

La Liga trio nominated for FIFA Ballon d'Or

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona's Lionel Messi have split the prestigious FIFA Ballon d'Or award between them each year since 2008, but Brazil's Neymar, who receives a first nomination, hopes to spoil their party



Lionel Messi ARG

Age: 28 Debut: 2004

Club: **Barcelona**
Position: **Forward**

Dominated from 2009 to 2012 but has lost out to **Cristiano Ronaldo** for last two years

2015: Reached final of **Copa America** with Argentina – scored 48 goals to date, despite injury concerns

Neymar BRA

Age: 23 Debut: 2009

Club: **Barcelona**
Position: **Forward**

Would be fifth Brazilian to win award, after **Ronaldo, Rivaldo, Ronaldinho** and **Kaka**

2015: Won **Champions League** and **La Liga** with Barcelona. Superb form this season – top scorer in Spain with 14 goals

Cristiano Ronaldo POR

Age: 30 Debut: 2002

Club: **Real Madrid**
Position: **Forward**

Aiming to claim third successive award – took 38% of vote in 2014, eclipsing **Messi**

2015: Scored 500th career goal. Became all-time top scorer for Real Madrid, surpassing club legend **Raul**