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Lionel Messi, the kid who became the best

Lionel Messi was born in one of the poorest zones of Rosario, Argentina. He was the third son of a working family. However, the fact that marked his early life was his diagnosis with a growth hormone deficiency when he was only eleven years old. Meanwhile, some Argentine clubs were interested in signing Messi for their school teams, but they were not able to pay for the treatment that Messi needed. However, another club suddenly took an interest in Messi, a powerful European soccer club called Football Club Barcelona that agreed to sign Messi and pay for his treatment. The Messi Family then moved to Barcelona, Spain and Lionel, every day before going to sleep, injected hormones into each of his legs. Though this was a hard barrier for him to overcome in his early life, it gave him a stronger mentality, giving him the strength to overcome any obstacle that got in front of him.

Nowadays there are many good soccer players and throughout history, there have been a lot of fantastic players, yet the top five best players are undeniable. They include: Cruyff, Pele, Maradona, Di Stefano, and Messi. However, there is controversy when it comes to set an order. To determine the best soccer player ever, one must consider certain aspects, from physical skills to records or cups won. From my point of view due to his incredible statistics, skills, and ability to make his teammates play better, the best player in soccer history is Lionel Messi.

Why is Messi the best player? He is the best because he has won 3 Champion Leagues, 2 Club World Cups, 2 European Super Cups, 6 Spanish Leagues, and 3 Spanish Cups. In

addition, he won all the club competitions (6) in whole a year (2009) with his team, Football Club Barcelona. In summary, he won all that a player could win in a single year. In addition, he won an Olympic Gold Medal with Argentina's national team. Furthermore, as an individual he has received several prizes, being named as a 4 time winner of the "Ballon d'Or" (Golden Ball) in a row (the only player in the history to achieve it), as well as being chosen as the best player of the year. Besides that, he also won a Golden Boy and 3 European Golden Boots, among other awards. However, the most impressive part of Messi's success is that he is just 26 years old, which means he has about six or seven years more in his professional career to win more trophies. Despite Lionel won a lot of trophies some other players also have won similar quantities: Therefore this is not what makes Messi the best player, just make him a winner.

This is the most amazing argument to support the idea that Messi is the best player ever. Leo Messi has a lot of victories and records yet his statistics are the most amazing. Some examples of this endless list are that he is the player who scored most goals in one year and also in a Spanish league season.

Although all this ranking are just numbers and the decision to name Messi as best player should be a visceral resolution in addition to the fact that is logic to had emotional reasons if we compare coldly their data is incredible. Yet regards to this emotional part mentioned above I can say that Messi is also the most skilled player among the top five. When someone sees Messi playing seem that he had the ball glued to his foot. Furthermore the main difference between Messi and his competitors is that he is the total player. He can play as midfielder, center, or side attacker. He assists his teammates, but he also scores a lot of goals. What is more is that he is able to take the ball and make a goal for himself (like the goal that

he scored against Getafe in April 18th of 2007), but also be part of a great team. Moreover, he is able to perform amazing dribbles and even score or while many rivals surround him he is able to keep the ball controlled.

If we compare Messi with the other candidates for best soccer player in history, they may do several things very well, but each of the other competitors only has one amazing characteristic, for instance Di Stefano was able to score a lot of goals but did not help his team in other aspects or Cruyff who was able to by himself makes a team better with his teamwork yet he did not score many goals, even Maradona who could perform great games in a lot of ambits was not able to did it regularly, he just did it occasionally. And yet, Messi is able to do different amazing things, such as score, assist, take responsibility for the whole team, accurately shoot free kicks, etc. However, the quality that really sets him apart from any one of the other big players is his regularity. Surely, this regularity is due to his highly competitive mentality. Messi is able to perform great games in a row and his bad games are just non-brilliant. However undoubtedly when he does not play a great game he still play in a good level. Moreover the other top five players in history were not able to perform great games in a row, as Messi does. They only played brilliant games once in a while.

However, other people argue that to be the best player in history, Messi must have won what they call the best competition in the world: a World Cup. They argue that other candidates as Maradona or Pele won that cup and to be on their level, Messi would have to win the World Cup at least one time. In addition, others say that Messi simply plays on a good team and that in a worse club, he would not be able to play as well. Some people, especially fans of the Real Madrid (the F.C. Barcelona's main rival), argue that Messi is not physically powerful enough to perform some plays (unlike Cristiano Ronaldo, star of Real

Madrid).

Contrary to these positions, I still think Messi is the best. I believe that it is not necessary to win a World Cup to be the best player in history, since the competition is played by different countries' teams. To win a World Cup, even a fantastic player like Messi would need good compatriots. Messi currently only has 2 or 3 good teammates on his national team, which makes it very difficult (but not impossible since he has not limits in his sport) for him to win a World Cup. We cannot blame the best player in history to has not good teammates, it is a fact that Lionel cannot control. Despite all this, we have to remember that he also still has two chances to achieve it (2014 and 2018), so it would be better not to discard Messi. As to the belief that Messi would not be as good as he is on another team, I also think that is not true since he is able to perform good plays by himself. Besides, this fact would only be known if Messi decided to sign for another club. Finally, due to the physical characteristics of Lionel Messi, his only defect is the stature (what is not a big deal for soccer), because he is powerful, agile, fast, and etcetera. What is more, despite to being short he is able to score important goals with his head (such as the goal in the 2009 Champions League Final).

In conclusion, Lionel Messi is the best soccer player in history because he has a lot of important trophies, despite the fact that he still lacks a World Cup. But, he still has chances to win it. Lionel is the best because he has impressive statistics that show his importance in his team (one of the best in soccer history too) and Messi is the best because he is amazing as a player due to his physical and physiological skills, which makes him an unpredictable player for the defenders. In a nutshell, he is the best because he is the unique total soccer player.

Audience Analysis

My target audience will be mainly soccer fans, specifically Europeans since Messi have played all his carreer in Europe. Other groups may be interested in the discussion, such

as sports journalists or people involved in soccer world, such as players, coaches, soccer club executives, even referees. I chose this audience since, as I discuss a soccer topic, the target audience has to be people that are involved in or relate to this sport. Therefore, it is logical that the most interested people in this topic are people who like soccer or are professionally engaged in soccer due to their jobs.

I decided to try to persuade my audience in two ways. The main way that I try to persuade the public is through the use of logos, by stating statistics, numbers, etc. The use of logos is my alternative to counteract my reduced extrinsic ethos since I am only a mass communication student, which is a soccer fan.. Furthermore, I also use some pathos, overall when I refer to some kind of argument more emotional such as the soccer skills.