
The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hofzinser - 07-07-2008 14:22

...according to World Soccer:

- 1) Barcelona V Real Madrid
- 2) Boca Juniors v River Plate
- 3) Celtic v Rangers
- 4) Galatasaray v Fenerbahce
- 5) Ajax v Feyenoord
- 6) Lazio v Roma
- 7) Schalke v Borussia Dortmund
- 8) Al Ahly v Zamalek
- 9) Betis v Sevilla
- 10) Partizan Belgrade v Red Star Belgrade

Any obvious omissions? Benfica v Porto? Liverpool v Man Utd? Flamengo v Vasco da Gama?

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by JtS - 07-07-2008 14:23

Spurs v Gooners

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 07-07-2008 14:26

Hofzinser wrote:

...according to World Soccer:

- 1) Barcelona V Real Madrid

The word "derby" obviously means something different out there in the world as opposed to here in the UK...

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Mr Beast - 07-07-2008 14:28

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 07-07-2008 14:29

The whole point of a derby is two teams from the same city.

If Barcelona v Real Madrid is a derby, then so are Man United v Chelsea and Milan v Juventus.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Inca - 07-07-2008 14:35

I think the rest of the world uses "derby" to mean a rivalry, not necessarily one between teams from the same city. I mean, in Mexico America v. Pumas or Cruz Azul is a big deal, but nowhere near America v. Chivas (one of the most obvious ones missing from that list).

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hofzinsler - 07-07-2008 14:39

I think it's pretty clear from the list that they take "derby" to mean "rivalry".

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hofzinsler - 07-07-2008 14:39

Or, more specifically, the matches that are played between those involved in the rivalry.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by E10 Rifle - 07-07-2008 14:40

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So Newcastle-Sunderland, Cardiff-Swansea, Southampton-Portsmouth aren't derbies?

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Inca - 07-07-2008 14:43

I prefer the term clasico. And when something is really big, superclasico.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Bo! Seleccção - 07-07-2008 14:45

Inca wrote:

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But latin-speakers use Classico to describe this exact type of game. Derby is a completely British term and means something totally different to Classico. In Portugal the big derby is Braga V Guimarães, the big classico is Benfica V Porto.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 07-07-2008 14:55

FWIW, the "Derby d'Italia" is between Inter and Juventus.

I find the list rather strange, unless they have seriously discounted atmosphere in and around the ground on the day as one of their criteria. Barca-Madrid and Boca-River are both great rivalries between storied clubs with huge numbers of supporters, but one's experience of the matches on the ground is dramatically different.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by And I am the Life - 07-07-2008 15:14

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 07-07-2008 15:17

As is your assumption that the Premier League contains the country's best derbies...

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by NetzerHölzenbeinHrubesch - 07-07-2008 15:20

Isn't Juve-Roma called the derby of the sun?

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 07-07-2008 15:20

Erm, no.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hofzinser - 07-07-2008 15:25

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Well that's kind of why I started the thread. What English derby should be in there then, and why? What should it replace in the list?

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 07-07-2008 15:30

I really don't think one can answer that until one understands what they are trying to measure.

Liverpool-ManUtd would seem to be the most likely answer, but most of us don't even consider it to be a "derby".

As to what would go, Partizan-Red Star is a shadow of its former self.

Olympiakos-Panathinaikos also deserves consideration.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 07-07-2008 15:30

Spurs v Arsenal and Liverpool v Everton should be in there, replacing Barcelona v Real Madrid and Ajax v Feyenoord.

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Liverpool v Man United is not a derby. It's a needle match between two successful clubs who hate each other, but it is not a derby.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 07-07-2008 15:33

Schalke/Dortmund would also be out on that basis, perhaps making way for my Greek suggestion.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by SamLKelly - 07-07-2008 15:44

Mr Beast wrote:
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If you want atmosphere, goals, on pitch violence and comedy defending Villa/Blues takes some beating

But if atmosphere is the only (or even just main) criteria then practically the whole list would have to be Latin American, and the super wouldn't even be the highest-placed Argentine derby.

HoH wrote:
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World Soccer say a lot of things they don't mean.

And regarding 'derby', 'clásico' and 'superclásico', the latter is a word I've only ever heard or read used in the context of Argentina and (I think, my memory may not be 100% reliable), in a self-mocking manner, Honduras. If there's any other latin derby that so overshadows the rest of the country's football as to merit that moniker, it would be in Uruguay, and yet Peñarol vs. Nacional (which I've been to, lucky me!) is referred to merely as 'el clásico'. I'm pretty sure Latin America's other main rivalries all follow that trend. It's only Argentines who display that wonderful mastery of understatement.

As for English nominees for the list, Merseyside, surely.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 07-07-2008 15:46

Sam, Mexico uses "superclasico" as well (for America-Chivas).

Agree completely on the atmosphere point.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hofzinsler - 07-07-2008 15:56

Surely it's fairly obvious what World Soccer mean by "derby"? I'm surprised it's caused so much debate. It clearly

doesn't, in this context, mean two teams from the same city, so Barca-Real Madrid can't be discounted on that basis.

It means more like "long-standing rivalries", which will often have some of its basis in the clubs' proximity to each other but by no means all or even any of it.

And if we were restricting it to same city rivalries only (which, as E10 points out, would eliminate the likes of Newcastle-Sunderland and Portsmouth-Southampton, which are surely derbies in any reasonable definition) would the North London and Liverpool derbies qualify ahead of, say, the Milanese derby?

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by The_Liquidator - 07-07-2008 16:22

The Rome derby is on the wain as well. Ever since their two curvas became the same politically (pretty much the whole of the Sud is fascist, or at least the leading groups are) the intensity has died out a bit. It's no longer a clash of communities the way the Old Firm derby is and is basically like Arsenal-Spurs; that is a purely football derby.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by SamLKelly - 07-07-2008 16:37

Hofzinsler wrote:

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Exactly. They've clearly got one eye on the fact that the Spaniards refer to Barca vs. Madrid as 'el gran derbi, and attempted another of their (many and manifold) cack-handed translations. The same sort that translates the word 'Copa' but not 'Libertadores' so that we have something called the 'Libertadores Cup', when it should be either 'Copa Libertadores' or 'Libertators' Cup', and yet for some reason retains the title 'Copa America' (not 'America Cup'?!).

Anyway, back on-topic. Only eight English cities actually contain two football league clubs (London, Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Stoke, Nottingham, Birmingham and... um... another one), so even we in the game's home can't always have defined the word 'derby' quite that narrowly. As mentioned a few months ago, Derby County don't have a city derby of their own!

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by NetzerHölzenbeinHrubesch - 07-07-2008 16:43

My understanding of derby was that it was used to denote 'big sporting event which everyone talked about and meant a lot to win it'. The city derbies were that, but they didn't have exclusivity.

Indeed, as the geographical net of clubs spreads, the teams against whom matches fall into that category grows less dependent on geographical proximity in a strict city sense, and more regional like many clubs have always had.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Phoebe - 07-07-2008 17:28

ursus arctos wrote:

As to what would go, Partizan-Red Star is a shadow of its former self.

But it's still a huge deal - a 40percenter went a couple of years ago on a press pass, and it made a huge impression.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Phoebe - 07-07-2008 17:33

SamLKelly wrote:

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It's a generally local thing. So Newcastle-Sunderland (neighbouring cities) and Ipswich-Norwich (from neighbouring counties) are derbies because that's the nearest club they've traditionally played. But Everton are Liverpool's derby game, not Manchester United.

For the record, of the English local derbies I've been to, Derby-Forest was the most heated.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by And I am the Life - 07-07-2008 18:06

Liverpool v Man United is not a derby. It's a needle match between two successful clubs who hate each other, but it is not a derby.

The city centres are 33 miles apart. amsterdam and rotterdam are 35 miles apart, barcelona and madrid are 313 miles apart.

World soccer is written for and by people living in the suburban towns around london who sit around stroking their beards (real and imaginary) and saying that "the rivalry between those bloated premier league clubs is nothing compared to the spiritual conflict between baku bearbaiters and baku beardtuggers, or you've never seen tension like in the games between cali cokesnorters and cali throatcutters," (though they've never been there or even seen it on television) but "for real football you have to go to spain or italy blah blah blah" .

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by EIM - 07-07-2008 18:09

Erm... A derby is just a big match.

Hence, you know, 'local derby'.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Ant van Oviedo - 07-07-2008 18:28

West Ham - Chelsea is a derby which has most, if not all, of the necessary ingredients. I've been to a few and have rarely experienced an atmosphere quite like it. Hostile doesn't even come close.

Gijón is 28kms from Oviedo, but the Asturias derby, Oviedo - Sporting, used to be very intense, too. With our fall into the footballing abyss, it is a thing of the past, but how I miss being trotted along the seafront by baton-flailing riot police while bottles and half-bricks whistled past your head. If you were lucky.

Another important date on the Spanish football calendar is the Basque derby between Athletic Bilbao and Real Sociedad, which is big on colour and noise but is fairly amicable these days (this should be A Good Thing, I suppose).

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by And I am the Life - 07-07-2008 18:33

that west ham chelsea one is spot on. I remember seeing a Blackburn Burnley game on tv when Blackburn were relegated and fucking hell it looked pretty exciting.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Nico Rijnders - 07-07-2008 18:39

The top ten is drawn from a list of 50 in the magazine itself. For the record, Liverpool vs. Man Utd is at number 28 and Spurs vs Arsenal is at 42 in the list, which I think supports AIATL's initial point.

Athletic against Real Sociedad is just outside of the top ten, by the way.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Nico Rijnders - 07-07-2008 18:41

And Sam's Nacional vs. Penarol is at 21.

Forest Green Rovers against Gloucester City sneaks onto the list at 49.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Nico Rijnders - 07-07-2008 18:47

The remaining two on Hof's initial list, Flamengo vs Vasco De Gama and Benfica vs Porto, were at 13 and 17.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by And I am the Life - 07-07-2008 18:56

i have an edition of World soccer from january which is previewing the ANC, and in it they have the team of the month from the first week of november to the first weekend of december from the various football magazines around europe. 10 of the 11 magazines had cristiano ronaldo in it. In that month covered he had scored 7 goals in six games and set up three goals. which of the 11 magazines polled didn't have him in it?

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by NetzerHölzenbeinHrubesch - 07-07-2008 20:04

Are you serious about FGR and Gloucester City? Do they have Witton Albion vs Northwich?

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Antonio Gramsci - 07-07-2008 20:07

Superclasico is not merely for Latin Americans.

The marketing folk at MLS have begun referring to LAG vs Chivas as a "superclasico" as well.

But we all cringe when they say it.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 07-07-2008 20:11

That's profoundly sad, in all senses of the word.

The Milanese derby is much too goodnatured to feature in any top 25, there are simply too many split families. The best Serie A derby from an atmosphere point of view is the "Derby della Lanterna" between Sampdoria and Genoa.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Nico Rijnders - 07-07-2008 20:16

NetzerHölzenbeinHrubesch wrote:

Are you serous about FGR and Gloucester City?

Alas, I was only kidding.

Gloucester still don't seem to take FGR seriously, preferring to moan about Cheltenham Town and anyone from Wales.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by AMMS - 07-07-2008 20:21

Belfast hosts some interesting derbies, not always massive crowds but generally heated. And I'm not joking when I tell you that their are derby games between (ex) mining villages in Scotland at semi-pro level that are as intense as anything you'll see in the UK and they get decent crowds.

Doesn't Moscow have some decent derbies and I imagine Israel could have some tense ones too. I'm for voting Barca v Real off the list altogether it feels like the rivalry between Coke and Pepsi these days.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Ant van Oviedo - 07-07-2008 21:20

Here is the Sporting - R. Oviedo derby game from 92/93: worth watching for the shot of the Oviedo fans going absolutely mental (1:14).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NO1OuomrN8g&NR=1>

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by SamLKelly - 07-07-2008 21:42

Nico Rijnders wrote:

Sam's Nacional vs. Penarol

Well... my actual Uruguayan team are Rampla Juniors, but sadly they weren't playing during my trip to Montevideo (which in fairness to them was in pre-season, and lasted for three nights). When I'm living in BA, though, I'll definitely be taking a trip across the river to see them in their clásico, against Cerro. In fact I'd like to set up footballing trips for

English-speaking groups to Montevideo, because the Centenario is absolutely amazing, and it'd be an excuse for me to go back to the city once every few months.

And thanks Phoebe. I knew the remaining one was going to be really bleeding obvious.

Antonio - I noticed MLS also promoting the DC United vs. Columbus Crew match as a 'superclasico' as well, on the strength of ex-River player Marcelo Gallardo lining up opposite ex-Boca player Guillermo Barros Schelotto.

And in fact I think I may have been making the Honduras / other Central American country thing up. I was sure I'd read about it in Wiki but it's not there now. Having said that it might well be on one of the more obscure sites I've come across, so don't rule it out entirely...

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by E10 Rifle - 07-07-2008 22:30

Back in London, there's also the fact that matches between teams from the same city aren't necessarily their most 'locally' charged. Palace v Brighton is historically more charged with a derby rivalry than Palace v QPR. And Orient v Barnet's never had a fraction of the 'local derby' vibe that Orient v Southend has. Social and demographic factors have had a part to play here in quite an interesting way (to nerds like me anyhow)

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by GypsyDownUnder - 08-07-2008 00:36

Bohemian FC v Sharnock Rovers.

Glentoran v Linfield.

Cliftonville v Linfield

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Nogoalsnoglory - 08-07-2008 06:27

Earith v Bluntingsham is the glaring omission.

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Donald Potts - 08-07-2008 06:39

Seems to me that the biggest rivalries exist between clubs which are in some ways equals - both sets of fans have to see the match(es) as the most important game of the season. This is why Barcelona vs Real Madrid is such a huge fixture (along with the historical and political reasons), and why the biggest derby in Britain is (and probably always will be) Rangers vs Celtic.

It is also why, the advent of the big split in English football has seen some of the traditional derbies lessen in importance. Liverpool Everton is no longer the fixture it once was, because for Liverpool fans it's not the biggest game of the season (they are far more interested in the Man Utd game). Likewise Arsenal Tottenham. These days it seems that Arsenal vs Man Utd is a very big game which has built up a deal of controversial incidents and "history" over the last ten years. It never used to be an important game in this regard.

Because of this I would say that the biggest two derbies in England are Newcastle vs Sunderland and the Sheffield derby. Both sets of fans (I suspect) look out for that match when the fixture lists are released, and both sets of fans focus their season and their interest around that game, and in both areas the build up to the game is tangible and starts about a month prior to the match.

Songlines ought to cover Kylie Minogue and Amy Winehouse in depth too. I mean after all, they are, technically, "World Music".]

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ian.64 - 08-07-2008 07:14

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They can easily be classed as big games obviously, but the 'history' of them is helped by a willing, over-anticipatory media who almost help give these events the aura of a derby (and so convince the more simple-minded Big Four fans that they really are genuine derbies). You can say that they're still not important games - are all those clashes that Sky screen as 'Slam Dunk Punchy Weekend' really significant turning points to a season's outcome? Most of them turn out to be real cowpats where the occasion rather than the game is the only notable aspect.

It's all obvious, I know.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Captain Kurtz - 08-07-2008 07:38

Re: If Real Madrid v Barcelona is considered such a big deal because of the Catalans resistance against the central government, then I would think that Real Madrid v one of the Basque teams would generate even more passion. After all if these clubs are considered bearers of the national conflicts then an armed conflict which lasted for decades must beat the Catalans more subtle approach during and after the Franco regime (though I could be wrong here - my knowledge of Spanish history is quite limited).

So is the stature of Real Madrid v Barcelona over e.g. Real Madrid v Athletic Bilbao more a case of two really big clubs who regularly compete for the same trophies as opposed to wider historical reasons?

Someone must know.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Bobski - 08-07-2008 08:49

To take iton another level, what about international derbies/rivalries? A few initially spring to mind:

England v Scotland
Germany v Holland
Greece v Turkey
Argentina v Brazil

(I also hear that Luxembourg v Lichtenstein can be a bit spicy !!)

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 08-07-2008 09:15

Bobski wrote:

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Wrexham v Chester

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 08-07-2008 09:53

The Basque-Real Madrid matches are considered to be "special", especially Athletic-Madrid and especially in the Basque Country, but they get less national and international attention than Barca-Madrid because the relative decline of the Basque clubs over the last 20 years has meant that there generally isn't as much at stake in sporting or economic terms.

Barca-Madrid is what it is now because the two clubs have come to dominate Spanish football in terms of trophies, money and number of supporters, a situation that is amplified by the Madrid-centric nature of Marca and AS and the Barca-centric nature of Sport, Mundo Deportivo and Antenna 3 and the increasing amount of interest in those two clubs outside of Spain. The (largely historical) political aspects add a certain spice to the rivalry, especially because they are thought (at least on the Barca side) to have resulted in noteworthy benefits for the Merengues on the field, but they aren't the central reason for the match being "big".

It still can't touch the Betis-Sevilla derby for atmosphere, though.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hofzinser - 08-07-2008 10:00

Donald has hit upon the crucial point, I think, that the two teams involved must be more or less equals for the rivalry to be truly fierce (or at least fiercest) in both directions.

It's exactly why Liverpool-Everton or Arsenal-Spurs don't belong in the top 10 above any more (although historically they would have a case), and why the Manchester derby hasn't even had a look in. Liverpool-Man Utd is more important for both sets of fans than their intra-city derbies because they are of about equal stature and are fighting for the same prizes.

And with regards to Captain K's point, I would argue that it is indeed the equal status of Real Madrid and Barcelona that gives their matches more of a frisson than Real Madrid v Athletic Bilbao, which is historically much more one-sided.

The fact that, for better or for worse, the likes of Barcelona-Real Madrid and Celtic-Rangers also have a political element is what gives these matches that extra intensity that sees them high up in the top 10.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by And I am the Life - 08-07-2008 10:05

I love the criticism of World Soccer by the way. Fancy a magazine purportedly about football choosing not to feature Cristiano Ronaldo's breakfast habits!

that's not the criticism. The criticism is that because he plays in England, World Soccer ignores him. If he played in Spain he'd be on the front cover nearly every week. The example I illustrated was that in that magazine comparison. Every magazine in Europe thought he was in the team of the month because he scored 7 goals, except for them. There is plenty of magazines that focus too much on the minutiae of Premiership life and they are just as annoying, but World Soccer pretends to hold itself to a higher standard.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Jorge Porbillas - 08-07-2008 10:15

ursus arctos wrote:

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Country ...

Is this because Atletico started by Basque students as an Athletic Bilbao Supporters' Club in the capital city?

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Nico Rijnders - 08-07-2008 10:15

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 08-07-2008 10:17

I would say that it is more due to Athletic being more nationalistic than Real Sociedad.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Impact Substitute - 08-07-2008 10:21

If you want a local derby with international status, then it's Derry City v Finn Harps.

They're about 20 miles apart, the nearest club to one another, but reside in different countries, with different heads of state and currency.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by And I am the Life - 08-07-2008 10:28

yes, but don't say that to anyone who supports either of those two teams.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 08-07-2008 10:30

I watched Finn Harps play Derry City in the Cup in January 1999. It was not one for the purists.

I stood behind one of the goals with the great Eamonn McCann.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Harri Saer - 08-07-2008 10:48

EIM wrote:

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Hence, you know, 'local derby'.

Spot on, case closed I would imagine.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by And I am the Life - 08-07-2008 10:55

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that's because they think he's already a real madrid player.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Kurt Mondschein - 08-07-2008 11:16

If we stick to city rivalries, Germany also has:

- Hamburger SV v St Pauli
- Chemie/Sachsen Leipzig v Lok Leipzig
- Union Berlin v Dynamo Berlin
- Munich 1860 v Bayern Munich

If we take regional ones as well, we get:

- Cologne v Leverkusen
 - Rot-Weiß Essen v Schalke (an almost forgotten one, but Essen are regarded as scum by anybody in the Ruhr area apart from Essen, whereas Schalke is regarded as scum by anybody in the Ruhr area apart from Schalke; in fact Schalke fans are considered high-brow compared to Essen).
 - Nürnberg v Fürth
 - Dynamo Dresden v anybody
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I thought it was derived from this, which makes it a local rivalry thing ...

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Hofzinsler - 08-07-2008 11:34

Incredibly slow of me, I know, but I've only just realised that Kurt Mondschein is the poster formerly known as abedi.

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Except there's three football league clubs in Sheffield...

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Bombanersson - 08-07-2008 12:12

Jaro-VPS was pretty good by Finnish standards. Highlights here:

<http://www.iltalehti.fi/nettitypopup.shtml?27994230>

I want to see HJK-HIFK as well, but at present HIFK's team does not match their fans.

All games between Stockholm's big 3 are worth watching, too.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by chippy - 08-07-2008 12:22

Derbies I have been to

Partick Thistle vs Clyde - lots of excited wee boys shouting for Clyde, but nothing to see here

Airdrie vs Motherwell - unpleasant, street-fighting morons kicking each others heads in

Ayr United vs Kilmarnock - has the added kick of snobbery from Ayr towards Killie Quote "Come on Ayr, get intae these council house bastards"

Celtic vs Rangers - unpleasant hatefest, not enjoybale, a discernible lack of interest in football

Oxford vs Swindon - has a bit of the snobbery mentioned above, excuse for 40 year old greying bover boys to polish up their DMs and kick the shir out of each other before picking up some wallpaper from B&Q.

Arthurlie vs Pollok - WWF without the code of conduct

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 08-07-2008 12:25

chippy wrote:

Arthurlie vs Pollok - WWF without the code of conduct

I went to this (at Pollok). There was no trouble at all.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by AMMS - 08-07-2008 12:28

How is Arthurlie v Pollok a derby?

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by SamLKelly - 08-07-2008 12:44

Gangster Octopus wrote:

Phoebe wrote:

SamLKelly wrote:

Only eight English cities actually contain two football league clubs (London, Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, Stoke, Nottingham, Birmingham and... um... another one)

Sheffield.

Except there's three football league clubs in Sheffield...

Are there? Who are the third?

Anyway you know what I mean. Cities which, within their own boundaries, can have a 'city derby' between current Football League clubs. I mean London's got more than two as well, but you didn't pick us up on that one...

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 08-07-2008 12:47

SamLKelly wrote:

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Are there? Who are the third?

We are...

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by SamLKelly - 08-07-2008 12:59

My word. I do apologise.

Bobski wrote:

Argentina v Brazil

Pah. History comes into it as well remember. Either of those two v. URUGUAY, and you're talking...

Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Jon - 08-07-2008 16:16

Liverpool-Man Utd is more important for both sets of fans than their intra-city derbies because they are of about equal stature and are fighting for the same prizes.

Well, if the prize is the Premiership then surely the match between Liverpool and Everton is becoming more and more important.

GO - just looked up on Wikipedia about your departure from Millmoor. Belated commiserations.

I'm biased but I'd vote for Real Madrid vs Barcelona. Although ursus said that it has got greater over the years due to the

media, 'twas ever the biggest game of the season without the hyperbole trumpeted by various sections of the Spanish media.

I have a soft spot for West Brom Villa derbies but as they all kick off at twelve noon now, the spice has gone from them almost entirely. Plus the fact that we haven't beaten Villa for well over 20 years. Carl Valentine (now there's a name for ursus to conjour with) was the last player to score a winning goal for West Brom against Villa.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 08-07-2008 16:23

You actually remembered that Carl Valentine was my favourite ever Vancouver Whitecap? Truly impressive.

As to "El Derbi", when I first started paying attention to Spanish football in the early 80s, Real Madrid-Athletic was a "bigger" game, largely because Barca were relatively poor. It's also my impression (though I can't speak from personal experience) that Madrid-Atleti was significantly "bigger" in the 60s and 70s than it is now.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Jon - 08-07-2008 17:20

Well, I'm going more from history books than anything else really, ursus. Like you, I can't speak from personal experience going back too far.

You actually remembered that Carl Valentine was my favourite ever Vancouver Whitecap? Truly impressive.

Well, I remember you mentioned him once and I was going to post something about him scoring in the last game we won against the Villa. Never got round to it though.

Funnily enough, that game in 1985 should have been my first ever game at the Hawthorns. I'd been supporting West Brom fervently for years, hoping my Dad would take me to a game. But he was never in the slightest bit interested in football, nor in indulging his two sons' increasing obsession for the game.

All my contemporaries at school had been taken up by their Dads through the glory years of the late 70/early 80s but not me. Then, eventually I managed to persuade him to take me up. I remember being so excited as I climbed into our family Lada to go to the game. The car didn't start. This was a typical occurence during my childhood but I was really gutted to have missed us beat the Villa 1-0. Little did I know that 23 years later we'd still not have beaten them.

Here's the other essential Carl Valentine fact you need to know. He was the first player in the English League to qualify for the 1986 World Cup. Well, it was essential as an Albion fan back in 1985, anyway.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ursus arctos - 08-07-2008 18:17

I desperately wanted Valentine to succeed at Albion; he was significantly better than Peter Beardsley for the Whitecaps.

Life rarely turns out just the way one wants it to, however.

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by ale - 08-07-2008 18:22

"I desperately wanted Valentine to succeed at Albion; he was significantly better than Peter Beardsley for the Whitecaps."

though nobody anywhere was better than Peter Beardsley 1983-1987....and dont give me Maradonna..

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by Inca - 08-07-2008 18:26

Antonio Gramsci wrote:
Superclasico is not merely for Latin Americans.

The marketing folk at MLS have begun referring to LAG vs Chivas as a "superclasico" as well.

But we all cringe when they say it.

Not just the marketing folk--it has an official sponsor. It's officially the Honda SuperClasico (capital C even though it's one word). It was named that even before the first meeting between the teams.

It's the only "true" inter-city derby in MLS, but I think any Americans that call a game outside of the UK a "derby" are lame Euro-poseurs.

So, MLS people, what would you rank as the top MLS rivalries?

1. Galaxy-DC United
2. DC-Chicago
3. Galaxy-Chivas

(Galaxy-San Jose would be in there, but need SJ to get better to make it competitive again)

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by scotian42 - 08-07-2008 19:16

For MLS, I'd add DC v NYRB. There's even a random-ish trophy for the winner of the regular season series. I guess it's kind of similar to those college gridiron rivalry games where the winner gets an iron or egg or somesuch thing.

Goofy marketing aside, it is a big rivalry for us, and it does move the needle for the support (more people at the stadium, actual away support, etc).

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Re:The top 10 derbies in the world...

Posted by thfrnchmn - 16-07-2008 23:04

PSG - OM is definitely France's biggest althou it's also not a "derby" (Paris Vs. Marseille)

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