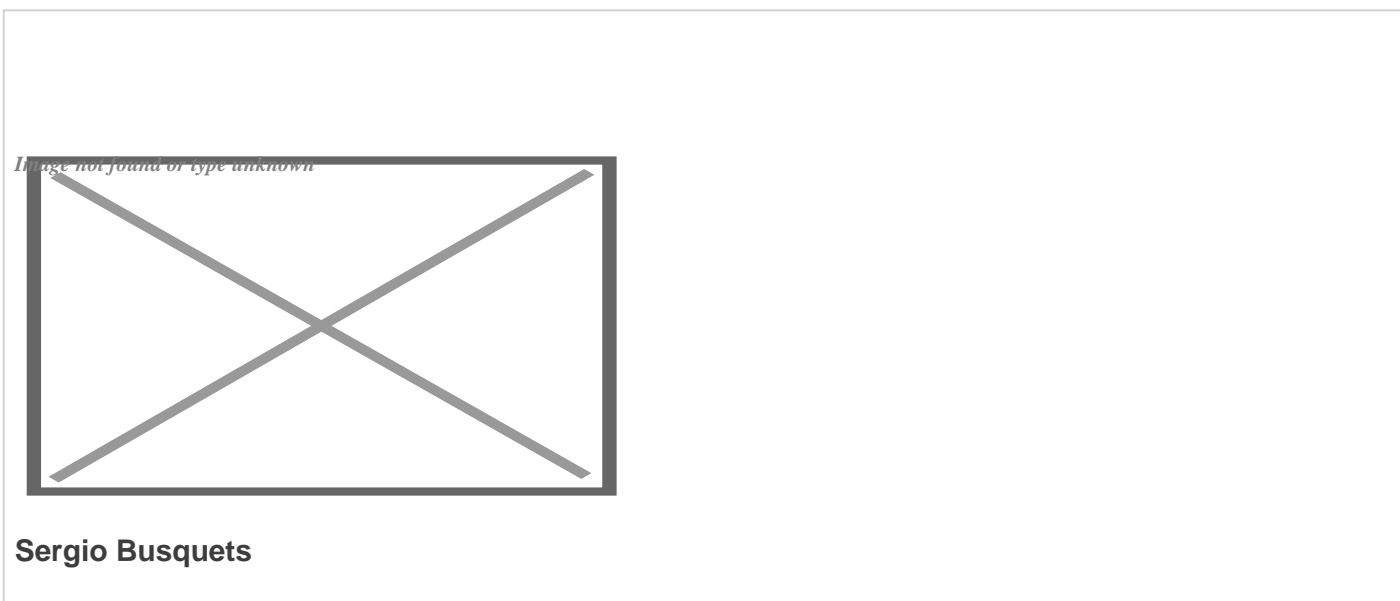


# *Sergio Busquets leaves FC Barcelona, says goodbye to a legend*

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Barcelona, Spain, May 11 (PL)-- Midfielder Sergio Busquets officially announced that he will leave FC Barcelona at the end of the current season and thus say goodbye to the last member of the best team in the history of soccer at club level.

"Hello culés, the time has come to announce that this will be my last season at Barça. Ever since I was a little boy, when I watched the games on TV, I always dreamed of playing with this shirt and in this stadium. The reality has surpassed everything I dreamed of," said the Spanish international in a video on his social networks.

A champion of everything with Barcelona and Spain, Busquets confessed that "who would have told me when I arrived as a youth that I could live 15 seasons at the best club in the world, the club of my life of which I am and will be a fan, member and captain, and I have been able to surpass 700 games".

It has been an honor, a dream, a pride to be able to represent this crest for so many years," he emphasized.

Busquets made his debut with Barcelona in the 2008-2009 season under coach Josep Guardiola and from that moment on he began to weave a legend of biblical proportions.

He played a total of 718 games for the Catalan club and won 31 titles (almost 32) in 15 seasons.

Nine Spanish League titles (if we count this season's, which is practically assured), three Champions League titles, seven King's Cups, seven Spanish Super Cups, three European Super Cups and three

Club World Cups, to which we must add the titles of a Euro Cup of Nations and the 2010 World Cup in South Africa won with the national team, a record of another galaxy.

Busquets confounded world soccer. Busquets is the only five in the world who plays as a 10. There is only one Busquets, there are no others," said Argentine legend Juan Román Riquelme, referring to the greatness of the Spanish midfielder, who changed the laws of soccer from his position.

Guardiola's 2009 six-team winning team, in which Busquets was the anchor and guide, is considered by a large majority of experts to be the best in the history of football at club level.

Of that mythical team, which included Lionel Messi, Andrés Iniesta, Xavi Hernández, Carles Pujol, Gerard Piqué, Daniel Alves, Thierry Henry, Samuel Eto'o, Víctor Valdés, Eric Abidal, Yaya Touré, among other greats, only Busquets still plays for the Blaugrana.

Everything has a beginning and an end, and although it has not been an easy decision, I think the time has come," said Busquets in his farewell video.

This is the departure of one of the most beloved Culés gods by the fans and most respected by the soccer world, a true giant on and off the pitch.

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