

Diego Armando Maradona

Introduction



Source: FC Barcelona.

Diego Armando Maradona, an iconic figure in soccer. Born in Argentina, was celebrated for his exceptional dribbling skills and his infamous *"Hand of God"* goal that led Argentina to World Cup victory against England in 1986. His turbulent personal life and **battles with addiction** made headlines, but his undeniable impact and inspiration for generations endure. (Brischetto, 2022).

First Years

Diego Armando Maradona, born in 1960 in Lanús, Buenos Aires, Argentina, displayed exceptional talent from a young age, rising swiftly through local club ranks due to his unique skills and creativity. Despite growing up in a modest neighborhood, his early passion for football was evident. He embarked on his professional career with Boca Juniors, where his remarkable performances, dribbling, and scoring prowess captured widespread acclaim.



Source: Agenda Sur.

Maradona's pathway to glory

Chronological highlights

- **1981:**Maradona began his professional career with Boca Juniors in Argentina. His outstanding performances, dribbling skills, and goal-scoring ability quickly garnered attention.
- **1982:**Despite not winning the tournament, Maradona's displays for the Argentine national team in the 1982 **FIFA World Cup** elevated his status as a rising star in the sport.
- **1982:**Maradona's move to Barcelona marked a significant milestone, making him the world's most expensive player at the time. He became a key figure in European football.
- **1986:**In the 1986 FIFA World Cup, held in Mexico, Diego Maradona delivered one of the most iconic performances in the history of the tournament, the *"Hand of god."* In the 51st minute of the match, Maradona used his left hand to punch the ball into the net, disguising it as a header. The referee did not see the handball, and the goal was allowed to stand, putting Argentina ahead.
- **1986-1990:**Maradona's time at Napoli saw the club secure Serie A titles in 1987 and 1990, marking a historic achievement. He also received the FIFA World Player of the Year award in 1986 and 1990.



Source: Top Ecommerce.

Comparisons with Messi

Diego Maradona	STATISTICS	Lionel Messi
12	TROPHIES	42
1	WORLD CUPS	1
0	AMERICA CUPS	1
3	LEAGUES	11
0	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	4
0	GOLDEN BALL	7
724	MATCHES	1040
358	GOALS IN TOTAL	819

Source: Diario San Rafael.
(Fernández, 2023).

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