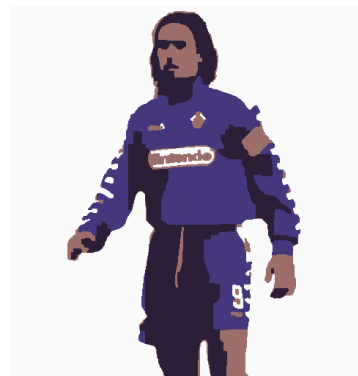


Iconic Strikers: Batigol



1) Discussion

- a) Who are your favourite attacking players over the last 30 years?
 - b) Apart from Messi, who is your favourite Argentinian player?
 - c) What Serie A striker do you like?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Adore (verb) | a) To make something safe or protected; (in football) to win a tournament. |
| 2) Secure (verb) | b) One of a kind, different from anything else. |
| 3) Idolise (verb) | c) To love and admire someone or something very much. |
| 4) Unique (adjective) | d) To admire and look up to someone with great enthusiasm, often as a role model. |
| 5) Prowess (noun) | e) Amazing skill or ability, especially in a particular activity. |



b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Adore Secure Idolise Unique Prowess

- 1) Raul was _____ by the Real Madrid fans during his time at the club.
- 2) The team needed to win their last game to _____ a place in the Champions League.
- 3) Growing up in Argentina, he _____ Diego Maradona and wanted to play like him.
- 4) David Beckham had a _____ talent for taking freekicks and corners. (unique)
- 5) Since moving to the Bundesliga, Harry Kane has shown his goalscoring _____ for Bayern Munich.



3) Quick Read - Read the article and answer the questions.

- a) Which two Italian clubs does the article talk about?
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Gabriel Batistuta - Batigol

Gabriel Batistuta was an amazing football player from Argentina. He played in a unique way that made him famous. He was really good at scoring goals and worked very hard for his team off the ball.

Batistuta played for ACF Fiorentina from 1991 to 2000. He scored a lot of goals for them, and was adored by the Fiorentina fans. He became their top scorer ever with 167 goals in 269 games. People still remember him as a legend for Fiorentina.

He also played for the national team of Argentina. Batistuta helped them secure the Copa America in 1993, and he played in three World Cups. He scored 56 goals in 78 games for Argentina.

Batistuta continued his successful journey in Italy after transferring to AS Roma in 2000, scoring 20 goals in 28 games in his first season for Roma. He was a key player in helping the team win the 2000-2001 Serie A title, the club's first since 1983. His goal-scoring prowess and hard work made him a fan favourite, and he received awards such as being the best player in South America multiple times.

But more than just playing well, Batistuta had a big impact on football. Other players idolised him and wanted to play like him. He showed that if you work hard, you can become a football great. Gabriel Batistuta will always be remembered as a special player who loved the game.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think of Gabriel Batistuta's career?
- b) How much do you think Batistuta would be worth today?
- c) Your club has £100m, which striker would you buy?

