

Messi wins record seventh Ballon d'Or

Lionel Messi has claimed a seventh Ballon d'Or after a year in which he helped Argentina win the Copa America, his first international honour, and scored 41 goals in total – 28 for Barcelona, four for Paris St-Germain and nine for Argentina

Messi in 2021

56

Appearances
Club **40**, Argentina **16**

41

Goals scored
Club **32**, Argentina **9**

17

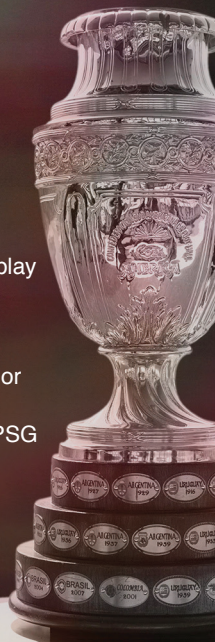
Assists
Club **12**, Argentina **5**

■ **Apr:** Superb display as Barcelona wins **Copa del Rey** final

■ **Jul:** Wins **Copa America** – first major title with Argentina

■ **Aug:** Moves to PSG

■ **Sep:** Becomes top South American goalscorer, overtaking Brazil legend **Pele**



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BALLON D'OR 2021: TOP TEN

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Lionel Messi **ARG**

PSG



Robert Lewandowski **POL** **Bayern**



Jorginho **ITA** **Chelsea**



Karim Benzema **FRA** **Real Madrid**



N'Golo Kante **FRA** **Chelsea**



Cristiano Ronaldo **POR** **Man Utd**



Mohamed Salah **EGY** **Liverpool**



Kevin de Bruyne **BEL** **Man City**



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