

Cristiano Ronaldo vs Lionel Messi: Who is the Best?

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Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi have dominated world football for more than a decade, and have established themselves as the two most famous players in the history of football. Their rivalry has shaped generations of fans and fueled a global debate about who is the best. This blog will provide an in-depth study of the legendary players according to their professional stats, accomplishments and talents. Let's examine it in the most important areas, including goals and assistance, individual awards, and their influence on tournaments in the world.

Ronaldo vs Messi: A Comprehensive Comparison

Goals and Scoring Efficiency

As for goals scored, the numbers are very close. According to the latest data, Cristiano Ronaldo has scored 908 goals over 1250 games, which is an average of 0.73 goals per game. On the other hand, Lionel Messi has scored 849 goals in 1080 games, and has an average of 0.79 goals per game. Messi scores around every 104 minutes whereas Ronaldo is scoring every 112 minutes, on average.

While Ronaldo has scored more goals in general due to his lengthy career as well as more games, Messi's superior goals-per-minute rate shows his extraordinary effectiveness. Both have maintained excellent score rates throughout the course of their careers. That's why the contrast between them is typically close.

Play-making and Assists

While Ronaldo is a consistent goal-scorer, Messi beats him out when it regards scoring assists. Messi is credited with 378 assists in 1080 games, averaging an assistants every three games. Ronaldo has 255 assists he's recorded in 1250 games is still impressive in this area however he falls short in comparison to Messi in terms of his overall contribution.

Messi's skill in play-making is exceptional and his ability to see passing, and through-ball accuracy make him a player in his own. Ronaldo's assists are exceptional, especially in the UEFA Champions League, where Ronaldo is more efficient than Messi. Messi's ability to mix scoring and playing gives him an advantage.

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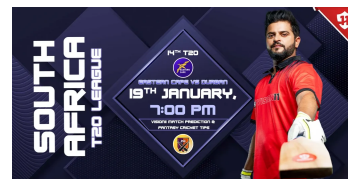
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Dribbling and Technical Skills

Dribbling and close control are the two main aspects of Messi's style. Starting as a side attacker, Messi's low center of gravity and exceptional ball control have allowed him to move through defenses effortlessly. However, his dribbling style has changed as time passes. In his early years, Ronaldo was known for his quick feet and incredible abilities, but as time has passed, he has been moving more towards scoring goals by using his strength and position as well as his aerial skills rather than relying on precise dribbling.

International Success and Trophies

Both have had diverse international careers. Messi recently served as the captain of Argentina to their first World Cup title in 36 years in 2022. This has established his place as one of the most prestigious players ever to be a part of international football. In addition to the World Cup, Messi also won the Copa America in 2021.

On the other hand, Ronaldo has led Portugal to the European Championship (Euro 2016) and the Nations League (2019). However, he hasn't won FIFA World Cup yet. Both players have won major prizes in their respective national teams, but Messi's World Cup victory gives him an advantage in this respect.

Club Success

At club level, both Messi as well as Ronaldo have been awarded an impressive number of awards. Messi has been awarded 10 La Liga titles and 4 Champions League trophies with Barcelona before moving to Paris SaintGermain and later, Inter Miami. Ronaldo, however, has had success at several clubs. He has won five Champions League titles (4 with Real Madrid and 1 with Manchester United) and 3 Premier League titles, among other awards.

Both players have performed well in their domestic leagues and have also been successful in international competitions. Messi is doing well in Spain and Ronaldo winning the English and Spanish leagues before moving to Saudi Arabia, where he continues to perform at a high level as a member of the Saudi Arabian team Al Nassr.

Ballon d'Or and Individual Awards

Individual awards are an area that Lionel Messi has enjoyed a significant advantage over Ronaldo. Messi has been awarded eight Ballon d'Ors (as of 2023) against Ronaldo's five. Furthermore, Messi has been a Ballon d'Or finalist 13 times and Ronaldo has been within the top 2 places 11 times. These awards are proof of Messi's inexplicably high performance throughout his entire career.

Who is the Best, Messi or Ronaldo?

At the end of the discussion, the decision of who is better, Cristiano Ronaldo or Lionel Messi is a matter of opinion. Both have had amazing careers, achieving greatness in a variety of aspects of soccer. Ronaldo's extraordinary physicality, flexibility and endurance set him apart from the rest, while Messi's dribbling, intelligence and play-making abilities are truly outstanding.

If you're seeking a player who is able to consistently beat records and shine on various teams and leagues, Ronaldo is your man. If you are impressed by his skill, talent, and almost awe-inspiring ability to control the sport, Messi stands as the most impressive.

In the final analysis, while Lionel Messi is often praised for his exceptional technical skills, play-making ability, and World Cup triumph, Cristiano Ronaldo's goal-scoring record, resilience, and years of experience as an athlete solidify his place as one of the sport's all-time greats. Both players have provided football fans with countless unforgettable moments and will forever be etched in the history of the game.

Whichever one you choose, one thing is for sure that both Messi and Ronaldo have redefined what is believed to be the top footballers in the world. their rivalry has turned them into legends of their own.

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