years old. He played for club Grandoli, trainer of which was his father. In 1995 he started to play for club Newell's Old Boys. When he was 11 years old he got a diagnose that his body didn't produce enough testosterone. At the same time club River Plate got interested in him, but they couldn't pay his treatment. But sports director of FC Barcelona has also recognized his talent and Barcelona has made a contract with him and they also paid his treatment and made him new life in Spain. Messi moved to Spain with his family when he was 13 years old. After that he quickly showed his talent in Barcelona and he soon came to first team. Argentina fans call Messi La Pulga.



Lionel Messi, when he was 8 years old.

How did he become famous?

- He played his first official match against Espanyol on 16th October 2004. On this day he became the youngest player that has ever played in Spanish League called La Liga. On 4th August 2005 Messi was called to Argentina national football team. In season 2006/07 he showed his good form on El Clasico. He scored a hat-trick. He is the youngest player ever scored on El Clasico. With this match he started his best form in this club. Messi got a nickname New Maradona, because he scored almost the same two goals as Diego Armando Maradona did. Spanish gave him a nickname Messidona.
- But I think Messi became famous because he plays football with passion. What is more, he doesn't want to make fake injuries or dive, he is born to play football how it's meant to be played.



Messi against Real Madrid 2012

Argentina

- Messi is also the captain of the Argentina national team and has played in two World Cups (2006 and 2010) and two Copa Americas (2007 and 2011). In the summer of 2008 he also played at the Beijing Olympics, and came home with a gold medal.



Messi with Gold Medal

Changes

How has his life changed since he became famous:

- He has become rich and a celebrity
- He's started to appear on television
- He's helped humanitarian organizations
- People recognize him on streets

Leo Messi offered to pay the medical expenses of Waleed Kashash, a Moroccan boy - who's dream is to become a pro footballer, was diagnosed with growth hormone deficiency (GHD). Messi will pay 3000 dirham (€208) every 15 days until he becomes 18. #respect



Playing style

- Messi has been compared to Diego Maradona. His quick feet allow him to keep control of the ball when dribbling at speed. Like Maradona before him, Messi is dominantly a left footed player. With the outside of his left foot, he usually begins dribbling runs, he uses the inside of his foot to finish and provide passes and assists to team mates.



Messi dribbling at speed

Personal life

- His girlfriend is Antonella Roccuzzo, since January 2009. On 2 November 2012, Messi became a father for the first time following the birth of his son Thiago. When his son was born, Messi say: Today I am the happiest man in the world, my son was born and thanks God for this gift!



Messi and Antonella, his girlfriend

Honours

He has a lot of honours with club,
national team and the most have
individual awards

With Barcelona he won:



La Liga: 6 Titles



Spanish Cup: 3 Titles



Supercopa de Espana: 5 Titles



UEFA Champions League: 3 Titles



UEFA Super Cup: 2 Titles



FIFA Club World Cup: 2 Titles

Argentina

- FIFA World Cup: 2005
- South American Youth Championship: 2005
- Olympic Gold Medal: 2008



■ FIFA World Cup: 2005

Individual

- FIFA Ballon d'Or
- FIFA World Player of the Year
- World Soccer Player of the Year
- World Soccer Young Player of the Year
- ESM Team of the Year
- European Golden Shoe
- Pichichi Trophy
- La Liga Player of the Year
- LFP Best Player
- LFP Best Forward
- La Liga Foreign Player of the Year
- La Liga Ibero-American Player of the Year
- UEFA Champions League Top Goalscorer
- UEFA Best Player in Europe Award
- UEFA Club Footballer of the Year
- UEFA Champions League Forward of the Year
- UEFA Team of the Year
- Tuttosport Golden Boy
- Sportsman of the Year of Argentina
- Footballer of the Year of Argentina
- Male Best Athlete in Latin America
- IFFHS World's Top Goal Scorer
- Best International Athlete ESPY Award
- FIFA/FIFPro World XI



Messi with Ballon d'or



On 7th January 2013 he got 4 Ballon d'or

Records

World

- Guinness World Records title for the most goals in a year: 91 goals.
- Most international goals in a year (club and national team): 25 goals (shared with Vivian Woodward).
- Most goals scored in FIFA Club World Cup: 4 goals (shared with Denilson and Mohamed Aboutrika).

Spain

Most goals scored in La Liga in a season: 50 goals.

- Most La Liga hat-tricks in a season: 8 hat-tricks.
- Most goals scored in the Supercopa de España: 10 goals.

Barcelona

- Top scorer in official competitions: 289 goals.
- Top scorer in La Liga: 196 goals.
- Top scorer in UEFA Champions League: 56 goals.
- Top scorer in European Competitions: 57 goals.
- Top scorer in international Competitions: 61 goals.

Some great players about Messi

- Maradona: The ball stays glued to his foot; I've seen great players in my career, but I've never seen anyone with Messi's ball control.
- Cristiano Ronaldo: Messi has his personality and I have mine. He has his game and I have mine. I also play in a big club like him. We are different in every aspect. But right now, he is the best.

Tape

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06pmWho75lg>

Resources

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