
The Best FIFA Football Awards: Virgil Van Dijk To Edge Past Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo?

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This could be the second consecutive year, where we could see the Lionel Messi-Cristiano Ronaldo hegemony be broken, as Virgil van Dijk could lift The Best FIFA Men's Player award. The Netherlands and Liverpool defender is the favourite to receive the prestigious award due to his dominating performances for both club and country. The winner will be announced in the official gala ceremony of The Best FIFA Football Awards in Italy's famous opera house La Scala.

The ceremony will start at 12:00 AM IST, September 24.

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The trio were arguably the best players since last year. Van Dijk dominated in the Premier League and UEFA Champions League, Messi singlehandedly led Barcelona to the LaLiga title and Champions League semifinals. Ronaldo hogged the limelight for Juventus in both domestic and continental matches.

Van Dijk has had an excellent calendar year with the Dutch national team too, losing in the Nations League finals to none other than Ronaldo's Portugal. Meanwhile, Messi's adventure with Argentina has been bittersweet although he did receive a bronze medal in the recently

concluded Copa America.

(POR) – Juventus

(ARG)– Barcelona

(NED) – Liverpool

World Cup winners USA have Megan Rapinoe and Alex Morgan in the Best Women's Player list. The duo are joined by England's Lucy Bronze.

(ENG) – Olympique Lyonnais

(USA) – Orlando Pride

(USA) – Reign FC

Here are the other categories and nominations:

(ESP) – Manchester City

(GER) – Liverpool

(ARG) – Tottenham Hotspur

(USA) – USA national team

(ENG) – England national team

(NED) – Netherlands national team

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(BRA)

(NED)

(URU)

(BRA) - Liverpool

(BRA) – Manchester City

(GER) – FC Barcelona

(CHI) – Paris Saint-Germain

(SWE) – Chelsea / Wolfsburg

(NED) – Arsenal / Atletico Madrid

(ARG) - Real Betis v *FC Barcelona* [La Liga] (17 March 2019)

(COL) - *River Plate* v Racing Club [Argentinian Superliga] (10 February 2019)

(HUN) - *Debrecen FC* v Ferencváros TC [Nemzeti Bajnokság I] (16 February 2019)

The men's and women's player, coach awards will be decided via voting by national team
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