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‘Unbeatable’ – Incredible scouting report of Maradona aged 17 unearthed

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Diego Maradona is regarded as one of the greatest footballers of all time and his incredible talent was evident from a very early age.

Four years before Maradona's move to [Barcelona](https://www.planetfootball.com/tag/barcelona/) in 1982, ex-Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti produced a scouting report on the forward for the Spanish side.

The report, via [Marca](https://www.marca.com/en/football/barcelona/2019/12/09/5deea64622601d84558b4632.html) (<https://www.marca.com/en/football/barcelona/2019/12/09/5deea64622601d84558b4632.html>), shows just how gifted he was at a young age at Argentinos Juniors, and we've tried to break it down piece by piece.



Maradona's jump power helped him a lot during his career. Just ask Peter Shilton.



Moral Condition

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"Mental strength 10. Power of suffering 10. Concentration 10. Selfish 0. Personality 10."

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Giving Maradona 10 out of 10 for personality still seems like a bit of an understatement.

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General Technique

"Unbeatable."

It doesn't get any better than that.

Specified Technique

"Extraordinary, effective and just dribbling. Excellent power. Extraordinary courage. Extraordinary efficiency. Very good shot. Great passing. Total accuracy. Complete vision. Average heading. Good leadership. Very good power to retain the ball. Extraordinary ball protection."

Being "average" in the air doesn't really matter when you're a genius with the ball at your feet.





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Individual Tactics

"Complete intelligence in football. Complete sense for football. Good view. Very good speed in efficiency."

This sounds a lot like the Maradona we grew to love during his professional career.

General Conclusions

"Young. He was born on 30/10/1960. He has prodigious technical qualities, easy dribbling. He has a straight line vision facing the goal, but he knows how to get rid of the ball for the best-placed teammate."

We think this might just be the most glowing scout report we've ever seen and Maradona certainly lived up to these lofty expectations.



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