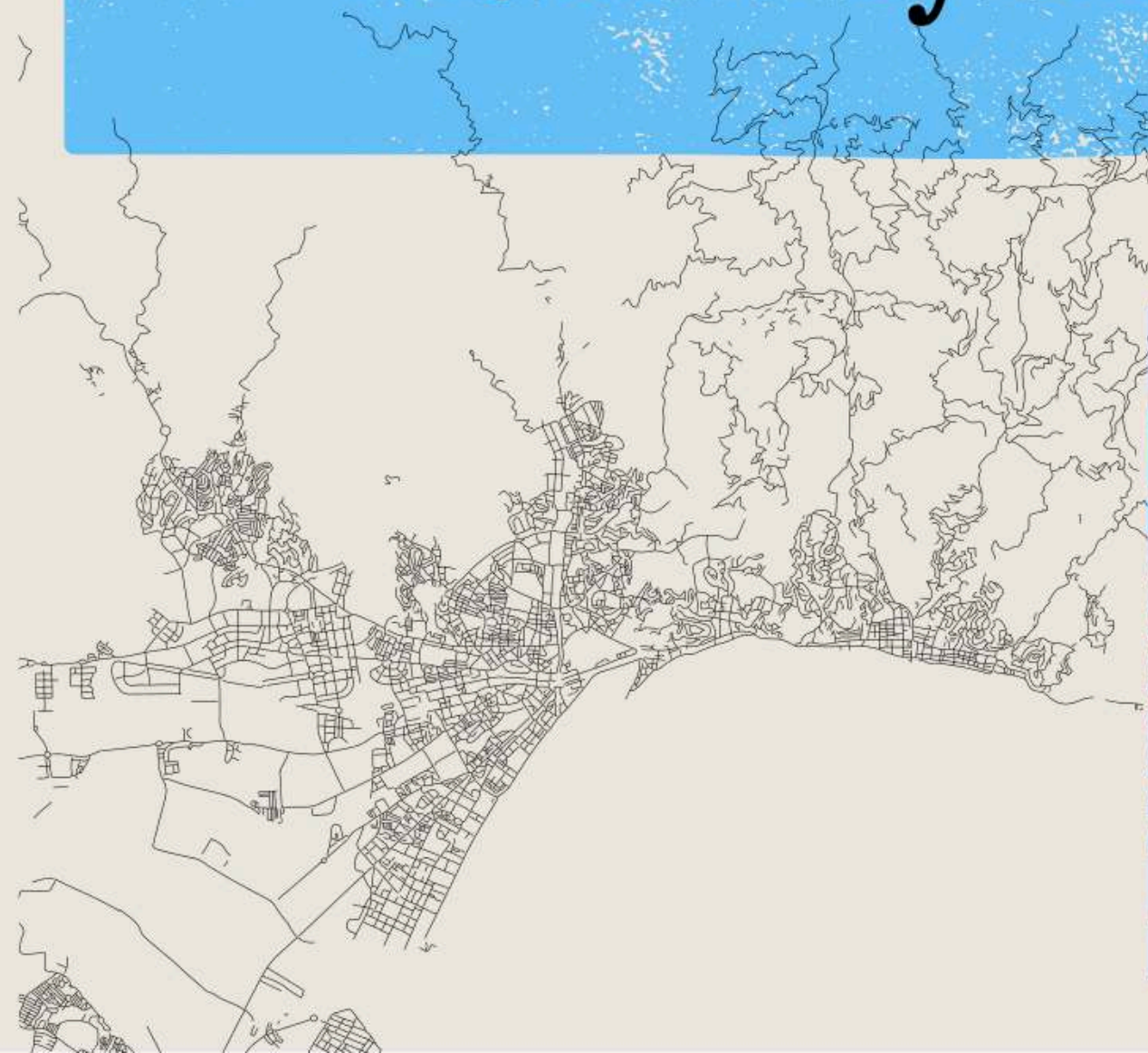
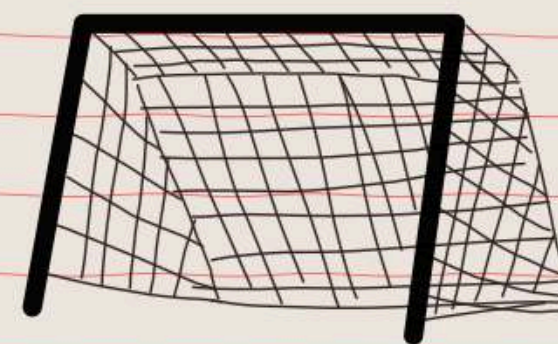
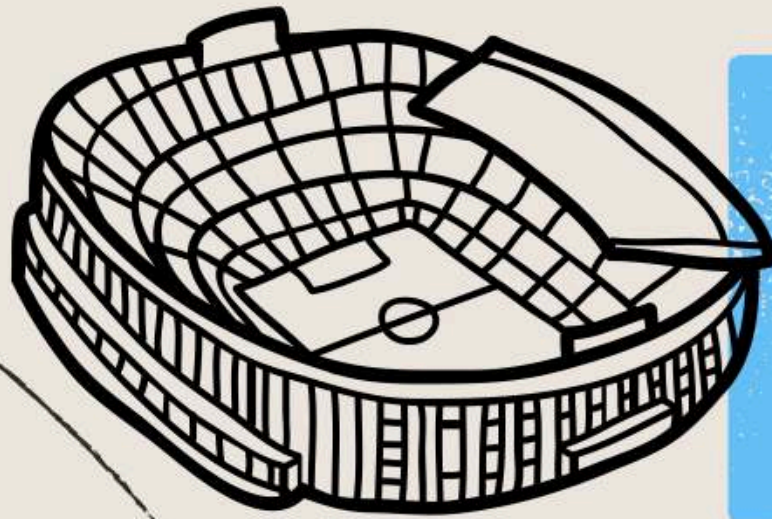




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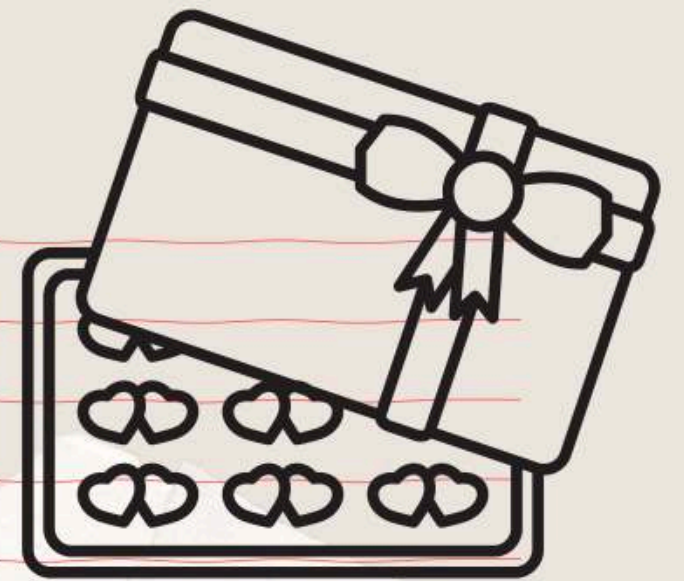
Match Day Guide





Málaga La Bombonera

The himno of Malaga CF



Founded in 1973

Why “La Bombonera”

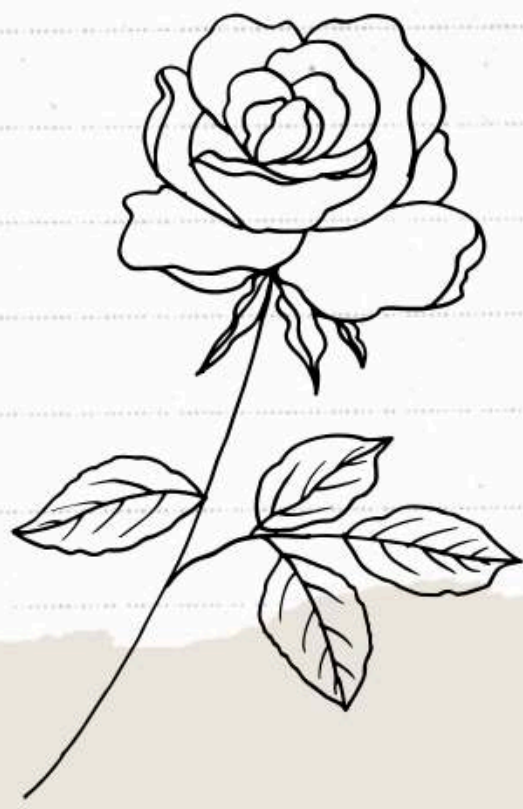
It made its debut on 10 August 1973 at La Rosaleda during a Trofeo Costa del Sol match against Boca Juniors

The nickname “La Bombonera” (meaning “the chocolate box”) reflects both the affectionate charm of the anthem’s opening line and the colorful, compact nature of Málaga’s stadium — an emotional snapshot of the club’s identity.

La Rosaleda in Song

Sung a cappella before kick-off, with every fan raising their blue-and-white bufanda (scarf) high.





Lyrics - La Bonbonera

En Español



**Málaga La Bombonera
Flor de la Costa del Sol
Tiene equipo de Primera
En el fútbol español**

**Vamos a La Rosaleda
Es campo internacional
La afición jamás se queda
Con nosotros no hay quien pueda
El Málaga va a jugar**

**Colores blanquiazules
Jugando con tesón
Poner en el partido
Coraje y corazón**

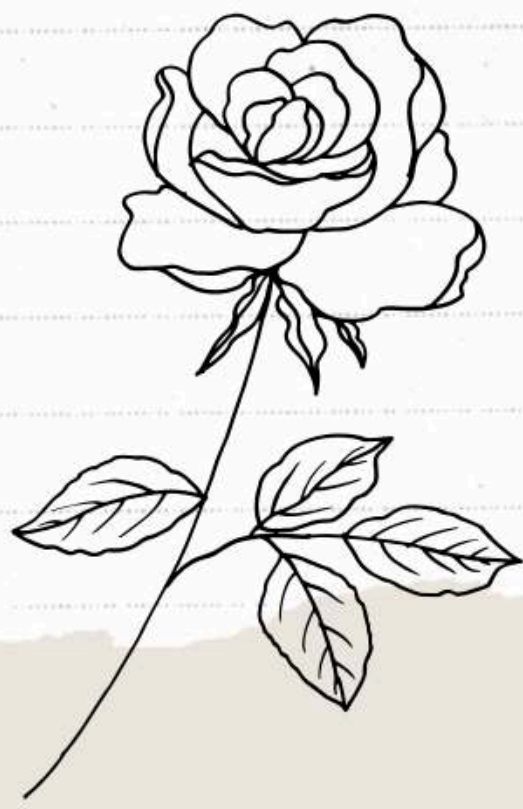
**Luchando con firmeza
Serás el triunfador
Por eso con sus gritos
Te anima la afición**

**Sin orgullo cuando gana
Cuando pierde sin rencor
Entre la afición más sana
El Málaga es campeón**

**Adelante jugadores
Por el triunfo frente al gol
Del deporte defensores
Malagueños y señores
En el fútbol español**

**Colores blanquiazules
Jugando con tesón
Poner en el partido
Coraje y corazón**

**Luchando con firmeza
Serás el triunfador
Por eso con sus gritos
Te anima la afición
¡¡ MÁ - LA - GA!!**



Lyrics - La Bonbonera

In English

Málaga, the Chocolate Box
Flower of the Costa del Sol
It has a First Division team
In Spanish football.

Let's go to La Rosaleda
It is an international ground
The fans never fall silent
With us, no one can prevail
Málaga is going to play.

In blue and white colours
Playing with determination
Bringing into the match
Courage and heart

Fighting with firmness
You will be the winner
And with their shouts
The fans cheer you on.

Without arrogance when they win
Without bitterness when they lose
Among the truest supporters
Málaga is the champion.

Forward, players,
For victory in front of goal
Defenders of the sport,
Málaga-born and gentlemen,
In Spanish football.

In blue and white colours
Playing with determination
Bringing into the match

Courage and heart
Fighting with firmness
You will be the winner
And with their shouts
The fans cheer you on.

¡¡ MÁ - LA - GA !!

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Essential Phrases

Listen out for these!



Árbitro – Referee.

Mano – Handball.

Golazo – Stunning goal.

Fuera de juego – Offside.

¡Gol! – Goal! (the loudest word you'll hear).

Córner / Saque de esquina – Corner kick.

¡Falta! – Foul!

Tarjeta amarilla – Yellow card.

Tarjeta roja – Red card.

Tiempo añadido / descuento – Added time / stoppage time.

La afición – The supporters, the crowd.

Grada de animación – The singing/ultra section.

¡Vamos Málaga! – Come on Málaga!

Boquerones – “Anchovies,” nickname for Málaga fans.

Bufanda – Scarf (raised for the anthem).

¡Olé! – Shouted after great play or passing sequences.

Remate – Shot on goal.

Portero – Goalkeeper.

¡Sí se puede! – “Yes we can!” (chant to push the team on).

¡Que bote, que bote, La Rosaleda! – “Jump, jump, La Rosaleda!” (the whole stadium bouncing).



5 Facts about La Rosaleda

Opened in 1941

La Rosaleda ("The Rose Garden") first opened on 14 September 1941 with a friendly against Sevilla FC.

Why "The Rose Garden"?

It was named after the rose fields that once surrounded the site, giving the stadium its poetic and enduring title.

Concerts & Events

Beyond football, La Rosaleda has welcomed superstars like George Michael, Shakira, and Alejandro Sanz, turning it into a cultural hub.

Born from Floods

It was built after Málaga's old ground, Baños del Carmen, was destroyed by flooding in 1941 — forcing the club to create a brand-new home.

World Cup Venue

It hosted three matches during the 1982 FIFA World Cup, putting Málaga on the global football map.



La Rosaleda Orientation

Your seats are located in **Tribuna**, offering not only an excellent view of all the action, but a clear sight of Mount Coronado to your right - beautiful on sunset evenings.

Fondo Norte is where the action is at-home to the *grada de animacion*, you'll witness 90 minutes of singing, bouncing and tifos. Behind this stand is the city centre (20 min walk).



Fondo Sur is located to the north of the stadium, accessed by an annex that also hosts the clubs training ground. Away fans occupy the top right of the stand, pretty close to your seats.

The side stand opposite your seats is **Preferencia**. That stand hosts the tunnel, team benches, local and visiting club VIPs and ofcourse the dreaded VAR screen.

The Fans - Los Boquerones

Season Ticket Army

Málaga boast 26,550 season ticket holders — the most in Spain's Segunda División & in the top 10 for the whole of Spain.

Puro Malaguismo

This phrase means pure Malaguismo — the spirit of Málaga fans. It can describe the highs (a famous victory, a full stadium of scarves) and the lows (like conceding a deflected equaliser in the 97th minute). Whatever happens, it's all Puro Malaguismo.

Rivalries

The fiercest rivalries are with Sevilla FC and Real Betis. At La Rosaleda you may hear the chant "Sevillano el que no bote, eh eh" — meaning "If you don't jump you are from Seville" - even in games against other teams



Airport Madness

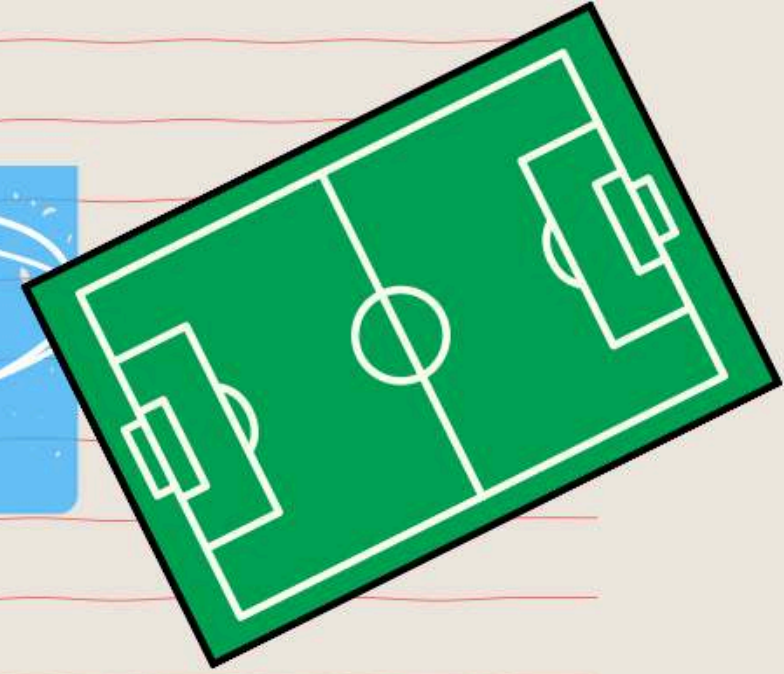
After the 2024 promotion, more than 5,000 fans greeted the team at Málaga Airport at 5:30 in the morning full of song — an unforgettable scene that went viral worldwide across social media and various new outlets.

Los Boquerones

Málaga supporters are nicknamed "Los Boquerones" (the Anchovies), a proud reference to the city's famous local fish, embraced as a symbol of identity.

All time Málaga XI

These is just our opinion, don't hate us!



GK – Willy Caballero

Champions League run hero and one of the best keepers in club history.

RB – Jesús Gámez

Loyal academy product and dependable right-back.

CB – Weligton

Brazilian captain and defensive warrior of the Pellegrini era.

LB – Eliseu

Portuguese full-back with attacking drive and memorable European goals.

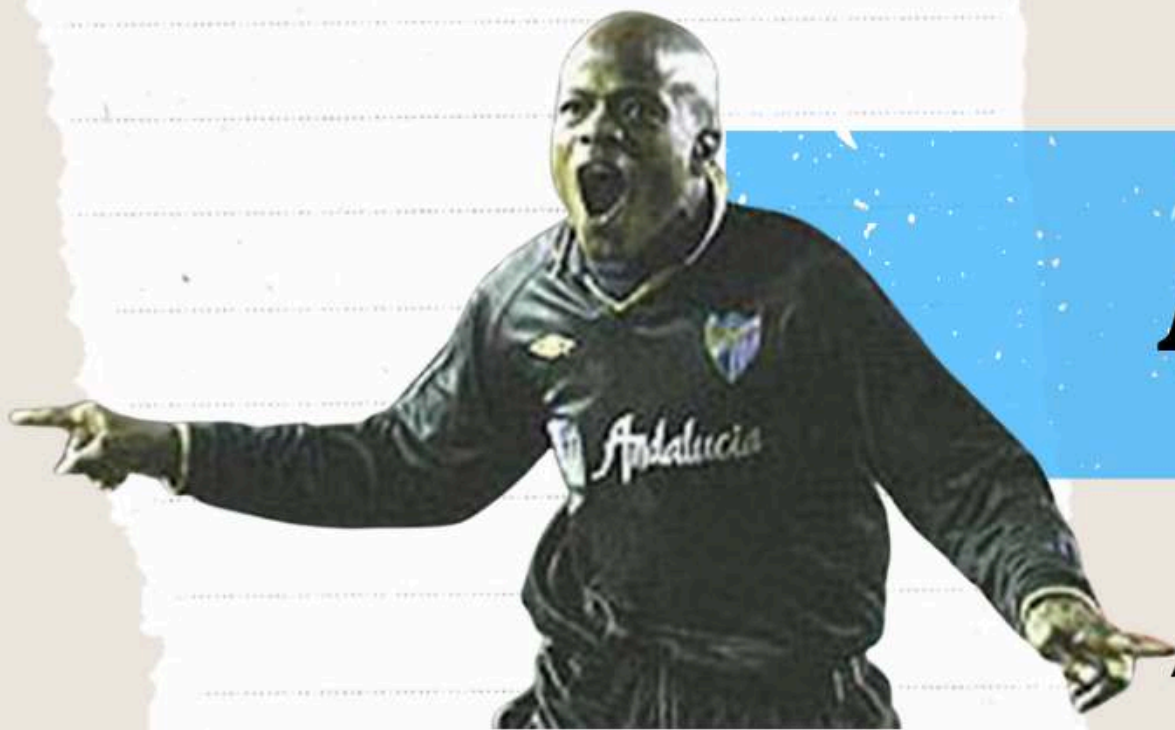
CM – Migueli

First Málaga international, tireless midfielder and enduring club legend Migueli.

CM – Juanito

Local star and Spain international, symbol of Málaga's footballing soul.





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CM – Sebastián Vivero

Argentine maestro of the 1970s, club idol and creative heartbeat.

CM – Duda

Set-piece specialist and loyal servant across multiple eras.

ST – Julio Dely Valdés

Prolific Panamanian goalscorer, iconic in Málaga colours.

ST – Catanha

Charismatic Brazilian-born striker, remembered for his goals in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

ST – Isco

Academy magician who lit up the Champions League run before joining Real Madrid.

Manager – Manuel Pellegrini

The mastermind of Málaga's golden era, taking them to the Champions League quarter-finals in 2012–13.





Trofeo Costa Del Sol

The biggest tournament you've never heard of

Did you know?

Málaga have their own tournament – the Trofeo Costa del Sol – which has been played 39 times since 1961.

Global Appeal

The trophy has been lifted by 21 different winners and contested by dozens of teams from footballing giants such as Spain, England, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Portugal and Uruguay

The World's Best Have Graced the Tournament

Eusébio with Benfica, Pelé with Santos, Johan Cruyff with Barcelona, and Alfredo Di Stéfano with Real Madrid. In its early decades it was a true summer football festival that drew global icons to Málaga.

Famous Winners

Tottenham Hotspur, Borussia Dortmund, Club Nacional & Peñarol (Uruguay), Real Madrid, Barcelona, Roma, Lazio, Fiorentina, Athletic Bilbao, Racing Club (Argentina), Corinthians & Atlético Mineiro (Brazil), Red Star Belgrade, Ferencváros (Hungary) and ofcourse **Málaga CF!**



Kind of a big deal

The trophy itself is enormous – a striking silver cup weighing about 15 kilograms and standing more than half a metre tall.



Spurs unveil the trophy at White Hart Lane in 1965

De La Rosaleda a La Selección

21 players have pulled on both the blue and white of Málaga and the Spain National Team Jersey (Senior Team)



Adrián López — 2 caps

Ignacio Camacho — 1 cap

Migueli — 2 caps

Albert Luque — 17 caps

Isco — 39 caps

Nacho Monreal — 22 caps

Brahim Díaz* — 1 cap

Joaquín — 51 caps

Pablo Fornals — 6 caps

Catnha — 3 caps

Juan Antonio Deusto — 1 cap

Pedro Contreras — 1 cap

Chuzo — 1 cap

Juan Gómez "Juanito" — 34 caps

Rufete — 3 caps

Diego Llorente — 10 caps

Juanmi Jiménez — 1 cap

Salva Ballesta — 4 caps

Esteban Vigo — 3 caps

José Díaz Macías — 2 caps

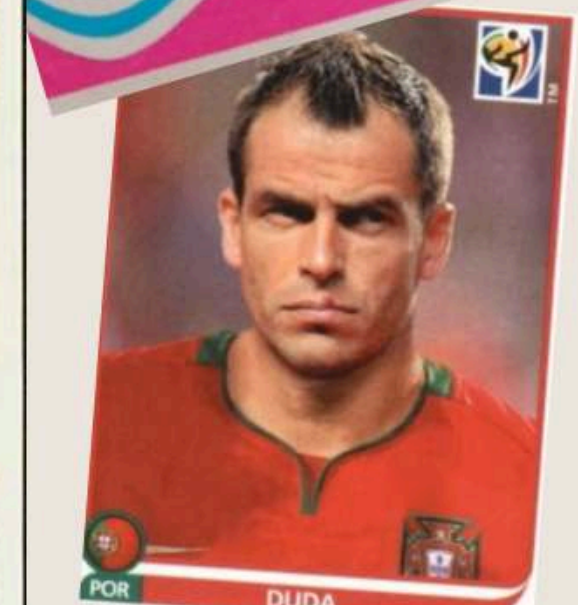
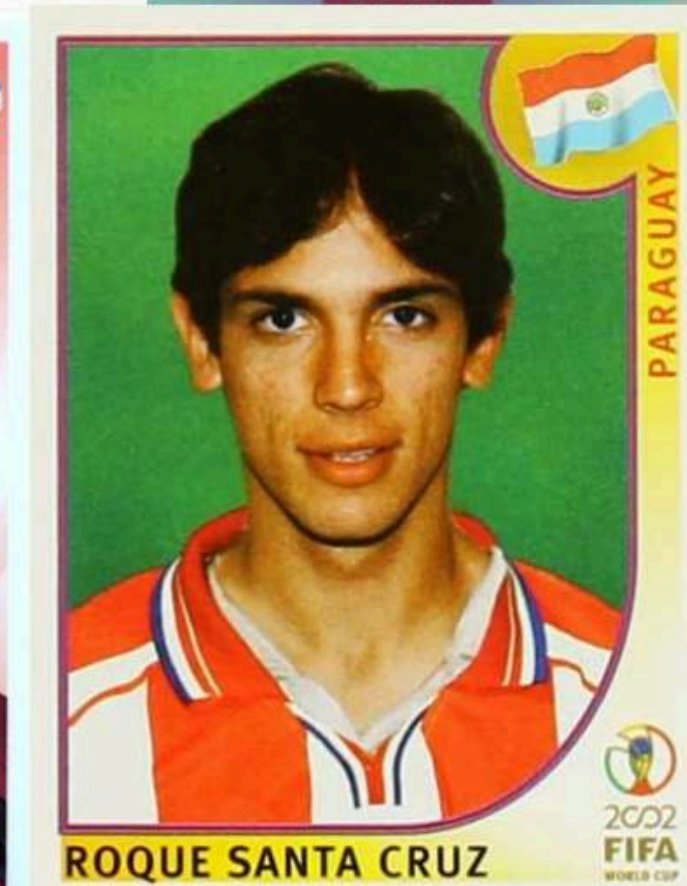
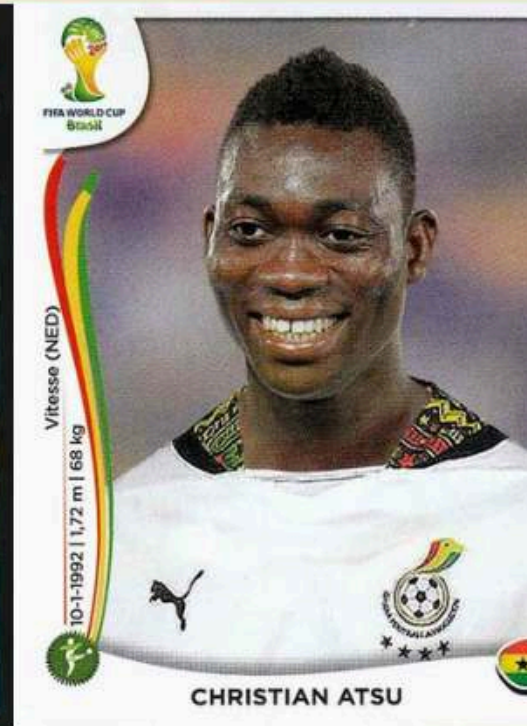
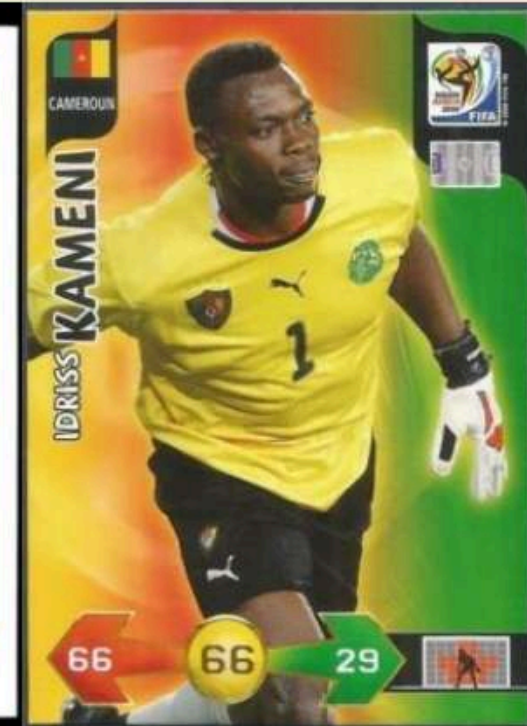
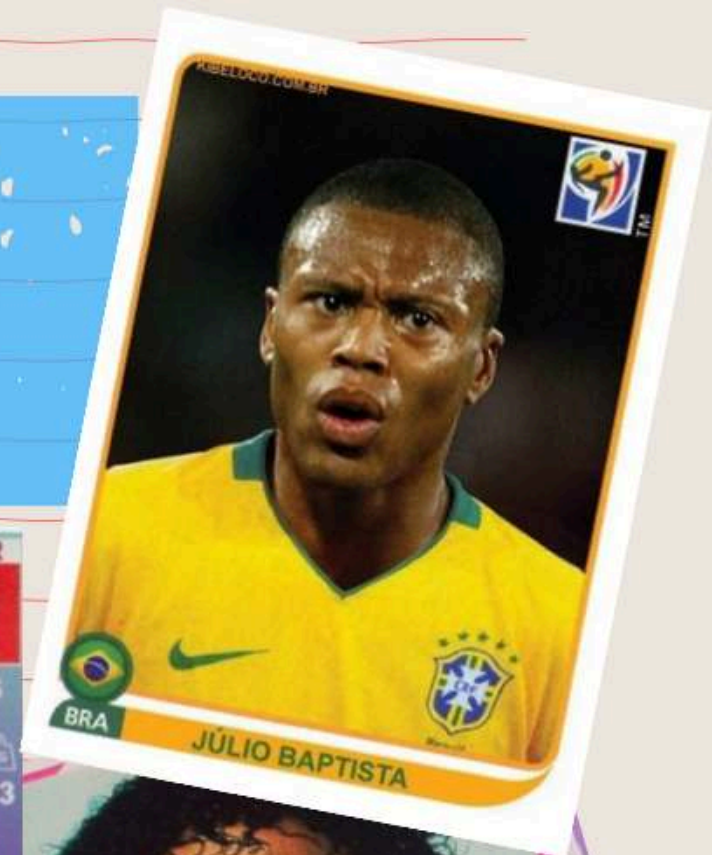
Santi Cazorla — 81 caps

**Now plays for Morocco*



Worldwide Malaguistas

Excluding Spain, 184 players across 25 different foreign nationalities have represented Málaga CF. How many do you recognise?





Historic Matches

As CD Malaga & Malaga CF



17 Apr 1949 — (Segunda)
Club Ferrol 1–5 CD Málaga

First-ever promotion to the top flight, sealed in Galicia with swagger. It's remembered as the day the club was born as a top-flight team.
A foundational memory for the club's identity.

15 Mar 1953 — (La Liga)
CD Málaga 6–0 Real Madrid

La Rosaleda's most mythic afternoon: six past Madrid and a city in disbelief. This result still gets quoted whenever anyone doubts what Málaga can be at home. It cemented the ground's reputation as a place the giants can crumble.





Historic Matches

As CD Malaga & Malaga CF



Lightning really did strike twice—another historic hammering of Madrid. The goals flew in and the atmosphere felt like a celebration of Málaga's attacking bravado. **Thirty years on from the 6–0 in 1953, it bridged generations of Malaguistas.**

**11 Sep 1983 — (La Liga)
CD Málaga 6–2 Real Madrid**

**30 May 1999 — (Segunda)
Málaga CF 3–2 Albacete**

Post-refoundation Málaga—now Málaga CF—climbed back to Primera with a chaotic, cathartic win. The pitch invasion scenes and tears in the stands told you how much the city needed its top-flight return. **It's the symbolic start of the modern era.**





Historic Matches

As CD Malaga & Malaga CF

27 Aug 2002 — (Intertoto Cup Final)
Málaga 1–1 Villarreal 2–1 agg.)

The night Málaga lifted their only official trophy to date and punched a ticket to Europe. The Intertoto didn't have the glamour, but for Málaga it meant legitimacy and continental adventures. **It set the tone for the European runs that followed.**

3 Dec 2003 — (La Liga)
Málaga 5–1 Barcelona

A thunderclap of a performance, headlined by a Salva Ballesta hat-trick. On a rainy, midweek night under the lights at La Rosaleda, Málaga ran riot—piling extra pressure on Frank Rijkaard during Barça's troubled first half of 2003–04.





Historic Matches

As CD Malaga & Malaga CF



With everything on the line, Hidalgo's brace carried Málaga over the line. At the final whistle La Rosaleda exploded and a joyous pitch invasion swept the turf—blue-and-white flags everywhere—as the club celebrated its return to the top flight.

15 Jun 2008 — (Segunda)
Málaga 2–1 Tenerife

16 May 2010 — (La Liga)
Málaga 1–1 Real Madrid

Duda struck inside nine minutes at La Rosaleda; Rafa van der Vaart levelled after the break, but the draw kept Málaga in Primera by a single point (37 vs 36 for Valladolid/Tenerife). With a takeover already being negotiated, staying up proved pivotal: six weeks later Sheikh Abdullah Al

Thani completed the purchase paving the way for investment that supercharged the next chapter. **Had Málaga gone down, the 2010s would likely have looked very different.**





Historic Matches

As CD Málaga & Málaga CF



13 May 2012 — (La Liga)
Málaga 1–0 Sporting Gijón

Rondón's goal clinched 4th place and Málaga's first-ever Champions League qualification. It validated the Pellegrini project and put Málaga on Europe's map. It sealed the club's highest-ever league finish and felt like the culmination of the whirlwind since Sheikh Al Thani's 2010 takeover.

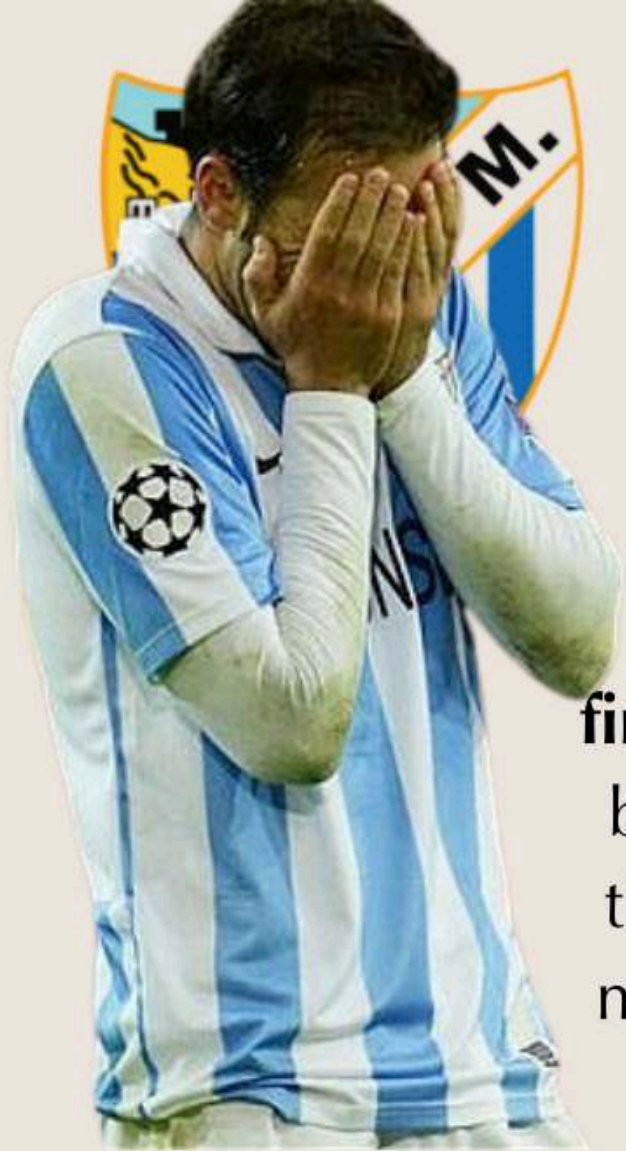


22 Dec 2012 — (La Liga)
Málaga 3–2 Real Madrid

First Málaga CF* win over Real Madrid, **on the night Mourinho benched Casillas—Santa Cruz struck twice to seal it.** The storyline was pure box office, it felt like Málaga's European momentum spilling into LaLiga.

**(Earlier Málaga wins vs Madrid were by the predecessor club, CD Málaga.)*





Historic Matches

As CD Malaga & Malaga CF



On the brink of a first-ever Champions League semi-final, Málaga led 2–1 into stoppage time (Joaquín, Eliseu) before two late, controversial offside goals flipped the tie. The fallout was bitter and lasting, and in hindsight it marked the high-water point of the Al Thani era—within ten years the club would be in Spain's third tier.

9 Apr 2013 — (UCL QF, 2nd leg)
Borussia Dortmund 3–2 Málaga

22 Jun 2024 — 1REF Playoff Final
Nàstic 2–2 Málaga

Down to 10-man Nàstic 2–0 in the second half of extra time of the playoff final, Málaga needed two goals to go up—and found them: Dioni in 108' and academy kid Antoñito Cordero in 122' after a mad goalmouth scramble (with keeper Herrero upfield). A **last-breath equaliser sealed a historic, first-time return to Segunda, ending one season in the third tier in the most dramatic fashion.**

