

# Why the Barclay's Premier League is the Best

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As soccer season begins to shift into full gear, fans across the globe begin to eagerly follow, watch, and support their soccer teams in their respective leagues, including the best soccer league in the world, the Barclays Premier League.

Throughout the world, there are numerous soccer leagues that provide a competitive platform for players from anywhere to compete in every year. These leagues are scattered in many different countries and are the professional stage for soccer athletes. For instance, there is the Bundesliga in Germany, La Liga in Spain, Ligue 1 in France, the MLS in the U.S., and of course, the Barclays Premier League. With each league, some have become significantly better than others over the last two decades. The league that has risen to the top of the podium presently, and has sat at the top for good while, is the Barclays Premier League. This is due to the abundant star talent seen in the players that compete in this league, the pace and physicality, the level of competition, as well as other factors, such as the fan base that the Premier League has. The other leagues, such as La Liga and the Bundesliga, contain a great amount of talent, but in comparison to what the Premier League has and is made up of, they can't compete.

To begin with, the star talent and elite players seen in this league enlarges the competition tremendously. With teams such as Manchester United, Manchester City, Chelsea, Arsenal, Liverpool, Tottenham, and Everton carrying a numerous amount of stellar athletes on each of their squads, it is quite incredible to behold as well as watch these teams play against one another. With players such as Wayne Rooney, Juan Mata, Eden Hazard, Oscar, Sergio Aguero, David Silva, Vincent Kompany, Mesut Özil, Alexis Sanchez, Daniel Sturridge, and of course, U.S.A icon Tim Howard, just to name a few from each team, the excitement Premier League soccer fans experience each and every game week is always top tier. What's so incredible to see within this league is that the star talent

isn't limited to 5 to 7 teams. It's scattered throughout the league in teams that might rank in the top three spots, or might sit in the middle or bottom of the league. For example, you have players such as Dimitri Payet, an excellent French forward that plays for West Ham United, a team that hasn't been too familiar with success in the last few years. Another example is

Riyad Mahrez who plays for the soccer club Leicester, and has already five goals and three assist in eight games this season. The bottom line is that you can find a good level of competition in almost any Premier League team, naturally, some are better than others. The biggest reason as to why this league has such a great competitive level is because of the tremendous amount of star talent that is either currently present in the league or is beginning to develop (e.g. Harry Kane of the Tottenham Hotspurs last season). That's why seeing a team such as Chelsea, a star packed team that won the Premier League Title last year (who sits now in 16th place with 2 wins, 2 draws, and 4 losses record), is crazy to observe. This is

because they have underdog teams that carry a good amount of talent, which found a way to win or tie this powerhouse team.

Secondly, the physical style and pace that soccer is played within the Premier League is incredible. The pace is fast and quick and the physicality carries its old traditional roots of the English thunder." In regards to the pace of the game, Taherzadeh says many new



players ranging of any talent that come from other leagues around the globe are evaluated by coaches with a skeptical outlook until they display signs of success within the Premier League's style of play. Aggressiveness is key to play in this league, and newcomer Swiss star Xherdan Shaqiri (pictured on the right) supports this claim in his explanation to the FIFA organization as to why the Barclays League is the best in the world. "The key element in Germany is discipline. The Germans are very focused on playing disciplined football. Football in Italy was very tactically oriented and now here in England I can sense a real emphasis on attacking play. The football here is tough and spectacular and I'm enjoying it. Although I've only played a few matches in the Premier League so far, I feel I've arrived in the best league in the world."

What also makes the Premier League so special is the competitiveness in the league, which is quite fierce to say the least. Each and every season you have a variety of teams that are competing for the title. Although these teams tend to be the same select few, there will always be opportunities for other teams that don't normally reach too high on the league

table that will land in contending spots. This 2015 season is a perfect example of such: last year's title winners and large power house in the English Premier League (Chelsea) is sitting in the 16th spot of the league. Conversely, you have two other teams that are generally never seen in the top 5 spots that are sitting currently in the 4th and 5th place spot, those teams being Crystal Palace and Leicester City. In his article, Taherzadeh makes a great point when comparing other leagues, such as La Liga, to the Premier League's competition: "La Liga might have the two most star-studded teams on the planet in Barcelona and Real Madrid, but it's essentially a two-horse race with occasional cameos from the likes of Atletico Madrid. The Premier League, like all major European leagues, is dominated by its wealthiest clubs, but it is a far less predictable competition." The key word about his statement is predictability. It can be quite challenging to select who will win the title in the Premier League each and every season, this simply demonstrates the competition level the league has.

To cap it off, the fan base of the Premier League is tremendous through their devotion, love, and passion for not only their teams, but for the game of soccer. In regards to the Premier League fans, Taherzadeh states, "There are people who are virtually married to the teams they support, and there are so many rousing songs that ring out around the grounds and create a dramatic, and sometimes even moving, atmosphere at Premier League games each week, that it's hard to deny the impact of the match-going public." Fans for any sport always have a great impact and make the sports they cheer for that much better with the enthusiasm that they bring. Fans of the Premier League are on a whole different level as Taherzadeh mentioned previously.

The Premier League is a special league and is the best in the world for quite a few reasons. The tenacity of the playing style, the raw competitiveness and aggressiveness to be successful as a team, and the abundant talent amongst the players with a lively fan base are just the main factors that make this league the most challenging for any soccer athlete to join. Yet, it is also the league that many soccer athletes love to be apart of and strive to compete in.



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