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### **WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 1902**

Club founder Gamper and Udo Steinberg both scored hat-tricks as Barça won 8-0 at home to Club Universitari in the Copa Macaya (later called the Catalan Championship). Joaquín García (two) was the other scorer. Much more on Gamper later on in this book.

### **THURSDAY 1ST JANUARY 1903**

Joan Gamper scored eight goals and Udo Steinberg five as Barça defeated Catalonia 16-0 in a friendly. Lluís d'Ossó (two) and Bernat Lassaleta added the other goals. Lassaleta was also a professor of metallurgy, mathematics and electrical technology at the School of Industrial Engineers in Barcelona. In 1923 he was part of a committee that welcomed Albert Einstein during his visit to Catalonia.

### **WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 1913**

Edelmira Calveto, 28, became the club's first female member, despite the fact that the club's bylaws written in 1911 only recognised male socis, 20 years before women had the right to vote. The second woman soci would be María Oriol, who was registered in September 1913. Edelmira died in Barcelona in 1959 at the age of 75.

### **SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 1933**

The only El Clásico held on New Year's Day saw a 1-1 draw at Barcelona's Camp de Les Corts stadium. Ángel Arocha gave Barça the lead midway through the second half before Luis Regueiro equalised for Madrid with a penalty 12 minutes from the end.

## **JANUARY**

### **WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2014**

Josep Seguer died at the age of 90. The defender made over 200 league appearances from 1942 to 1957, winning five league titles. Later he was the caretaker manager for two months, from October to December 1969, winning six of his 13 matches in charge, drawing two and losing the other five.

### **SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY 1944**

José Valle Mas scored the 1-0 winner in El Clásico at Real Madrid's Chamartín Stadium. It came in the 50th minute. It was Barcelona's first clean sheet at their arch-rivals' venue in 13 years. Valle was at the club for eight seasons, from 1940 to 1948, and he died in the city on New Year's Eve 2005 at the age of 88.

### **MONDAY 2ND JANUARY 1967**

Ramón Zabalo died in Catalonia at the age of 56. The defender had been born in South Shields, north-east England, in 1910. He had two spells at Barça (1929–37 and 1944–45), winning the league title in 1944/45. He played for Spain in a 1-0 defeat to Italy at the 1934 World Cup – Spain's first major tournament.

### **SATURDAY 2ND JANUARY 1988**

Barça lost 2-1 to Real Madrid at the Bernabéu in El Clásico. Bernd Schuster, who would later go on to become a Real player and manager, scored Barça's goal from the penalty spot after half an hour. Hugo Sánchez scored both of Real's goals. It would be another six years until Barcelona next won at the Bernabéu (see 6th May 1994).

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2013**

Johan Cruyff ended his coaching career with the Catalonia national team. It came in a 1-1 draw with Nigeria. He was in charge of Barcelona for eight years and Catalonia for four. Former Spanish international midfielder Sergio González, who spent the majority of his career at Espanyol and Deportivo, gave Catalonia the lead in the fourth minute when he converted a penalty. Striker Bright Dike equalised for Nigeria in their first shot on goal ten minutes into the second half.

### **SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 1915**

The first recorded match between Catalonia and the Basque Country finished 6-1 to the latter. It was played at the San Mamés Stadium in Bilbao. Overall the two regions have played 13 times, with the Basque Country winning seven times, Catalonia once, and five draws. Catalonia's only victory came in a 2-1 win in Bilbao in February 1971. The most recent match came in December 2015, with Athletic Bilbao's Aritz Aduriz scoring the Basque Country's 1-0 winner at the Camp Nou (see 26th December 2015).

### **SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 1999**

Barça beat Alavés 7-1 at home in La Liga with goals from Luís Figo, Rivaldo (two), Luis Enrique (two) and substitute Óscar (two). Óscar spent six years in the first team from 1993 to 1999 before moving to Valencia. He later had brief managerial spells at English clubs Brighton & Hove Albion and Watford.

## **JANUARY**

### **SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 1931**

Barcelona lost 5-0 at Arenas de Getxo, from Bilbao. As a result they found themselves bottom of the league table with only four points from their opening five matches. In the end they finished fourth in a ten-team league that season with a record of played 18, won seven, drawn seven, lost four.

### **WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2012**

In scoring twice in a Spanish Cup tie at home to Osasuna, Lionel Messi became the second Barcelona player to score in six different competitions in one season (Spanish Super Cup, UEFA Super Cup, La Liga, Champions League, FIFA Club World Cup and Spanish Cup – in that order). Pedro became the first player to achieve this feat, in 2009 (see 19th December 2009).

### **FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 1945**

José Luis Romero was born in Madrid. The midfielder had one season as a player at Barça (1970/71) before returning to take charge of one match as caretaker manager in March 1983 after Udo Lattek had been sacked. His sole game in charge was a 1-1 league draw at Salamanca. He also coached the Barça B team.

### **WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2000**

Jari Litmanen scored his first goal at the Camp Nou following his move from Ajax the previous summer. It came in a 3-1 league win over Real Sociedad. It was one of only four goals the Finland international striker would score in his 32 appearances before signing for Liverpool the following year. He's the only player from his country to have played and scored for Barça.

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2015**

Andoni Zubizarreta was sacked from his position as director of football. The former Barça goalkeeper had been in the job for four and a half years and was replaced by another former player, Roberto Fernández. Roberto subsequently left in June 2018 after his contract expired, being replaced by Eric Abidal. Zubizarreta joined Marseille in the same capacity in October 2016.

### **MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 1902**

Barcelona conceded their only goals in their eight Catalan Championship matches of the 1901/02 season, in a 4-2 win at defending champions Hispania. In their eight matches that season they scored an incredible 60 goals and conceded only twice.

### **THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY 1994**

Denis Suárez was born. Having initially played for the B side, he joined the first team in 2016 from Villarreal. In his two and a half seasons at Barça he scored eight goals in 71 appearances before joining Arsenal on loan, and eventually moving to Celta Vigo on a permanent basis in 2019.

### **TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2009**

Lionel Messi scored all three goals in a 3-1 win at Atlético Madrid in the Spanish Cup round of 16, first leg. It was the first hat-trick scored by a Barça player at Atlético Madrid's home for 12 years, since Ronaldo scored one in a 5-2 league win in April 1997. At the time of writing the Argentine's hat-trick breakdown of 48 was 36 in La Liga, eight in the Champions League, three in the Spanish Cup and one in the Spanish Super Cup. Thirty-two had come at home and 16 away.



## **JANUARY**

### **SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 2018**

Barça signed Philippe Coutinho for a club-record fee of £142m (an initial £105m plus a reported £37m in bonuses). The Brazilian playmaker signed a five-and-a-half-year deal and had a buyout clause of £355m. He scored his first goal in a Spanish Cup tie at Valencia a month later, on 8 February 2018.

### **SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 1917**

Englishman John Barrow made his debut as the club's coach in a goalless Catalan Championship match at FC Internacional. He was considered the first official coach, and had previously been a player and team captain. He was in charge for 19 matches, winning 12, drawing five and losing only twice. However, after only four months in charge, he was sacked, apparently owing to his excessive drinking, and he was replaced by another Englishman, Jack Greenwell.

### **MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2013**

Lionel Messi was presented with the Ballon d'Or for a record fourth successive year at a ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland. With 41.60 per cent of the vote he beat Cristiano Ronaldo (23.68 per cent) and Andrés Iniesta (10.91 per cent) into second and third respectively.

### **SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 1984**

Diego Maradona finally returned from three months out following his broken ankle suffered in a match against Athletic Bilbao in September 1983, scoring twice and leading the team to a 3-1 victory at home to Sevilla.

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY 1994**

Barça beat Real Madrid 5-0 at home in El Clásico, with Romário grabbing a hat-trick. Ronaldo Koeman and Iván Iglesias were the other scorers. Iglesias scored five league goals in a two-year spell at Barcelona (and was no relation to singer Julio, who was a junior player at Real Madrid). This result came almost exactly 20 years after the club won 5-0 in the Bernabéu – a match which the coach on this day, Johan Cruyff, played in.

### **TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2019**

Barcelona announced the signing of Jean-Clair Todibo from Toulouse, becoming the 22nd French player to sign for the club. He made his debut at Huesca in the league in April that year but he found his first-team opportunities limited. He joined Benfica on loan for the 2020/21 season.

### **SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY 1949**

Barça won El Clásico with a 3-1 home victory over Real Madrid, César Rodríguez (two) and Estanislau Basora with the goals. It was their third successive league win over their arch-rivals, which set a new record and wouldn't be broken until 2010, when they won five league meetings in a row. It also meant they'd gone five league matches unbeaten against Madrid, which set another record that wouldn't be broken until they extended it to six between 1971 and 1974. It was also their fifth successive home league win over Madrid.

## **JANUARY**

### **MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2012**

Pep Guardiola was presented with the 2011 FIFA World Coach of the Year award (his first such award) at a ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland. He beat Sir Alex Ferguson (Manchester United, second) and José Mourinho (Real Madrid, third) to the award. Lionel Messi also won the Ballon d'Or for the third successive year.

### **SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 1943**

Even though Barça led 4-2 at half-time, the second El Clásico of the season ended in a 5-5 draw on home soil. Their scorers were Mariano Martín (two), Josep Escolà and José Valle Mas (two). Ten equalled the most number of goals scored in an El Clásico league game (also Real Madrid 8 Barcelona 2 – see 3rd February 1935).

### **SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2010**

Lionel Messi scored a hat-trick in a 5-0 league win at Tenerife. At the time it was his third hat-trick for Barça and his first league treble away from home. Carles Puyol and Ezequiel Luna (own goal) scored the other goals.

### **MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2011**

Lionel Messi was presented with the 2010 Ballon d'Or, his second successive award, in a ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland. In doing so he became the first player to win this prize, the Pichichi Trophy (top scorer in La Liga) and the European Golden Shoe in the same season (2009/10). All three nominations for the Ballon d'Or that year were from Barcelona – Messi, Andrés Iniesta and Xavi.

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### **SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 1970**

Vic Buckingham took over as coach, becoming the seventh Englishman to hold the position and the first since Jack Greenwell in 1933. He had two years at the helm, winning the Spanish Cup in 1971 by beating Valencia 4-3 after extra time in the final. Since Buckingham there have been two more English managers – Terry Venables and Sir Bobby Robson.

### **SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2015**

Lionel Messi, Neymar and Luis Suárez scored for the first time together in a league match, in a 3-1 win over Atlético Madrid at the Camp Nou.

### **MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2016**

Lionel Messi was presented with his fifth Ballon d'Or at a ceremony in Zurich, Switzerland. With 41.33 per cent of the vote he beat Cristiano Ronaldo (27.76 per cent) and Neymar (7.86 per cent) into second and third respectively.

### **WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2017**

Luis Suárez scored his 100th goal for Barcelona, in a Spanish Cup tie at home to Athletic Bilbao (3-1). It had taken the Uruguayan only 120 appearances to reach this milestone.

### **THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 1961**

Enrique Orizaola was installed as manager, replacing Ljubiša Bročić. The Spaniard was in charge for 21 matches from January to June 1961. His record was won eight, drawn three, lost ten. Barça finished fourth in the league that season (1960/61).

## **JANUARY**

### **SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 1964**

Pedro Zaballa scored the club's 2,000th goal in La Liga. It came in a 4-0 home win over Valencia. Zaballa spent six years at Barça from 1961 to 1967, without winning La Liga trophy. He scored Sabadell's first goal in Europe, against Club Bruges in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup in 1969. He died in 1997 at the age of 58.

### **SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 1991**

A young Frenchman, Frederic Rouquier, was murdered by the 'boix nois' group, the most radical Barça followers, after an Espanyol-Sporting Gijón match. The reason for this was because he was an Espanyol fan. It was the first violent death in Spanish football.

### **MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 1992**

Italian sportswear company Kappa signed a contract with Barça to manufacture their kits. The deal ran through until 1998, when Nike took over.

### **SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2013**

After a 3-1 win at Málaga, Barcelona set a new record for the best set of results at the halfway stage in the history of La Liga (18 wins, one draw). The only dropped points were a 2-2 draw at home to Real Madrid.

### **SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2019**

Lionel Messi scored his 400th league goal in a 3-0 home win over Eibar. It was his 435th appearance in the competition and his 13th goal in eight appearances against Eibar. The Argentine had reached 400 league goals 63 games quicker than Cristiano Ronaldo had in his career.

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### **MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2020**

Ernesto Valverde was replaced by former Real Betis head coach Quique Setién. The 61-year-old Setién signed a contract lasting until June 2022. His tenure would last only seven months and 25 matches (16 wins, four draws, five defeats).

### **TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 1912**

Barça beat Numancia 12-0 in the Catalan Championship. Bernhard Staub (five), José Rodríguez (four), Manuel Amechazurra (two) and Romà Fornès were the scorers. Staub was a Swiss, while Fornès would later become coach.

### **SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 1940**

Pedro Pascual scored a hat-trick at Athletic Bilbao. The significance of this was that it was the first occasion a Barcelona player had scored a hat-trick in a La Liga match the team subsequently lost – this was a 7-5 defeat.

### **SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 1979**

Barça beat Rayo Vallecano 9-0 in La Liga at the Camp Nou to equal their second-biggest win in the competition. Hans Krankl scored five goals, while Johan Neeskens added two and Juan Manuel Asensi and Lobo Carrasco scored the others. Asensi spent ten years at Barcelona, from 1970 to 1980, and scored seven goals in 41 appearances for Spain. He also scored in the 1979 European Cup Winners' Cup Final and he was the club's youth coach in the early 1990s.

## **JANUARY**

### **SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2018**

Aged just 16 years, five months and two days, Clàudia Pina became the youngest player to represent Barcelona's women's team in their 2-0 win over Real Zaragoza.

### **SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 1939**

Under Francoism, the Catalan language and its symbols were banned. As a result the club was forced to change its name to Club de Football Barcelona. The Catalan flag was also removed from the club's shield. Yet, at this time, their Camp de Les Corts stadium remained one of the rare places where Catalan could be spoken and the Catalan flag could be shown freely. It was only in 1974 that the name was changed back to Football Club Barcelona.

### **SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 1950**

Barça lost 3-2 to Real Madrid in El Clásico at the Camp Nou despite being 2-0 up through Estanislau Basora and César Rodríguez with just over half an hour remaining. It was the first time in seven years they'd conceded three or more goals to their great rivals at home.

### **SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY 1910**

The team wore a shirt with vertical stripes for the first time, in a 12-0 home win over FC Central in the Catalan Championship. The red and blue stripes appeared just as Barça started playing against French and Basque teams in the local but prestigious Pyrenees Cup, winning it four years in a row from 1910 to 1913.

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 1920**

José Gonzalvo was born in Catalonia. Known as Gonzalvo II, he played for Barça for six years from 1944 to 1950, winning three league titles. He also coached the club briefly in 1963, winning the Spanish Cup. His younger brother Mariano (Gonzalvo III) also played for Barça and his two sons were also managers, with one of them, Josep Maria, coaching the reserve side, Barcelona B, for four years from 1997 to 2001.

### **WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 1935**

Former coach Udo Lattek was born. The German coached the club for two years from 1981 to 1983, winning the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1982. He's the only coach to lead three clubs to three different European trophies (Bayern Munich in the 1974 European Cup, Borussia Mönchengladbach in the 1979 UEFA Cup and Barça in the 1982 European Cup Winners' Cup). He died in 2015 at the age of 80.

### **SATURDAY 16TH JANUARY 2010**

Lionel Messi scored his 100th goal for Barcelona. It came in a 4-0 home league win over Valencia – the first of his two goals that night. It had taken him 188 appearances to reach this milestone.



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### **SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY 2011**

By beating Málaga 4-1 at home in La Liga a new club record was set at the time. Barça had gone 28 matches unbeaten in all competitions – a run which began with a 5-1 Champions League win over Panathinaikos on 14 September 2010. It included 23 wins and five draws and covered 17 La Liga games, five Spanish Cup ties and six Champions League fixtures. It ended with a 3-1 defeat at Real Betis in the Spanish Cup three days later.

### **WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 1968**

As a result of a speech by club president Narcís de Carreras, the slogan 'Més que un club' ('More than a club') was coined so Barça remained a symbol central to Catalanist opposition to the Franco regime. The phrase has remained the club's motto ever since.

### **SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY 2016**

Barça gained revenge for their Spanish Super Cup defeat at the start of the season by thrashing Athletic Bilbao 6-0 at the Camp Nou, their biggest win over the Basque Country team in 15 years. Luis Suárez (three), Lionel Messi, Neymar and Ivan Rakitić scored the goals. It was one of eight hat-tricks Suárez scored that season in a 59-goal haul.

### **SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY 2021**

Barcelona lost 3-2 to Athletic Bilbao after extra time in the Spanish Super Cup Final in Seville. Antoine Griezmann scored their goals. They'd beaten Real Sociedad on penalties in the semi-final four days earlier. Lionel Messi was sent off for the first time in his Barça career after swinging at Bilbao's Asier Villalibre in the final seconds of extra time – an incident spotted by VAR.

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 1971**

Pep Guardiola was born in Santpedor, a town in Catalonia, about 30 miles north of Barcelona. He joined the youth system at the age of 13. Much more on the former player and coach in this book.

### **SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 2003**

Barça lost 4-2 at the Camp Nou to ten-man Valencia. The fans vented their anger by smashing windows and doors, throwing missiles and attacking journalists. Coach Louis van Gaal lasted only one more game (at Celta Vigo) before leaving, with the side just three points above the relegation zone.

### **WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2012**

Real Madrid were beaten 2-1 in the Spanish Cup quarter-final, first leg with goals from Carles Puyol and Eric Abidal. Barça would draw the second leg 2-2 at home to advance 4-3 on aggregate. It was their first Spanish Cup win at the Bernabéu since beating Real in the final in 1968. They've subsequently won there again in the competition (3-0 in 2019 – see 27th February 2019).

### **SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 1936**

Josep Samitier was given a testimonial, playing for a Catalan XI in a 1-1 draw with SK Sidenice of Czechoslovakia. More on club legend Samitier later in this book.

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### **SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 1958**

By beating Las Palmas 2-0 at the Camp Nou, Barça had scored in an incredible 88 consecutive home league matches over a six-year period – a run that began with a 9-0 win over Real Gijón on 10 February 1952. It ended in the following home match with a 2-0 defeat to Real Madrid two weeks later.

### **WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY 1983**

Marcos Alonso scored the only goal in the UEFA Super Cup, first leg against European champions Aston Villa at the Camp Nou. Barça would lose the second leg 3-0 in Birmingham a week later (see 26th January 1983).

### **MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2009**

The first team officially moved to the Joan Gamper complex, named in honour of the founder of the club. Originally opened in 2006, it's the club's training ground and academy base. It's also used by many of the other sports teams at the club, including basketball, handball and futsal. By 2011 a new residence was opened on site, housing youth players. The complex includes nine pitches, three multi-sport pavilions, three gyms, a pool and a sauna.

### **SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 1901**

Barça suffered a 2-1 home defeat to eventual champions Hispania in their first game of the inaugural Catalan Championship. Scot George 'Geordie' Girvan scored the club's first competitive goal.

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 1929**

The first Barcelonian derby in the Spanish Cup took place, which Barcelona lost 2-0 at Espanyol in the first leg of the semi-final. The second leg was drawn 1-1 and Espanyol went on to beat Real Madrid 2-1 in the final.

### **SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 1980**

Roberto Dinamite scored twice on his debut, in a 2-0 league win over Almeria at the Camp Nou. The Brazilian striker's real name was Carlos Roberto de Oliveira, but he was nicknamed Dinamite after scoring a spectacular goal for Vasco da Gama in 1971. After this match a newspaper report read 'Dynamite-boy detonates at Maracana'. The goals he scored on this particular day were his only league goals for Barça before returning to Brazil.

### **MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 1997**

Ronaldo, with Barça at the time, was presented as the 1996 FIFA World Player of the Year, with George Weah (AC Milan) second and Alan Shearer (Newcastle United) third. The Brazilian also won the 1997 award and as a result became the first player to win it two years in a row.

### **WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 1999**

Ronald de Boer scored 25 minutes into his Barça debut, netting the 88th minute 1-0 winner at Benidorm in the Spanish Cup last 16, first leg. It was one of only three goals the Dutch international would score for the club, all in different competitions – La Liga, the Spanish Cup and the Spanish Super Cup.

## **JANUARY**

### **MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 1946**

Miguel Reina was born in Cordoba, Andalusia. The goalkeeper made 111 La Liga appearances for Barcelona from 1966 to 1973, winning two Spanish Cups, plus the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup in 1971. His son Pepe also played in goal for Barça.

### **MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2019**

Kevin-Prince Boateng surprisingly joined Barça on loan until the end of the 2018/19 season, becoming the first Ghanaian to represent the club. He didn't make an impression at the Camp Nou, making only four appearances with no goals.

### **THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2021**

Ilaix Moriba made his first-team debut as an 18-year-old, starting the Spanish Cup win at Cornellà. The midfielder was born in Guinea but has played for Spain at various youth levels. He's considered one of the best players of his generation, and clubs such as Manchester City and Juventus have tried to sign him.

### **SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2006**

In beating Alavés 2-0 at home in La Liga, Barcelona recorded their 18th successive win in all competitions – a record run which began with a 3-0 home La Liga win over Osasuna on 22 October 2005. The sequence covered 13 La Liga matches, two Spanish Cup ties and three Champions League games. It ended with a 4-2 defeat at Real Zaragoza in the Spanish Cup four days later.

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### **WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2014**

Lionel Messi, in his 400th Barça appearance, set up all three of Cristian Tello's goals in a 4-1 Spanish Cup win at Levante. Tello would score 20 goals in 86 games before moving to Real Betis on a permanent basis in 2017. He won one cap for Spain, against Ecuador in a friendly in August 2013.

### **SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2017**

Denis Suárez scored his first goal for the senior team, in a 4-0 away La Liga win at Eibar. The former Manchester City midfielder would also score twice in the Spanish Cup against Real Sociedad four days later.

### **SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY 1977**

Barça beat Racing Santander 7-0 at home in the league. Johan Cruyff and fellow Dutchman Johan Neeskens both scored twice, with Tente Sánchez, Juan Manuel Asensi and Clares adding the others. Sánchez spent ten years as a Barça player and represented Spain at the 1982 World Cup. At the time this result was the club's biggest league win in 13 years, since an 8-1 home win over Murcia in October 1964.

### **THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2014**

Sandro Rosell resigned as president following the furore over the Neymar transfer, to be replaced by vice-president Josep Maria Bartomeu. Rosell had been in charge for three and a half years and was subsequently imprisoned after being accused of misappropriation of funds from the Neymar signing.

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### **WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2019**

Barça announced that Dutch international Frenkie de Jong would be joining from Ajax in July that year for an initial fee worth £65m. He would be signing a five-year contract.

### **SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 1982**

Quini scored Barcelona's 3,000th goal in La Liga. It came in the 60th minute of a 4-3 win over Castellón at the Camp Nou, when the striker headed home a move that had started with a one-two between Lobo Carrasco and Jesus Landaburu down the left. Quini spent four years at the club from 1980 to 1984. He played for Spain at the 1978 and 1982 World Cups. He died in 2018 at the age of 68.

### **SATURDAY 24TH JANUARY 1987**

Barça drew 0-0 at Valladolid in La Liga. In doing so they set a La Liga record of seven away games without conceding a goal – a run which began with a 0-0 draw at Sporting Gijón on 1 November 1986. Andoni Zubizarreta was in goal for all seven games.

### **MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2000**

Rivaldo, a Barça player at the time, was named 1999 FIFA World Player of the Year at a ceremony in Brussels, Belgium. The Brazilian won ahead of Manchester United's David Beckham in second and Fiorentina's Gabriel Batistuta in third.

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2021**

Riqui Puig scored his first goal for the senior team, in a 2-0 away league win at Elche. The Catalan midfielder had come up through the youth ranks. His father, Carlos, had also been a footballer playing in the lower leagues.

### **WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 1984**

Barcelona's reserve side, Barça B, held Real Madrid to a 0-0 draw at a sold-out Miniestad in the first leg of the Spanish Cup round of 16. Real won the second leg 1-0 at their Bernabéu Stadium.

### **SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 1997**

Despite beating Rayo Vallecano 6-0 at home, the crowd whistled and booed new coach Bobby Robson because the fans thought the quality of football wasn't up to scratch! The Englishman was left bewildered. It seemed that previous coach Johan Cruyff's style was far more deeply rooted than could have been imagined.

### **WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2012**

Barça drew 2-2 at home to Real Madrid in the Spanish Cup quarter-final, second leg to go through to the last four 4-3 on aggregate. Pedro and Dani Alves were the scorers. As a result Barcelona went a new club-record seven matches unbeaten in all competitions against their arch-rivals. The run was made up of four wins and three draws and covered one league game, two Champions League matches, two Spanish Cup ties and two Spanish Super Cup legs.



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### **THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2018**

In scoring against Espanyol in the Spanish Cup quarter-final, second leg Lionel Messi scored Barça's 4,000th goal at the Camp Nou in official competitions.

### **TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY 1926**

Richard Kohn ('Little Dombi') was appointed the club's coach. The former Austrian international midfielder had two spells at the helm (1926–27 and 1933–34), winning the Catalan Championship in 1927. He also coached Bayern Munich and Feyenoord among other clubs.

### **WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 1955**

A Catalan XI featuring guest players such as Barça legend László Kubala and Real Madrid great Alfredo Di Stéfano beat Bologna 6-2 at the club's Camp de Les Corts stadium, with two goals for the former and one for the latter.

### **WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY 1983**

Barcelona were defeated 3-0 after extra time at Aston Villa in the second leg of the UEFA Super Cup, thereby losing the tie 3-1 on aggregate. In a bad-tempered match three players were sent off, including Barça's Julio Alberto and Marcos Alonso.

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 1901**

Barça won the first competitive Barcelonian derby against Espanyol. It came in the Copa Macaya (later called the Catalan Championship) and was won 4-1 at their new ground in the Mas Casanovas district of the city. Founder Joan Gamper scored all four of their goals (called a poker). The cup owed its name to the creator of the tournament, Alfons Macaya, president of the Hispania Athletic Club, who created what would be the first official footballing competition in Spain at the start of the 20th century.

### **SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 1963**

Barça were beaten 5-1 at home to Real Madrid in El Clásico. At the time of writing this result remains their biggest home defeat to their greatest rivals. Cayetano Ré scored their goal.

### **MONDAY 27TH JANUARY 2003**

Louis van Gaal's second spell as manager ended after only eight months, with him leaving by mutual consent. The Dutchman's first spell, from 1997 to 2000, was more successful, yielding two La Liga titles, one UEFA Super Cup and one Spanish Cup.

### **SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 2013**

In scoring four goals in a 5-1 home La Liga win over Osasuna, Lionel Messi scored for his tenth appearance in succession. Over those games he'd scored 16 times – 12 in six La Liga matches and four in four Spanish Cup outings.

## **JANUARY**

### **WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2021**

In a 2-1 win at Rayo Vallecano, Lionel Messi broke Josep Samitier's record with his 76th Spanish Cup appearance for Barça. However, club legend Samitier scored 64 goals in his 75 appearances in the competition, while on this day Messi scored his 54th goal.

### **MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 1918**

Former coach Sandro Puppo was born in Piacenza, Italy. In July 1954 he became the club's first (and so far only, at the time of writing) Italian coach. He had just led Turkey at the 1954 World Cup. He spent only 11 months in charge, winning no honours, and his league record was played 30, won 17, drawn seven, lost six.

### **SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2018**

Luis Suárez scored for the eighth league game in a row, netting in a 2-1 home win over Alavés. The Uruguayan had also scored in nine successive starts and would make it ten out of ten three days later at home to Valencia in the Spanish Cup.

### **SATURDAY 29TH JANUARY 1966**

Romário was born. The Brazilian scored 39 goals in 65 games for Barça over two seasons from 1993 to 1995, becoming part of Johan Cruyff's 'Dream Team'. In his first season he won the Pichichi Trophy with 30 goals. He scored a hat-trick in a 5-0 win over Real Madrid in 1994 (see 8th January 1994).

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **SATURDAY 29TH JANUARY 2011**

In winning 3-0 at Hércules, Barcelona recorded their 12th successive away win in the league, a La Liga record. The run began with a 4-1 win at Villarreal on 1 May 2010 and ended with their next away match, a 1-1 draw at Sporting Gijón on 12 February 2011. The Hércules match also saw Lionel Messi become Barça's third-highest league scorer in their history with 109 goals, overtaking Samuel Eto'o (108).

### **SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY 1938**

A bombing raid took place over Barcelona during the Spanish Civil War. Sant Felip Neri Place was particularly badly hit. Over 20 children died as they attempted to flee.

### **SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY 1949**

Barça beat local rivals Girona 9-0 in the Spanish Cup round of 16 at their Camp de Les Corts stadium. It was the first time they had played a one-off knockout tie at home in their history. The cup competition was over two legs but Girona took advantage of a rule introduced just for that season that allowed them to opt for a one-legged tie in return for compensation, in this case 150,000 pesetas (about £800) from Barcelona. It would be another 71 years until this happened again, when Barça beat Granada 5-0 at the Camp Nou in January 2020 in a one-off tie.

### **WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 1980**

Barça were defeated at Nottingham Forest in the first leg of the UEFA Super Cup, with Charlie George scoring their winner. They drew 1-1 in the second leg at the Camp Nou a week later – a result which meant the club lost the final 2-1 on aggregate.

## **JANUARY**

### **THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 1997**

Real Madrid were beaten 3-2 in the Spanish Cup round of 16, first leg at the Camp Nou, with Ronaldo, Miguel Ángel Nadal and Giovanni the scorers. This result ended Real Madrid's nine-month unbeaten run in all competitions, covering 26 matches.

### **SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY 1987**

Gary Lineker became the first Barcelona player to score a hat-trick against Real Madrid in just over 28 years, in their 3-2 La Liga win at the Camp Nou. The Englishman put the Catalans 3-0 up (including two goals in the first five minutes) before goals from Jorge Valdano and Hugo Sánchez threatened a comeback. This was also Barça's 100th hat-trick in La Liga.

### **SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 1999**

In a 3-2 league win over Racing Santander at the Camp Nou, Frank de Boer scored his first goal for Barça in the 44th minute but was then sent off 22 minutes later. The next Barcelona player to score and be dismissed in the same game would be Luís Figo against Deportivo four months later. De Boer would see three red cards in his Barça career, including another one that season, at Real Zaragoza on the final day (one of nine red cards shown to Barcelona players that season).

## **BARCELONA ON THIS DAY**

### **FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY 2003**

Radomir Antić was appointed coach, replacing Louis van Gaal. However, the Serb's tenure was not a successful one and he was replaced by Frank Rijkaard after less than six months in charge in June 2003 with a record of won 12, drawn eight, lost four. He died in April 2020 at the age of 71. Also on this day the club announced a board meeting after ex-director Ramon Fuste proposed a vote of no confidence in the board. Fuste called then-president Joan Gaspart the worst president in the club's history.

### **SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY 2021**

Lionel Messi scored his 650th Barcelona goal. It came in a 2-1 home league win over Athletic Bilbao and it was on his 755th appearance. For the record, Antoine Griezmann scored the winner on this day in the 74th minute. Justo Tejada also died on this day at the age of 88. He played for the club from 1952 to 1961, and he also represented Real Madrid.