







Di Maria spoke about Messi with tears in his eyes, admitting that he found it difficult to say goodbye.aa

Argentina's golden era will forever be linked with the genius of Lionel Messi but Sunday's Copa America final is a landmark of the key moment of what will be Angel Di Maria.



Argentina's Angel Di Maria acknowledges supporters as he leaves the pitch after being defeated during the Copa America semi-final win over Canada (JUAN MABROMATA)

The 36-year-old has made clear that the game with Colombia, when the world champions could win their third major title, is his last game in the famous lightblue and white stripes.

Whatever happens during the game at Hard Rock Stadium, it is going to be an emotional occasion for Di Maria, who hasn't hidden his feelings about his farewell.

"With all the emotion in my heart and feeling a lump in my throat I say goodbye to the most beautiful thing that has happened to me in my career, to wear it, sweat it and feel it with all my pride," Di Maria said in November when announcing his planned retirement.

Like Messi, Di Maria played through all the years of football for Argentina that ended with their 2021 Copa America triumph in Brazil and was then obliterated by the joy of the World Cup title in Qatar a year later.



