

BILKENT PULSE

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BIGGEST RIVALRIES IN SPORTS

MESSI-RONALDO
NADAL-FEDERER
KHABIB-MCGREGOR
LEBRON-JORDAN
HAMILTON-VERSTAPPEN

KHABIB VS MCGREGOR

The greatest rivalry of UFC history. Conor McGregor and Khabib Nurmagomedov are two of the most iconic figures in mixed martial arts. But which one is better:

Khabib, "The Eagle" or Conor, "The Notorious"?

They first met in the octagon on October 6, 2018, at UFC 229 in Las Vegas. It was an absolute banger. This match became one of the most viewed matches in UFC history.

The fans were extremely heated. When the match started, their styles were on full display. McGregor's sharp striking Vs. Khabib's relentless grappling and ground control. After this match, McGregor and Khabib's rivalry continued outside the cage, not in matches, because Khabib never gave him a rematch. While Conor was fighting with other opponents to reclaim his legacy, Khabib defended his lightweight title against elite fighters. His 29-0 career record is glorious.

So, their careers were completely different. One was defined by showmanship and trash talk, the other by discipline and dominance.

Conor McGregor

The Notorious

Precise striking, knockout power

Outspoken, charismatic, trash-talker

First UFC fighter to hold titles in two weight divisions at the same time

Known for hyping fights and attracting global attention

Khabib Nurmagomedov

The Eagle

Relentless grappling, ground control

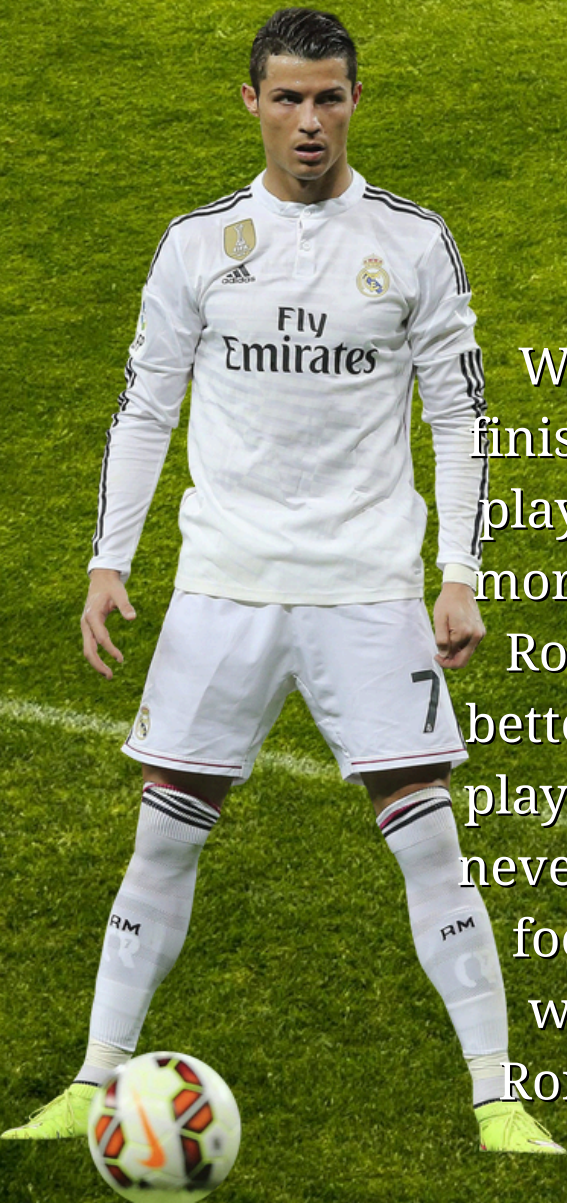
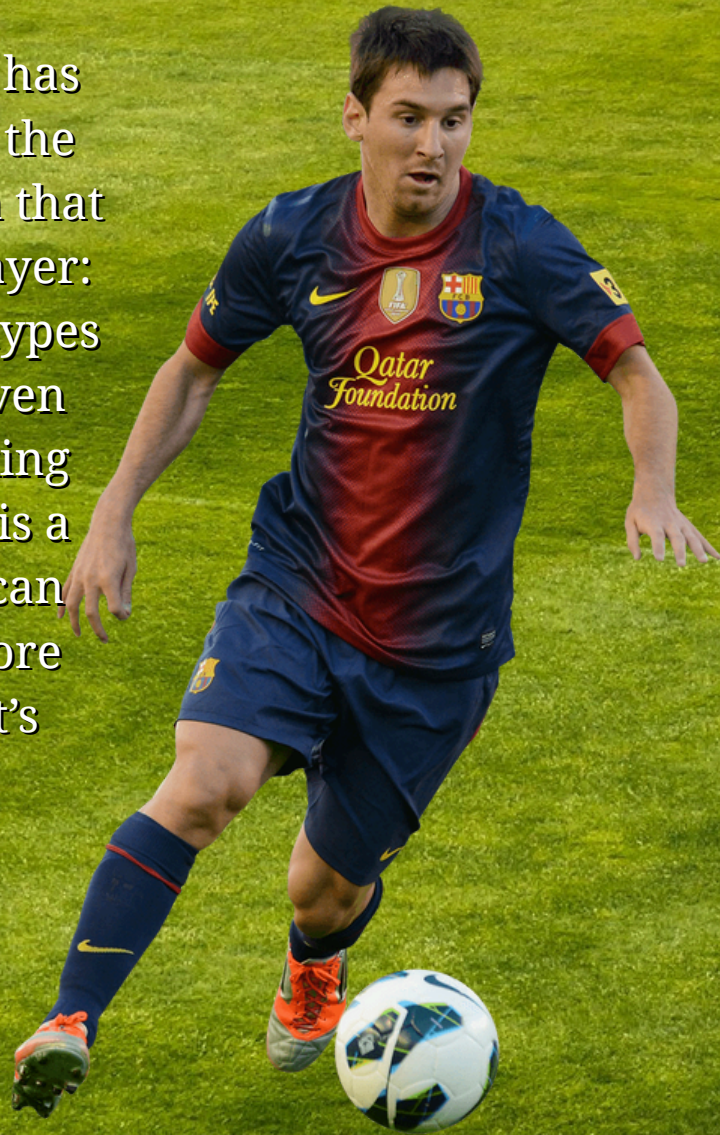
Calm, disciplined, respectful

Retired undefeated (29-0)

Dominance and sportsmanship

MESSI vs RONALDO

From the past to the present, football has been a very popular sport all around the world. And football has one discussion that will never end. Which is the better player: Messi or Ronaldo? They are different types of players. Messi symbolizes “God given skill” and Ronaldo symbolizes “Working hard”. If we compare them, Ronaldo is a more athletic player than Messi. He can jump very high, kick the ball, and score goals. His record is 2,93 meters, that’s unbelievable!



We can also say that Ronaldo is a better finisher than Messi. But Messi is a powerful player despite his physical weakness. He is more of a playmaker and passes more than Ronaldo. We can say that his dribbling is better than Ronaldo's. Even though they are playing in easy leagues right now, there will never be anyone like them again. That's why football enthusiasts are so lucky to have watched them. We analyzed Messi and Ronaldo. You can decide which one is the better player.

LeBron vs Jordan

Basketball fans have been comparing LeBron and Michael Jordan for many years because they are the best basketball players of all time. Both of them were iconic and unstoppable players. They have their own trademarks. They changed basketball a lot. Both of them were leaders in their teams and in the USA national team. They won many medals, rings, awards, and cups. They are the idols of many basketball players. People want to shoot, to defend, to dunk, and to pass like them. These days, children call themselves Jordan, or when they block a shot, they say "Blocked by James!". So we know both of them are really good players. But who is better? LeBron or MJ? Jordan has more championships, but LeBron has more points. LeBron was an All-Star more often, but Jordan has more MVP awards. So how can we decide who is better? Here are some statistics:



LeBron James:
40000+ points
10000+ rebounds
10000+ assists
4 championships
4 times League MVP
4 times Final MVP
20+ All-Star Selections



Michael Jordan:
32292 points
6672 rebounds
5633 assists
6 championships
5 times League MVP
6 times Final MVP
14 All-Star Selections

FEDERER VS NADAL



* 20x GRAND SLAM
* 6x AUSTRALIAN OPEN
* 1x FRENCH OPEN
* 8x WIMBLEDON
* 5x US OPEN
* 6x ATP FINALS
* 2008 PEKIN (DOUBLES) 🏆
* 2012 LONDRA (SINGLES) 🏆

* 22x GRAND SLAM
* 2x AUSTRALIA OPEN
* 14x FRENCH OPEN
* 2x WIMBLEDON
* 4x US OPEN
* 2008 PEKIN (SINGLES) 🏆
* 2016 RIO (DOUBLES) 🏆



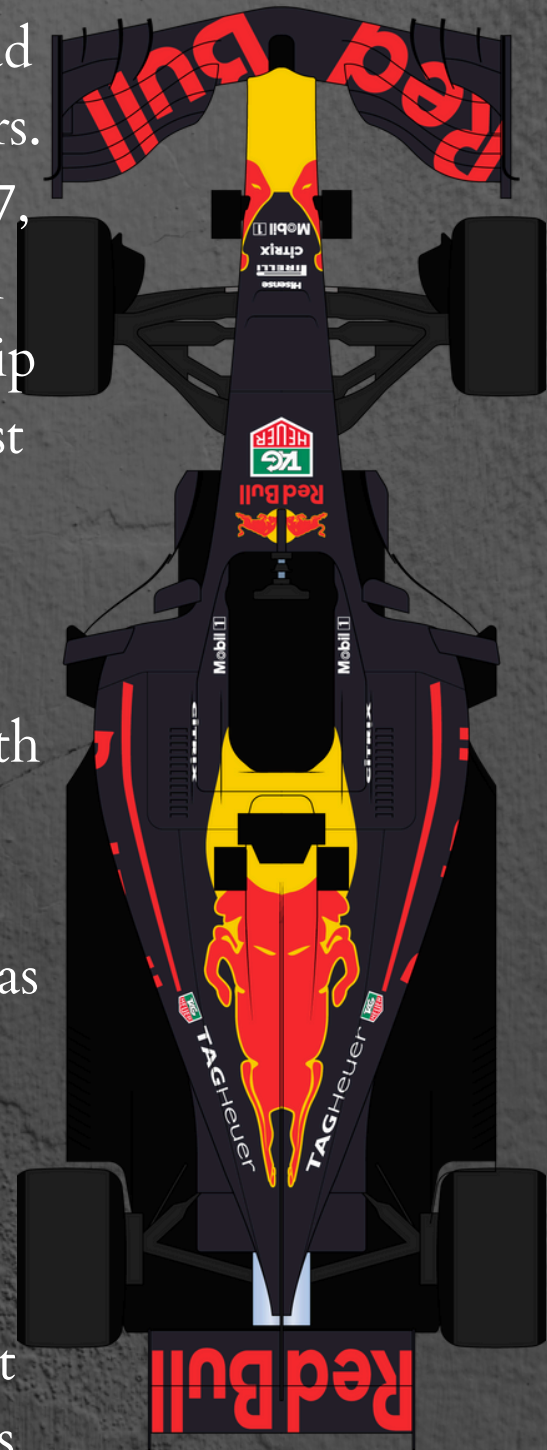
SPANISH TENNIS PLAYER RAFAEL NADAL AND SWISS TENNIS PLAYER ROGER FEDERER ARE TWO OF THE BEST TENNIS PLAYERS IN HISTORY. THEY BOTH WON MANY BIG TITLES AND ARE LOVED BY FANS ALL OVER THE WORLD. FEDERER IS FAMOUS FOR HIS ELEGANT STYLE AND HIS GREAT RESULTS ON GRASS COURTS. HE WON 20 GRAND SLAM TITLES IN HIS CAREER, AND 8 OF THEM WERE AT WIMBLEDON. HE WAS ALSO NUMBER ONE IN THE WORLD FOR A VERY LONG TIME. HE WAS ON TOP FOR MORE THAN 300 WEEKS. NADAL IS DIFFERENT IN HIS STYLE. HE PLAYS WITH A LOT OF ENERGY AND PASSION, AND HE IS VERY STRONG ON CLAY COURTS. HE WON 22 GRAND SLAM TITLES. 14 OF THEM CAME AT THE FRENCH OPEN. THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY HARD RECORD. NADAL ALSO WON TWO OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS. FEDERER IS CALMER AND ELEGANT, BUT NADAL IS MORE EMOTIONAL AND POWERFUL. THEIR RIVALRY MADE TENNIS MORE EXCITING FOR EVERYONE.



HAMILTON vs VERSTAPPEN

Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen are definitely the best F1 pilots in the world in our generation. They have dominated the others. Let's compare them. Hamilton had been in the Mercedes team for many years. He has a lot of championships, which is 7, but some people say he has 8 because in 2021, there was a suspicious championship because in the last race, and about the last tour, one car had crashed, and then the special controller vehicle got into the racetrack. This situation led to a disadvantage for Hamilton; therefore, with the race win, Verstappen had the championship. However, in the official results, Hamilton has 7 and Verstappen has 4. This year, Hamilton transferred to Ferrari and became team mates with Leclerc. Verstappen is still in Redbull.

While we are comparing them, we shouldn't forget that it isn't always about their piloting skills. Some years Mercedes, some years Redbull produce the better car by far, so if the other pilot with the worse car pilots better in some situations, he can't win the race.



ULTRAS

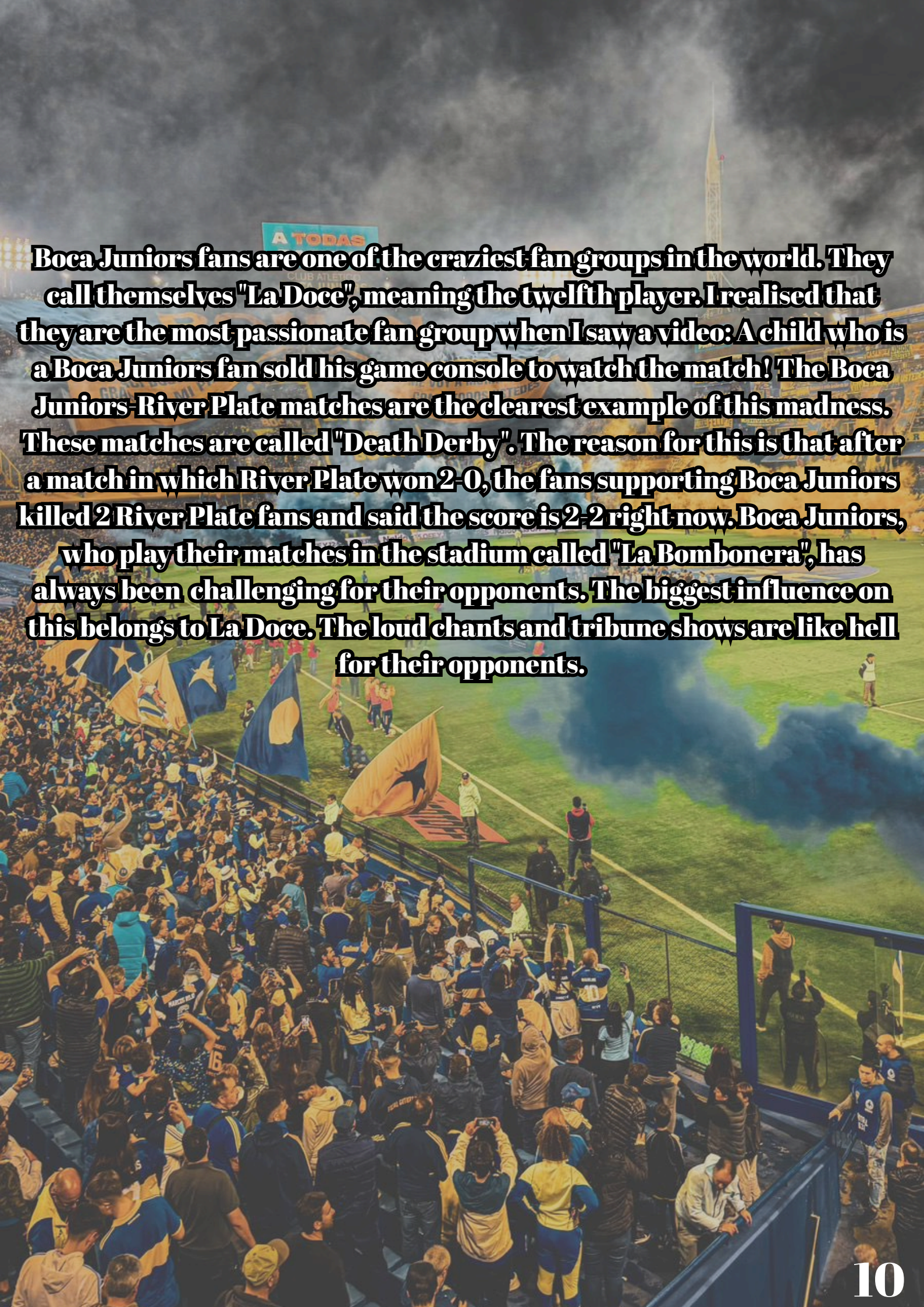
Boca Juniors

Celtic

Partizan

Dortmund

Beşiktaş



Boca Juniors fans are one of the craziest fan groups in the world. They call themselves "La Doce", meaning the twelfth player. I realised that they are the most passionate fan group when I saw a video: A child who is a Boca Juniors fan sold his game console to watch the match! The Boca Juniors-River Plate matches are the clearest example of this madness. These matches are called "Death Derby". The reason for this is that after a match in which River Plate won 2-0, the fans supporting Boca Juniors killed 2 River Plate fans and said the score is 2-2 right now. Boca Juniors, who play their matches in the stadium called "La Bombonera", has always been challenging for their opponents. The biggest influence on this belongs to La Doce. The loud chants and tribune shows are like hell for their opponents.

The Green Brigade are a Celtic F.C. supporter ultra group founded in 2006 and based in Glasgow, Scotland. They are known for their passion, songs, and choreographies. They sit together in section III, where they wave flags and create an amazing atmosphere. They are inspired by other fan groups and they believe in unity, energy, and staying behind the team. Beside football, The Green Brigade is also active in social and political issues like racism or wars. They are the voice of victims. For example, they were not afraid to state their side in the war between Israel and Palestine. Therefore, they made a choreography about that in a UEFA Champions League match. Sometimes, their banners caused problems with football authorities, but they did not care and continued what they were doing. Today, The Green Brigade is seen as an important part of Celtic's culture and resistance (strong in the club's support.)



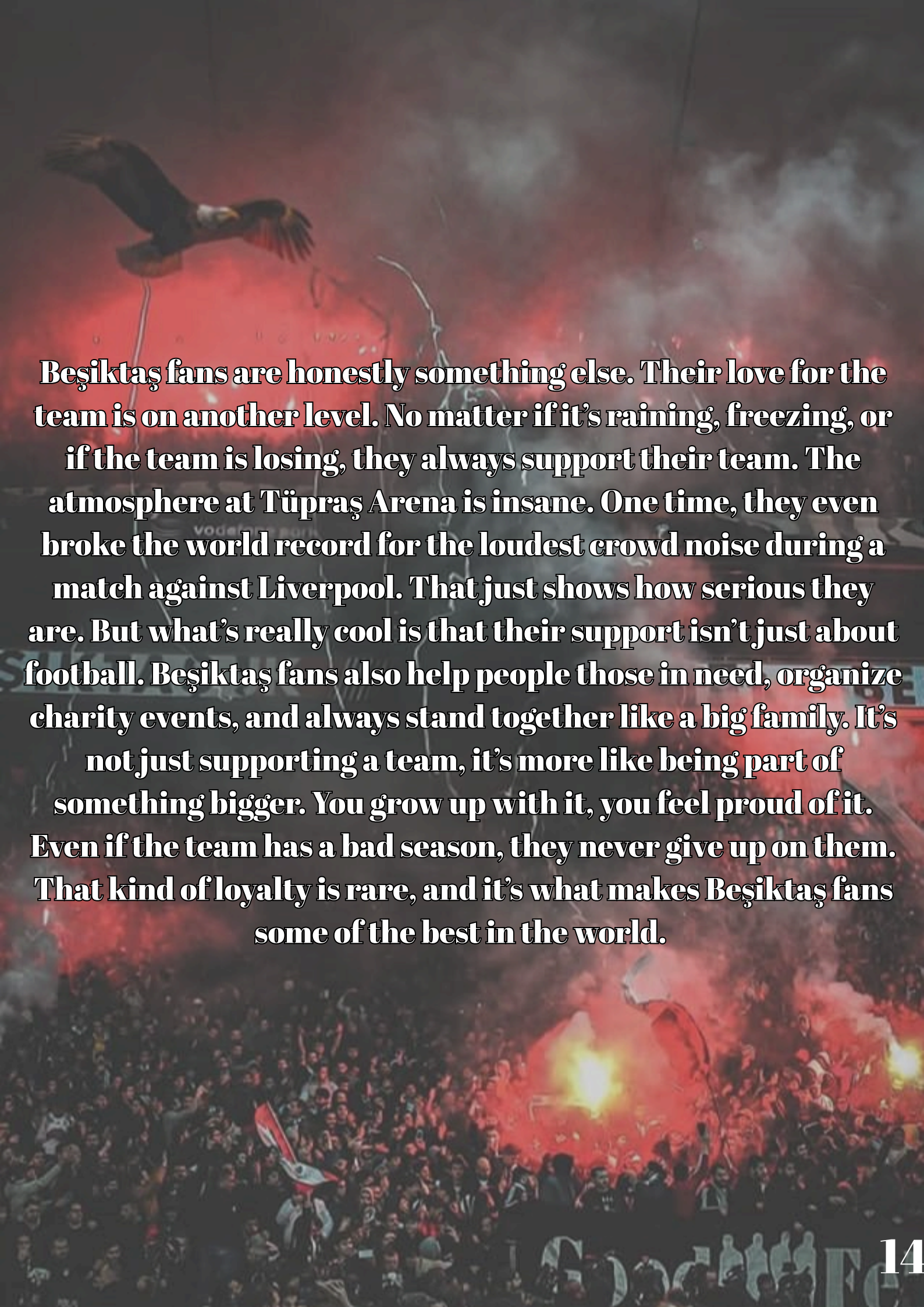
Partizan fans are extremely passionate and they support their teams heavily. During football and basketball, they play a huge role within the team. They sing, chant and hold huge flags during matches. The majority of the players say that playing in front of Partizan fans gives them an extra boost and encouragement. The stadium is very loud when the fans are cheering and it may be frightening for the opposing team. Even in basketball, the fans follow all the games and they never desist from cheering. Occasionally, the fans design special choreographies and they look wonderful. Although they may be very loud, they also respect the tradition and history of the club. Their loyalty is very strong and many people think that without them, Partizan can not continue to be a strong team. The other teams have nice fans too, but Partizan's are something special and different.



Fans have been interested in sports for long years. So there are lots of fan groups around the world. Especially, there are many well known football fan groups. Borussia Dortmund fans have an amazing fan group named “Die Gelbe Wand”. It means Yellow Wall in English. They are one of the best fan groups in the world. They are always enthusiastic about matches. No matter they are winning or losing, Yellow Wall always supports Borussia Dortmund. Yellow Wall nearly includes 25000 fans. It is one of the biggest tribunes in Europe. The movements of fans, flags, cheers and choreographies put very big pressure on the rival team with an amazing atmosphere.

Here are some historical facts and important events:

- Signal Iduna Park was built for the World Cup in 1974.**
- The fan group of Dortmund has been improved from the 90s and finally, “Yellow Wall” name became popular in the 2000s.**
- Dortmund vs Madrid (2013), Jürgen Klopp Period (2008-2015), Marc Bartra Attack (2017) are the most important historical events in Yellow Wall history.**



Beşiktaş fans are honestly something else. Their love for the team is on another level. No matter if it's raining, freezing, or if the team is losing, they always support their team. The atmosphere at Tüpraş Arena is insane. One time, they even broke the world record for the loudest crowd noise during a match against Liverpool. That just shows how serious they are. But what's really cool is that their support isn't just about football. Beşiktaş fans also help people those in need, organize charity events, and always stand together like a big family. It's not just supporting a team, it's more like being part of something bigger. You grow up with it, you feel proud of it. Even if the team has a bad season, they never give up on them. That kind of loyalty is rare, and it's what makes Beşiktaş fans some of the best in the world.



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NBA PLAYOFFS

76ers vs Raptors



The 2019 playoff series between Toronto Raptors and the Philadelphia 76ers was one of the most memorable battles in basketball history. Although both teams were strong and talented, the Raptors seemed more focused and confident. Kawhi Leonard became the hero of the team with his amazing performance and calm attitude. While the 76ers tried very hard and played with great energy, they couldn't stop Leonard's famous last shot in Game 7. The ball bounced on the rim again and again before finally going in, and the whole arena went wild. It was a magical moment that basketball fans will never forget. On the other hand, the 76ers also earned a lot of respect for their teamwork and fighting spirit. This legendary series showed that hard work, belief, and teamwork can make anything possible in sports.

CAVS vs GSW

There are some crazy series in NBA Finals and "GSW vs CAVS" was one of the best Final series in NBA.

From 2015 to 2018 they competed with each other. Therefore, for the first time in history, the same teams met in the Finals for 4 consecutive years in NBA. Now, let's look at these finals.

GSW vs CAVS (2015):

GSW defeated CAVS "4-2" and Andre Iguodala was the MVP. LeBron James had a great performance, but it wasn't enough because of Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love's injuries. This final is very important as Warriors won the championship after 40 years.

GSW vs CAVS (2016):

After the disappointment, CAVS won this series "4-3" and LeBron was the MVP. "Blocked by James" was an unforgettable memory for CAVS fans. First, Warriors had made the serie 3-1 but after CAVS won 3 matches and was the champion.

GSW vs CAVS (2017):

GSW won this serie "4-1". Kevin Durant joined the team in this season and he was the MVP of this series. GSW dominated matches with Curry and Durant's leadership.

GSW vs CAVS (2018):

GSW won this serie without a single loss. Kevin Durant was the MVP again. In the first match LeBron dropped 51. The most unforgettable memory of this series was J.R. Smith's big mistake. He didn't know the score at the end of the match and he didn't shoot the ball. Therefore, they lost.



KNICKS vs PACERS

New York Knicks Vs. Indiana Pacers: One of the most intense battles in NBA history. In 1994 playoffs, they faced each other in the Eastern Conference Finals, where the Knicks were led by Patrick Ewing and the Pacers were driven by Reggie Miller. The series went to seven games, full of emotion and rivalry. In Game 5, things totally changed when Miller scored 25 points in the fourth quarter at Madison Square Garden, which is the arena of New York Knicks. After that sequence, Reggie Miller did the "Choke" sign. That was a legendary moment. Pacers fans thought that they will win the series and go to the NBA Finals. However, the Knicks refused to give up. Patrick Ewing's dominant performance in Game 7 helped New York win the series 4-3 and sent them to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1973. The Knicks' victory showed their toughness, while Miller's heroics made him one of the most feared clutch players.

THUNDERS vs GSW



The playoff series between the Oklahoma City Thunder and the Golden State Warriors was very exciting and full of surprises. The final result was 3-4, with the Warriors winning the series. At the beginning, OKC played very strong and won the first three games. Their defense was great, and players like Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook showed amazing energy. Many people thought OKC would finish the series easily. However, the Warriors did not give up. Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson started to play better and made many important three-point shots. In Game 6, Thompson scored a record number of threes, which helped GSW come back. Finally, in Game 7, the Warriors completed their comeback and won the series. It was one of the most unforgettable moments in NBA history. Even though OKC lost, they fought hard and proved that they were one of the best teams in the league

A photograph of Michael Jordan in a red Chicago Bulls jersey (number 23) jumping high to shoot a basketball. He is being defended by a Utah Jazz player in a white jersey. The background shows a blurred crowd in an arena.

JAZZ VS BULLS

Chicago Bulls vs Utah Jazz (1998)

Series Result: Chicago Bulls 4-2 Utah Jazz

Top Scorer: Michael Jordan (45 points in the last match)

MVP: Michael Jordan

The first game was played at home against the Utah Jazz. Although Utah won the first game, the Bulls won Game 2 to tie the series 1-1. Chicago defeated Utah 96-54 in Game 3, achieving the largest lead in NBA Finals history. Utah won Game 5, and the series went on to extend into Game 6.

The final minutes of the game were thrilling. Utah led 86-85. Jordan stole the ball from Karl Malone, then dribbled and hit a mid-range shot.

This shot, known as "The Last Shot," secured the Bulls the championship. The Chicago Bulls won the series, their sixth championship in eight years. Michael Jordan was named MVP for the series, averaging 33.5 points per game. This series marked the end of the Bulls' saga. Jordan, Scottie Pippen, and Dennis Rodman left the team at the end of the season.

Turkish Success in Sports

NAIM SULEYMANOGLU
BUSENAZ SURMENELI
SEMİH SAYGINER
THE SULTANS OF NET
METE GAZOZ

Naim Süleymanoğlu was one of the best and most successful Turkish athletes. He was born in Bulgaria in 1967. He started lifting barbell when he was 9 years old. He was very successful at his young ages. Therefore, coaches considered his ability. He was planning to join national team but some gaps appeared first. For instance, he needed to change his name. Although he dealt with some problems, he participated in the team. He got attention due to his achievements in the national team. Additionally, there is a new film which was made in 2019 about his life.

Some his achievements and awards:

1988 Seoul (60kg), gold medal

1992 Barcelona (60kg), gold medal

1996 Atlanta (64kg), gold medal

7x world champions

46 world records

In conclusion, he had a great career. He is still a source of pride for Turkish people after his death. World will always remember him.

NAIM
SÜLEYMANOĞLU

Busenaz Sürmeneli is a very famous Turkish boxer and one of the best athletes in Turkey. She won a gold medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. This was a big success because she became the first Turkish woman to win an Olympic gold in boxing. Many people in Turkey were very proud of her. Busenaz is strong, brave, and always fights with a big heart. She also won world and European championships, which shows how talented and hard-working she is. Her story inspires many young girls to start doing sports and believe in themselves. Even when she had problems or got hurt, she never gave up. Busenaz Sürmeneli is more than a boxer. She is a hero for her country and a good example for the new generation of athletes.



busenaz
SURMENELI



Semih Sayginer

Semih Sayginer is one of the most successful and creative billiard players in the world. His billiard journey began in Turkey, where he quickly became known for his playing style and strong technique. In the 1990s, he started competing international and soon earned the nickname “The Magician” because of his amazing shots that surprised both fans and other players. Sayginer won many national and international titles, including the World Three-Cushion Championship, and helped make billiards more popular in Turkey. He is known not only for his victories but also for his passion and creativity on the table. young players see him for his discipline, focus, and love for the game. Even after years in the sport, Semih Sayginer continues to show that billiards is not just a game of skill, but also an art full of imagination and style.

Known as the "Sultans of the Net," the Turkish women's national volleyball team has recently gained popularity. Their first success came in 2003, when they won the silver medal at the European Championship. They also won bronze in 2011 and 2017, and finished second in the European Championship finals in Ankara in 2019. Their biggest success came in 2023, when they first defeated China 3-1 in the VNL to win the championship. Then, by beating Serbia, they became European champions for the first time in their history. They also won three gold medals at the Mediterranean Games. They were ranked 4th in the world in 2018, 2nd in 2019, and 3rd in 2022. They are currently ranked 3rd in the FIVB World Rankings.



Mete Gazoz is a very talented Turkish archer who has become one of the greatest athlete in Turkish sports history. He was born in 1999 in Istanbul, he started archery at a very young age and followed his father, who was also a national archer. Despite his age, Mete showed great potential. His biggest achievement came in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, where he won the gold medal in the men's individual archery. He became the first Turkish archer ever to win that. In addition to his successful sport career, he is also a nice person off the field. He is known for his calm attitude, positive personality and, funny jokes. Many young athletes are inspired by him so that they can reach their goals.

Besides his Olympic success, Mete has also won several medals in different competitions, proving that he is one of the best archers in the world.

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