Messi retires from international football

Maestro Lionel Messi, one of the greatest players in football history, has enjoyed an illustrious career with his beloved Argentina



01 ***FIFA World Cup*** title (2022)

Achieved dream of winning World Cup for Argentina – his nations' first triumph since 1986



02 ***Copa America*** crowns (2021, 2024)

06 World Cup tournament appearances – equal with rival ***Cristiano Ronaldo***

11 Hat-tricks for ***La Albiceleste*** – final feat against Algeria at 2026 World Cup

18 Age on international debut against Hungary, dismissed after 47 seconds

21 Goals scored at World Cups – surpassed by ***Kylian Mbappé*** (22)

34 World Cup matches – including three finals (2014, 2022, 2026)

39 Age on retirement after previously quitting after 2016 Copa América

60 Assists

111 Goals scored with favourite left foot

125 Total goals scored for Argentina

207 All appearances (2005-26)



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