

Francesco Totti: The One Club Man



1) Discussion

- a) Who is your favourite player in your club's history?
 - b) Have there been any players who have played for your club for a long time?
 - c) Do you think players move clubs too much?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Vibrant (adjective) | a) To start or create something. |
| 2) To Establish (verb) | b) Making money or earning a profit; being successful in terms of numbers. |
| 3) Profitable (adjective) | c) Full of life and energy. |
| 4) Faithful (adjective) | d) Strong commitment and dedication to something or someone. |
| 5) To Embody (verb) | e) Loyal and devoted. |
| 6) Devotion (noun) | f) To represent or exemplify something. |



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

Vibrant

To Establish

Profitable

Faithful

To Embody

Devotion

- 1) After buying the club in 2008, the owner's goal was to _____ Manchester City as a top club.
- 2) Diego Maradona seemed to _____ the spirit of Argentina's football, with his skill and passion for the game.
- 3) Ryan Giggs stayed _____ Manchester United and spent his whole career at the club.
- 4) Fans show _____ to the team, travelling every week to watch the team.
- 5) The stadium's _____ atmosphere helped the team win the game.
- 6) 2009 was a _____ for Barcelona in terms of trophies.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

a) What trophies did Francesco Totti win during his career?

Francesco Totti

Francesco Totti, a renowned footballer hailing from Italy, holds a special place in the hearts of Rome's residents. Growing up in the vibrant streets of Rome, Totti developed a profound love for football. His journey with AS Roma began at the tender age of 13, marking the start of an extraordinary career.

In 1992, Totti made his debut for AS Roma at just 16 years old, quickly establishing himself as a pivotal player for the team. Over the years, he amassed an impressive collection of accolades, including a Serie A Title, Coppa Italia triumphs and the 2006 World Cup with the Italian national team. Throughout his career, Totti's exceptional skill and dedication led him to become one of Italy's most celebrated footballers.

Among his notable achievements are his remarkable goal scoring seasons. During the 2006-2007 Serie A campaign, Totti showcased his scoring abilities, netting an impressive 26 goals, making it one of his most successful seasons in terms of goal contributions. Similarly, in the 2000-2001 season, he notched 13 goals, and whilst it wasn't his most profitable season in terms of goals, he helped the team secure the 2000-2001 Serie A title, further solidifying his status as a top-class striker.

What sets Totti apart is his unwavering loyalty to AS Roma. Despite receiving tempting offers from prestigious clubs such as Real Madrid and Manchester City, Totti remained faithful to his beloved team. His decision to stay with AS Roma made him even more loved by fans, who regard him as a true icon of the club.

For the people of Rome, Totti represents more than just a footballer; he embodies the city's spirit and resilience. His famous number 10 jersey serves as a symbol of his enduring legacy and deep connection to AS Roma.

Totti's impact extends far beyond the football pitch. He is a hero to many, admired for his talent, loyalty, and devotion to his city and club. As the Eternal City's favourite son, Totti's legacy will continue to inspire generations of football fans around the world.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Francesco Totti's career?
- b) Do you think it was a good idea for Totti to spend his career at Roma or do you think he should have moved to another club?
- c) Do you think he would have been a good player for Real Madrid or Manchester City?
- d) Can you think of any other one-club players?

