

## **Fifa 2009 vs Pro Evolution Soccer 2009**

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### **Fifa 2009**

#### **Good points**

Improved skills, Improved goal-keeping intelligence, tackling variations, jostling, 50/50 balls, improved heading, Ronaldo's free kick!

#### **Bad points**

The claim of 250 new features seems a little exaggerated.

### **Pro Evolution Soccer 2009**

#### **Good points**

Erm.

#### **Bad points**

I spent £40 on buying it!

Before asking yourself what is wrong with PES 2009 you have to ask yourself what is right with it, this is not easy for me to admit being a fan on the series from its ISS day's of the PSone platform. The lack of licensing was so often compensated for by the incredible game play, but on this occasion the game failed somewhat miserably. Some of the faults with the game are down to simple laziness. The game came out two weeks after Fifa yet missed out on many of the transfers, and not just small transfers: Berbatov still at spurs, Robinho at Real, sure this is easy enough to put right so how long would it have taken Konami to do it and stop all the fidgeting about? The game play of the game is slowly turning into Fifa's with much more slow pace, which simply doesn't work for the game. It also seems that every goalkeeper is from the Matrix films with their sudden last second motions that are hard to believe. To add to this the only thing keepers can do is punch which would only be an accurate reflection of Heurelho Gomes, but none of the other premier league goal keepers.

This brings us onto Fifa 2009 probably the best football game I have ever played and again this comes from someone who thought Pro Evolution Soccer 2009 ran in his blood. Everything seems to have been perfected, from goalkeeping to attacking the whole game is a pleasant experience. In order to get the most out of the game I believe you need to change the camera angle to 'broadcast close' and change the game speed to 'fast' this is sure to bring out the best in the game. Passes rarely go astray in comparison to Pro. The things that makes Pro so much more frustrating than the previous titles the terrible passing system and the slow, slow pace of the game play. One thing that can be said for both games is that online play has been improved and players have up-to-date attributes, although again Fifa excels of Pro in this department also.

If you are thinking of buying a football game, then in my opinion there is only one option this year! I will give Pro Evo one more chance to get its act together with next years title but if that fails I can only see that the series that will be left standing and that will be Fifa.