

## Soccer Around the World

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There was a lot of excitement during this year's soccer season, such as Wigan winning the FA cup, and Chelsea beating Benfica in the Europa League. Another big surprise was Sir Alex Ferguson retiring. People are still wondering what is going to happen next season. In the long run, there were a lot of exciting things that took place in all leagues this year.

On May 25, one of the biggest games will occur. The champions league final (Bayern Munich vs. Dortmund). This game is very important because the two teams are both rivals and German.

Kabeer Mahju says "Dortmund has a great chance of winning". But opposing people such as Robbie Otal 8th grader says, "Bayern has way more skillful side and will win." Another big topic is Alex Ferguson retiring. The real concern is if Man United will do just as good without him. Josh Movich, an 8th grader, says, "He left because he has won so many titles and he is getting old". The Everton manger is taking over for Alex Ferguson and all Man United fans are wondering if he will do well and win the BPL yet again.

The next debatable topic is player of the year. Many people might think Messi or Ronaldo.

But Paulo Borrero 8th grader says, "I believe Falcao is the best because of his amazing heading skills and he carried the team for Atletico Madrid." But other people disagree and say "Thierry Henry is probably the top player right now".

Also there is controversy over the best goalkeeper. Max Croy, an 8th grader, says, "Victor Valdes was the top goal keeper". This is believable, considering that Barcelona is on the top of their

division and they made it to the semifinals of the Champion's League. In addition, Joe Hart has been doing wonders for his club.

In the long run, this season was one of best. Hopefully, next season will be just like it or maybe even better.