

Player Interviews: We asked Premier League players to talk about their experiences living in the UK and playing in the Premier League.

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Transcript

Who was your footballing hero?

Marc Muniesa: Puyol from Barcelona and Maldini from Milan.

Angel Rangel: The Barca the dream team that won the first European cup was my team and the hero was I'd say Ronald Koeman, who was the centre back for Barcelona at the time but I had so many heroes at that team which was Michael Laudrup, Hristo Stoichkov, you've got Pep Guardiola, you've got so many but Ronald Koeman was always the one for me.

José Fonte: I didn't have many heroes my dad was the main person I looked up to. One of the players I admired was Maldini.

Jonas Olsson: Erm.. good question. I remember watching Olaf, growing up Mellberg, when he played for Villa. He was a big inspiration and then obviously when I got the chance to play with him in central defence with the Swedish national team that was huge. Yeah, I think he was a player I looked up to growing up.

Have you ever met any of your footballing heroes?

Marc Muniesa: Yes Puyol when I started to play with the first team at Barcelona I met him and was a dream for me because he was my hero when I was a child.

José Fonte: No

Angel Rangel: I would say Michael Laudrup is probably the one I've met the closest, as I've said before because he's been my manager for two seasons so that's him.

Who do you most admire now?

José Fonte: I admire Christian or Ronaldo I think that what he's done and the work that he's put in a made him today the best player in the world, in my opinion.

Marc Muniesa: (Todos).. Every every... sports.... sports player because it's a.... it's really hard to be a professional player and every player that is in... in a professional sport.

Jonas Olsson: Well I'm a big..., my biggest hobby is music so I would say, I would say Bob Dylan for his songs and for his lyrics and for his creative mind. I can, that's something really impresses me - creative people, artists, writers etc.

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Angel Rangel: Who do I admire? Erm... I'd say probably my parents. I have to say my parents because they have been always there for me you know in the good and the bad times and if you need some support psychologically, financially, for anything really they have always been there for me you know and I've got to say if I have achieved a... Would have achieved in my life not only in football is thanks to them.

Do you think footballers should be role models?

Marc Muniesa: Yes we are exposed to all the people we're on the TV and we know that we have to be a good example for the people and for the little childs.

Angel Rangel: I think footballers should be definitely. They should be role models because we know it's the sport that everybody loves and er not only for the money that is around football... Is for everything you know in the media and everything and kids always take after footballers you know what footballers do is what they do kids in these days and I think it's important that we show them that we are humble you know that we are grounded and we even though we are footballers and probably famous and all of that we are important for them and we have to show that we are like a normal person.

José Fonte: Yes I think... We are viewed in the world by billions and... we are only human we make mistakes but we should try and be a role model.

Jonas Olsson: I think you have a duty to serve so to speak on the pitch and when you're around the team and the league and so on. But, outside I think, you know, I don't know the definition of a role model there, but you just have to try and be as good a person as you can be. I think everyone in society has a duty to serve there whether it be a footballer or a journalist or whatever you are, I think it's not only down to footballers or famous people.