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Introduction

This monographic task is a research work on the Futbol Club Barcelona history, and it is intended to inform all about this club, the evolution of the Camp Nou stadium, its stars as Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez, Neymar and Andres Iniesta, and that is so dear and loved by people of all ages, teaching the greatness that has the club along since its creation and as main objective is to promote and campaign more in all tournaments both nationally and internationally that thanks to these campaigns the club will gain more popularity worldwide.

Futbol Club Barcelona goes from the football club's founding in 1899 and up to current time, also known simply as Barcelona and familiarly as Barça. The team was founded by a group of Swiss, English and Spanish footballers led by Joan Gamper. In 1928, Barcelona co-founded La Liga, the top-tier in Spanish football. According to many experts, this club is one of the most important in the world. Since its creation, it has grown in a fantastic way, and they are now the most feared club in the world.

Many books and texts refer to the importance of the club today in the world. Our main reference is Josep Guardiola, he was one of the best coaches that the club has had in its history, he made an autobiographical book chronicling what he had to do and to remake the FC Barcelona winner and feared by all. He had to suffer many difficulties before creating the club.

It is important to know the development of the club, the trophies he has won both nationally and internationally but the most important is to have in mind the joys that keep us alive, of those moments that are unforgettable. The present work consists of chapters with the descriptions of the club and conclusions that are so beloved worldwide.

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Chapter I

The Beginning of FC Barcelona

- **Club Foundation**

The FC Barcelona was founded in 1899 by a group of young foreigners who lived in Barcelona, the birth of the club was the result of an expansion of the practice of football and other sports. Joan Gamber, founder of the FC Barcelona, was the soul of the club and drove the process during the first 25 years. In October 1899, Gamber published an advertisement in the magazine 'The Sports' in which it called to form a football team.

On November 29, Gamper and eleven men, the Swiss Otto Kunzle and Walter Wild, John and William Parsons English, German Otto Maier, and the Catalans Lluís d'Osso, Bartomeu Terradas, Enric Ducal, Pere Cabot, Carles Pujol and Josep Llobet met to form an association bearing the name and emblem of the city: Barcelona Football Club.

- **The first Coat of arms**

After its foundation the club used as own the shield of the city of Barcelona as a way to express their relationship with the city. This shield remained in use until 1910; the shield has changed little since that 1910 design and the changes have been largely aesthetic character, with minor changes in the stroke of your profile. However, there were important changes for example the acronym 'F.C.B.' were replaced by "C.F.B." Barcelona Football Club but in 1974 they turned implement the old acronyms and stayed so until this day

- **The first kit**

The distinctive F. C. Barcelona colors are blue and scarlet. There are several theories about the causes that led to the founding of the club choose these colors, although there are none that are sufficiently proven to be considered valid. The best version says that Gamper, the club's founder, is the one who decided the colors, In fact, it is proven that in the first football game played Gamper in Barcelona before the foundation of the club, and wore these colors.

States that Gamper chose these colors because they belong to F.C. Basel, Swiss team in which Gamper had played before coming to Barcelona. It was also speculated that Gamper chose these colors that belongs to shield the canton of Ticino, although the only relationship that canton Gamper was that there lay his sister Rosa. Both hypotheses have failed conclusive evidence to be considered as certain

The combination of blue and red color comes from the nickname "Barca" that means "blaugrana" in Catalan, with which the players and fans of the club are known. These colors have always been present in the starting team jersey. However, during the first ten years of club history pants were later black white, and since the 1920, blues. The first team of F. C. Barcelona was one of the few teams that did not carry advertising in the central area of the shirt, until the agreement in 2006 with Unicef

- **The first field**

In less than ten years, between 1899 and 1908, the FC Barcelona used four different soccer field courts as their own field, due to economic instability and the difficulty to find outdoor spaces large in full urban expansion of the city.

- 1899-1900 Field of the old Bonanova Velodrome (now Turó Parc)
- 1900-1901 Country Hotel Casanovas (today Hospital de Sant Pau)
- 1901-1905 Country Road Horta
- 1905-1909 Campo Muntaner Street

Between 1909 and 1922 the team played in the Camp de la Indústria de Barcelona, vulgarly called ‘La Escopidora’, with a capacity of 6000 spectators. Between 1922 and 1957 he played his matches on the Campo de Les Corts, opened to accommodate 30,000 spectators, and came to have a capacity of 60,000 people. Since 1957 the club saw the need to build a stadium and so they did, they called Camp Nou, inaugurated on September 24 1957. Its initial capacity was 93,053 spectators but that has changed a lot , now is 100,000 spectators. The stadium project was entrusted to the architects Francesc Mitjans Miró and Josep Soteras Mauri, with the collaboration of Lorenzo García Barbón

- **The first match**

The first match that took FC Barcelona was against a team of the English colony of the city on December 8, 1899. The game was on the court of ex –Velodromo of the Bonanova that today is the field ”Turo Parc ”. FC Barcelona won 1– 0

- **Macaya cup, the first title**

The embryo Macaya Cup is the championship of Catalonia. The idea was born thanks to Alfons Macaya, president of the Club Hispania, which went public in 1900 its intention to organize a competition between Catalan teams. The cup is an exceptional work of modernist art. It was the first football championship played in the Iberian peninsula, and a history of what the Catalan soccer championship could be . This title was the first to win the FC Barcelona, juice 8 games being undefeated champion in the Copa Macaya in 1902.

Chapter II

Evolution

- **The beginning of the glorious stage: Les Corts field**

Golden Stage club begins with the explosion of a powerful team with outstanding players of the magnitude of Samitier, Alcántara, Zamora, Sagi, Piera and Sancho in 1919 to 1929. In this situation born a love colors fc Barcelona by the crowd at a difficult time for the city of Catalonia. Part of the golden age of fc Barcelona is a celebration of the field with Les Corts also called 'The Cathedral of Football'. Years later, Barca won the first edition of the Spanish League (1928-29) and closes somehow this glorious stage

- **Hard times for the club**

On the negative side, in the twenties, the Club was hit by extrasport conflicts in the city, on June 14, 1925, during the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera, in a tribute match in the Orfeo Català, the public hisses the Spanish national anthem as a sign of disrespect, and as a sanction, the field where the match was held was closed for six months which was later reduced to three months and as an additional, Gamper had to leave the presidency of the club forever and after five years he died. The decline of the Club in the late 30, when subordinating politics in sport at all levels was a fact and was embodied in three crises: financial, social and sports statewide.

- **The effect of the civil war in the club**

The effect of the civil war in 1936 FC Barcelona leads a tour around Mexico and the United States, and thus the economy of the club recovers very quickly thanks to the tour that made the club . On March 16, 1938, the fall of a bomb dropped by the fascist aviation on the headquarters of FC Barcelona and caused serious damage, shortly after Franco's troops causing many problems for causing loss Club members, they had only 3,486 members. In addition, the club was renamed Football Club Barcelona, Spanish form that replaces the Anglophone Futbol Club Barcelona

- **The First Latin Cup**

In the Forties FC Barcelona he went through a crisis that almost sends him to the Second Division of Spain in 1942 but the team manages to save the category. A year after the team suffered a thrashing by the Real Madrid team-mediated arbitration and police threats; Pineiro causes the resignation of a man of the regime. The tunnel exit arrived with the conquest of the America Cup 1949; an earlier international competition at the European Cup, the conquest became the club's first international success. The parade of figures attests barcelonistas sports recovery of the entity: César, Basora, Velasco, Curta, the Gonzalvo brothers, Seguer, Biosca, Ramallets.... At the end of 1949, FC Barcelona celebrated the recovery of the partners, gained 24,893 members and a track record of 21 Catalan Championships

- **The Arrival of Kubala**

FC Barcelona became an unstoppable team with the arrival of a crack called Ladislao Kubala in June 1950. Between 1951 and 1953, the club won all the titles at stake in this triumphant cycle is marked with gold lettering 1951-52 season as it is the same year the club won all competitions, both nationally and internationally.

- **The Camp Nou Barcelona welcomes the future**

With the arrival of Ladislao Kubala the FC Barcelona club moved from Les Corts to Camp Nou, built in 1957. Here passed the best players in the world such as Kubala, Cruyff, Maradona, and Schuster. In those decades moments of true football show are live and thus leaving footprints in the world and especially in the decade of the nineties with the unforgettable 'Dream Team'. The stadium expansions and improvements are parallel to the continuous social growth of the Club.

- **The big stage of FC Barcelona**

Francesc Miró-Sans promoted the building of the Camp Nou whose opening was on September 24, 1957. Frame served illusions of a team that had just won the 1957 Cup Stadium Montjuïc and had the support of 49,000 partners, and thanks to the great seal of coach Helenio Herrera managed to win League 1958-59 and 1959-60 and the Fairs Cups

1957-1958 and 1959-60 that allowed an improvement and remodeling the camp nou. The identification by the fans with FC Barcelona grows dramatically in those years where the phrase 'mes que un club' is already a reality. For members, defending the colors of FC Barcelona is like defending Catalan identification throughout Spain.

- **The Arrival of the legend Johan Cruyff**

In 1973 Johan Cruyff giving rise to the famous phrase comes 'Machine for football', and thanks to the front of gold that had the club managed to win the League 1973-74 Thus, the Club, with 69,566 members and is the most powerful sports organization in the world.

- **The Beginning of the stage of Josep Lluís Nuñez**

Josep Lluís Núñez presidency access Club with a message of renewal in the year 1978 and since that time the club has grown impressively both in economy and achieving great social expansion means a considerable increase of club members and heritage, it means that the stadium undergoes renovation's subsequent while having an enviable track record. It should be emphasized that under the leadership of josep, the club became one of the most powerful of all Europe at that time with an impressive sport trajectory.

- **FC Barcelona XXI century**

With an ever larger Moreand social, cultural and sports structure, currently the FC Barcelona remains the most powerful and important sports society of the modern world. Sections such as basketball, athletics, football, rugby, baseball and among others have won many national and international successes and the number of partners currently bequeaths to 105,706 members

Chapter II

Achievements

- **The Uefa Champions League cups**

The FC Barcelona has won 5 times the uefa champions league in the years 1991-1992, 2005-2006, 2008-2009, 2010-2011, and 2014-2015. This competition brings together the best teams from the top leagues across Europe.

- **World cups of FIFA clubs**

The FC Barcelona has won the club cup three times throughout their career in the years 2009-2010, 2011-2012, and 2015-2016. This competition is the most important club level in the world, brings together the winner of the uefa champions league, the cup liberators.

- **The Europe collections**

The FC Barcelona has won the cup of Europe 4 times in all its history in the years 1978-1979, 1981-1982, 1988-1989, and 1996-1997.

- **The Cup of fairs**

The FC Barcelona has won the cup of fairs 3 times in the years 1957-1958, 1959-1960, and 1965-1966. This competition is one of the oldest where the club has participated.

- **The European Supercopa**

The FC Barcelona has won the European supercopa 5 times in his entire career. This competition brings together the winner of the uefa champions league and the europa league.

- **The Latin Cup**

The FC Barcelona has won the Latin Cup twice in its history in the years 1948-49, 1951-1952. This competition is one of the oldest where the club has participated.

- **The Cup of the Pirienos**

The FC Barcelona has won the cup of pirienos 4 in the years 1909-1910, 1910-1911, 1911-1912, 1912-1913. This competition was born in the growth of FC Barcelona.

- **League cup**

The FC Barcelona has won the league of Spain 24 times in its history in the years 1928-29, 1944-45, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1951-52, 1952-53, 1958-59, 1959-60, 1973-74, 1984-85, 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1997-98, 1998-99, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16. This league is the most important in Spain where all the clubs of Spain are fighting for the title and is considered one of the most powerful leagues in all of Europe and the world.

- **The king's cup**

The FC Barcelona has won the king's cup 28 times in the years 1909-10, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1919-20, 1921-22, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1927-28, 1941-42, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53, 1956-57, 1958-59, 1962-63, 1967-68, 1970-71, 1977-78, 1980-81, 1982-83, 1987-88, 1989-90, 1996-97, 1997-98, 2008-09, 2011-12, 2014-15, 2015-16. This cup is one of the oldest where the club is currently champion and transcends until now where clubs of first and second division of Spain participate to win it.

- **The super cup of Spain**

El FC Barcelona has won the super cup of Spain 12 times in all its history in the years 1983-84, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1994-95, 1996-97, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2013-14, 2016-17.

- **Championship of Catalonia**

FC Barcelona has won the championship of Catalonia 23 times in the years 1901-1902, 1902-03, 1904-05, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1910-11, 1912-13, 1915-16, 1918-19, 1919-20, 1920-21, 1921-22, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28, 1929-30, 1930-31, 1931-32, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1937-38. This is the oldest championship in has participated FC Barcelona, this championship was born since the creation of the club.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, everything I have written in the three chapters of my monograph can be summarized in the following thought, "FC Barcelona is more than culture, passion, love for colors, it is a feeling, a feeling that is able to fill a Full stadium for ninety-eight thousand people every time the team plays. Since the creation of FC Barcelona, it was noticed from their first matches that the club was to be one of the biggest and most powerful clubs in the world, but as we all know, it is difficult to begin with, but with the help of the great founder which was Gamper the club grew enormously, such as the change of stadium to a much larger stadium with only twenty years since the club was created, another example is the arrival of great players of that time as Kubala, the Dutch Johan Cruyff who would mark FC Barcelona forever among others. In the years of growth of the club, there were factors that were essential for the club, one of them was the change of stadium to a stadium that today is known today as Camp Nou and they cover more than ninety-seven thousand people. The club became more and more popular, the club members had a giant growth, defending the colors of the club also meant defending the colors of the city of Catalonia, other factors that made the club evolve was the civil war in Spain, Thanks to that war the club had to do tours in the world and thus benefit economically, so it was possible to build the Camp nou, to invest in new players that would help to grow the club. Today FC Barcelona has become one of the most powerful clubs in the world, feared by all clubs in all leagues, it has also become one of losbes with more partners in the world gaining fame and admirers of all The ages, social condition, of all kinds of sex etc...

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