MESSI BACK ON TOP

Lionel Messi finished as the UEFA Champions League's outright leading scorer for the first time since 2011/12, and the fifth time overall. The Argentinian, who had finished joint-top scorer in 2014/15, also registered the second-most shots (54) and the most shots from open play (21). He scored six of his goals against English clubs, and nine with his left foot – while not converting a single attempt with his head.

Messi's team-mate Luis Suárez found the net just once but worked hard occupying defenders, as with his decoy run to pull two defenders to the right as Messi embarked on a diagonal run inside from right to left before scoring against Manchester United. This was a goal indicative of much of Barcelona's best attacking work, which originated down the right before the final action followed on the left, usually via Messi. Of Suárez's support role, it should be noted there were three other Messi goals in which the Uruguayan selflessly let the ball run by in the lead-up – including two dummies in the group stage victory at Tottenham Hotspur.



Lionel Messi averaged a goal every 69 minutes

TOP SCORERS

Players (5 or more goals)	Goals	xG	Shots	Shots on target	Shot conversion	Mins per goal
Lionel Messi	12	6.47	54	26	22.2%	69.8
Robert Lewandowski	8	6.90	26	17	30.8%	89.1
Cristiano Ronaldo	6	4.91	48	13	12.5%	124.8
Sergio Agüero	6	5.59	30	16	20%	84.8
Moussa Marega	6	5.69	26	15	23.1%	140
Dušan Tadić	6	4.79	21	10	28.6%	180
Andrej Kramarić	5	2.35	18	8	27.8%	96.2
Paulo Dybala	5	3.66	21	10	23.8%	103.6
Neymar	5	3.44	24	16	20.8%	106.4
Mohamed Salah	5	7.08	52	15	9.6%	211.6
Harry Kane	5	3.20	32	15	15.6%	155.4
Lucas Moura	5	3.44	26	10	19.2%	145
Raheem Sterling	5	3.01	23	10	21.7%	174.2
Edin Džeko	5	3.51	29	14	17.2%	114

Expected goals (xG) give an indication of how many goals a player or team should have scored on average, given the shots they have taken

92.6%
Lionel Messi's goal attempts with his left foot

56
Hakim Ziyech had the most shots

4
Cristiano Ronaldo scored four of his six goals with his head, facilitated by a Juventus side which registered the most open-play crosses (155)

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Liverpool's Divock Origi scored with each of his three shots in the competition. Also in the '100% club' with two goals apiece were Barcelona's Gerard Piqué and Crvena zvezda's Milan Pavkov, who hit a double v Liverpool