

Messi's Achievements for the 2011-2012 Season

Individual Records

Club (FC Barcelona)

- 1 The first player to score and assist in every trophy competition (6 in total) in one season.
- 2 The 2nd club player (after Pedro) to score in 6 official competitions in one season.
- 3 Leading Barça scorer in Spanish Supacopa with 8 goals.
- 4 Scored 35 La Liga home goals to set new club and Liga records.
- 5 With 14 La Liga hat-tricks, sets a new record surpassing César's 13.
- 6 2nd Barcelona player to win Pichichi twice (shares record with Quini).
- 7 Converted 10 penalties in La Liga to equal record set by Ronald Koeman (1989-1990).
- 8 Scored in 10 consecutive Liga games (in which he played) to equal Martin (1942/43) and Ronaldo (1996/97).
- 9 Equalled record set by Eto'o (2007-08) to score in 7 consecutive La Liga Away games.
- 10 At age 24, becomes La Liga's youngest player to score 150 goals to set club and Liga records.
- 11 With 214 games, beats Cocu's record (205 games) to become foreign player with most La Liga games for the club.
- 12 First player to score 8 hat-tricks in a single La Liga season.
- 13 **15th October 2011:** Surpasses Kubala's 2nd place club record of 194 goals. *(With a brace vs. Racing Santander at Camp Nou.)*
- 14 **29th October 2011:** Scores the club's fastest La Liga hat-trick in 17 minutes *(vs. Mallorca at Camp Nou.)*
- 15 **19th February 2012:** Becomes the club's youngest player to play 200 La Liga games. *(With 4 goals vs. Valencia at Camp Nou.)*
- 16 **20th March 2012:** Becomes the club's top competition scorer when he surpasses César Rodríguez Álvarez (232). *(vs. Granada at Camp Nou.)*
- 17 **25th May 2012:** Holds the club's goal scoring record (in competitions only) of 253 goals.
- 18 **25th May 2012:** Holds the club record for most goals scored in a single season - 73.

Spanish La Liga and Copa del Rey

- 1 Leading scorer in Spanish Supacopa competition with 8 goals. (Previously held by Raúl with 7 goals.)
- 2 **10th April 2012:** Breaks Isidro Langara Galarraga's 78 year old record (60 goals during 1933–34), to become Spain's top scorer in one season. *(vs. Getafe at Camp Nou.)*
- 3 Marca's Pichichi Winner with 50 Liga goals.
- 4 Top La Liga Goal Scorer (50) in 2011/2012 season.
- 5 First player to score 50 La Liga goals in a single season, breaking Ronaldo's 2010/2011 record of 40 goals.
- 6 Set a new record for La Liga goals scored in home games - 35 in the season.
- 7 Second player (after Hugo Sánchez) to score 35+ goals in all competitions for 4 consecutive seasons.
- 8 At age 24, becomes La Liga's youngest player to score 150 goals.
- 9 First player to score 8 hat-tricks in a single season.
- 10 **25th May 2012:** Finishes season with 53 goals scored in La Liga (50) and Copa del Rey (3).

UEFA Champions League

- 1 All-time Top CL Scorer with 14 goals. (He shares the highest score with AC Milan's José Altafini who scored 14 in 62-63).
- 2 Top CL scorer for the past 4 years, and has set a new record for consecutive seasons at the top. (He previously shared the record of 3 consecutive years with Gerd Müller [1973, 74, 75] and Jean-Pierre Papin [1990, 91, 92].)
- 3 7th March 2012: Becomes the first player in CL to score 5 goals in one match. (*vs. Bayer Leverkusen at Camp Nou.*)
- 4 The youngest player to pass the 50 goal mark in CL history.
- 5 Top scorer in the CL knockout stage with 26 goals. (Previous record of 18 goals was jointly held by Raúl and Shevchenko.)
- 6 Scores his 2nd and 3rd CL hat-tricks to share record (with Filippo Inzaghi and Michael Owen) for highest total of CL hat-tricks.
- 7 4th player (follows Jari Litmanen, Hernán Crespo and Thierry Henry) to score in 7 Away games in a row.

Europe

Awarded during this season, for last season's performance

- 1 **25th August 2011:** 2011 UEFA Best Player in Europe.

This Season

- 1 **2nd May 2012:** Breaks Gerd Müller's 39 year old record (67 goals set in 1972-73) to become Europe's leading goal-scorer in one season. (*A hat-trick vs. Málaga at Camp Nou.*)
- 2 **5th May 2012:** His 2nd match goal surpasses Dudu Georgescu's 35 year record (47 league goals for Dinamo Bucharest in the 1976-77 Romanian champs), to become the European Top League scorer in one season, with a total of 50 goals. (*4 goals scored vs. Espanyol at Camp Nou.*)
- 3 **25th May 2012:** Scores his 73rd goal for a new European record in one season. (*Copa del Rey Final vs. Athletic Bilbao.*)
- 4 European Golden Shoe with 50 goals. (His 2nd Golden Shoe Trophy.)
- 5 First player to achieve 100 points in the European Golden Shoe. (50 goals x Factor 2 for top leagues weighting.)

FIFA Club World Cup

- 1 **December 2011:** Man of the Match in Final. (*vs. Santos FC.*)
- 2 **December 2011:** Golden Ball Trophy. (*2 goals scored.*)

World Stage

Awarded during this season, for last season's performance

- 1 **9th January 2012:** 2011 FIFA Ballon D'Or for World Player of the Year.

This Season

- 1 With his 3rd consecutive Ballon D'Or, he became one of only 2 players to have won it 3 times in a row. (The other player is

Michel Platini, and he won in the era when only European players were eligible for the award.)

2 4th player to win 3 Ballons D'Or. (after Johan Cruyff, Michel Platini and Marco van Basten.)

3 5th May 2012: A new World record of 72 goals in a 1st division season by breaking Archie Stark's (Bethlehem Steel Club) 85 year old tally of 70 goals which Stark set in the American Soccer League in the 1924-25 season. (*A poker bag vs. Espanyol at Camp Nou.*)

4 25th May 2012: A new World Record of 73 goals in a first division season. (*1 goal scored vs. Athletic Bilbao in Copa del Rey Final.*)

Personal Bests (other than those mentioned above)

1 1st November 2011: Scored his 200th goal for FC Barcelona. (*A hat-trick vs. Viktoria Plzeň in Champions League.*)

2 26th December 2011: French publication, L'Équipe, named Messi "2011 Champion of Champions", beating tennis #1 Novak Djokovic and Formula 1 champion Sebastian Vettel. Messi became only the 5th football player to win the award, and the first to win it out of a World Cup Year.

3 Appeared in Time Magazine's 100 Top Influential People List.

4 Time Magazine also named Messi as one of the 32 candidates for this year's "Person of the Year Award".

5 Played more matches (60 in total) than in any of his previous seasons.

6 A new personal record of 28 assists in one season. (This would have been 38 if awarded according to the Wikipedia definition of an assist.)

7 Scored in 6 consecutive home games (twice over the season) to better his previous record of 5 games in a row.

8 5th May 2012: Scored his 250th goal for FC Barcelona. (*A poker bag vs. Espanyol at Camp Nou.*)

Team Achievements

1 17th August 2011: Spanish Supacopa Trophy (*defeating Real Madrid*)

2 26th August 2011: UEFA Super Cup Trophy (*defeating FC Porto*)

3 18th December 2011: FIFA Club World Cup Trophy (*defeating Santos FC*)

4 25th May 2012: Copa del Rey Trophy (*defeating Athletic Bilbao*)

5 Semi-final Stage of UEFA Champions League

6 2nd Place in Spanish La Liga