

El clásico: A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF FOOTBALL'S GREATEST RIVALRY

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ABSTRACT

The fierce and multidimensional rivalry between Real and Barca has inspired this paper which aims to analyze the results of the clásico and highlight the performance of both teams through stylized facts. Using data from Transfermarkt, the paper overlooks the other dimensions of this derby and focuses almost exclusively on its sporting outcomes. The paper, therefore, takes into consideration some 243 games that occurred over twelve decades, between the 1900s and the first half of the 2022-2023 season. Stylized facts related to all the matches between Real and Barca in La Liga, Copa del Rey, Supercopa de España, and the UEFA Champions League are presented and discussed. It appears that neither Real nor Barca is dominating their bilateral confrontation. Instead, both clubs tend to be on an even keel, with each club taking advantage of an outstanding generation of players to periodically overpower the other.

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