

Podcast Worksheet 2

Interview with Hans von Dietze on German football

Damian Fitzpatrick interviews German-football fan, Hans von Dietze (October 31st 2006)

Pre-Listening (Background information)

Teams

Werder Bremen, Stuttgart, Bayern Munich, Schalke, and Hamburg all play in the German League (Bundesliga) while Barcelona play in Spain and Chelsea play in England.

Players / managers

Jurgen Klinsmann – former German coach who retired after leading Germany to 3rd position in the 2006 World Cup. Podolski, Klose and Ballack are all German international players, while Roque Santa Cruz, Van Bommel and Mackay are Bayern Munich players. Rummenigge works for Bayern Munich – he is a former player

Competitions

Champions League – the most important competition for European club teams
European Championship – a competition for European national teams

A. Main Point – True or False

Listen to the interview and choose true or false, give a reason for your choice.

1. T / F Most German football fans were happy to see Klinsmann leave as coach.
2. T / F Werder Bremen is a well-organised defensive team.
3. T / F Bayern Munich recently lost to Werder Bremen.
4. T / F Hans feels that all three German teams will progress in the Champions League.
5. T / F According to Rummenigge, German teams have no chance of winning the Champions league

B. Listening - vocabulary

Listen to the interview and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word.

But the era's going very well, Germany has had a couple of trial games they've won them, they've had (1) _____ victories over all their group teams so far so they are (2) _____ very comfortably at the top and everybody seems to be rather happy with the situation.

Generally, generally there is a continuation of the World Cup (3) _____ and it's been sparked along by a movie that has come out called 'Germany, A Summer (4) _____', it was taken throughout the World Cup - they had a reporter following the team in the dressing room, on the pitch, on the bus and in the hotel and it's currently in the cinemas in Germany. And so everyone's (5) _____ that 'feel-good' time that we had in Germany so everyone's happy.

Key Phrase

"...they just can't compete financially with the big clubs" – The team (Bayern Munich) do not have as much money as teams such as Chelsea or Barcelona.

Answers

A. Main Point – True or False

1. T / **F** Most German football fans were happy to see Klinsmann leave as coach.
Obviously Klinsmann was sadly missed when he chose not to sign another contract.
2. T / **F** Werder Bremen is a well-organised defensive team.
they are an all-attacking team, they go for goals, they score goals, Klose is their best-known striker. They've got 27 goals in the last ... in the nine games
3. **T** / F Bayern Munich recently lost to Werder Bremen.
(Bremen) scored 14 goals in the last three games, including victories over Bayern Munich
4. T / **F** Hans feels that all three German teams will progress in the Champions League.
Hamburg, by contrast, look fairly safe not to move into the second round
5. **T** / F According to Rummenigge, German teams have no chance of winning the Champions league

B. Listening - vocabulary

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Interview with Hans on German football - Transcript

Damian Fitzpatrick interviews Freiburg native Hans von Dietze (October 31st 2006)

DF: Yes, today we welcome back Hans who was a regular feature on our World Cup Podcast, hello Hans how are you?

Hans: Hi, how are you?

DF: Thanks for coming back in, today we are going to talk a little bit about Germany and German football and my first question to you is after the World Cup how did Germans feel about the post-Klinsmann era?

Hans: Good question. Obviously Klinsmann was sadly missed when he chose not to sign another contract. But the era's going very well, Germany has had a couple of trial games they've won them, they've had emphatic victories over all their group teams so far so they are sitting very comfortably at the top and everybody seems to be rather happy with the situation.

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DF: Good, good. Now, domestically in the German league this year, which teams are doing well?

Hans: The team of the moment is Werder Bremen who have just performed superbly they are an all-attacking team, they go for goals, they score goals, Klose is their best-known striker. They've got 27 goals in the last ... in the nine games so far, so scoring three a game, which is wonderful. Have scored 14 goals in the last three games, including victories over Bayern Munich and two away games. They're sitting on top ...

DF: And who is their nearest rival?

Hans: Well, Bayern Munich is, as always is ...one of the contenders, if not sitting on top. At the moment Bayern Munich are struggling a little a bit, they haven't quite got their game together they've had a couple of losses and not scoring many goals, young strike force, Podolski, who's come from Koln, and Mackay and Roque Santa Cruz. So, other teams are Schalke who you have talked about earlier ... who are sitting in third at the moment closely followed by Stuttgart.

DF: Ok, now you mentioned Bayern Munich and they are still in the Champions League...

Hans: Yes, doing very well, three wins in three games...

DF: So tell us a little bit about the three teams that are left in the Champions League.

Hans: The three German representatives are Bayern Munich, Hamburg and Werder Bremen.

Of these three, Bayern Munich look fairly safe to move into the next round. Hamburg, by contrast, look fairly safe not to move into the second round ...

DF: They have no points

Hans: No points from their games and they don't really look like they will get much out of this competition. Werder Bremen is in the tough group with Chelsea and Barcelona and depending on results Werder Bremen could knock Barcelona out of the tournament, so the Germans have their fingers crossed.

DF: Good, now the Champions League, I mean, a German team hasn't won the Champions League since I think 2000, 2001 since Bayern Munich won it?

Hans: Bayern Munich, yes.

DF: What about German teams' chances to win the actual competition this year, what do you think?

Hans: Well, to quote Rummenigge from Bayern Munich he stated that Bayern Munich can not win the Champions League that they would be lucky to make it into the quarter finals. His reasoning is that they just can't compete financially with the big clubs in Europe and this was brought along by the sale – or the moving - of Michael Ballack to Chelsea. Bayern Munich just couldn't hold onto him.

DF: Did Bayern Munich receive any money for this?

Hans: No it was a free transfer, he had finished his contract and didn't sign a new one. Bayern Munich pieced their team together from players who don't quite make it in other teams, Vaan Bommel being a good example at the moment.

DF: Coming from?

Hans: Coming from Barcelona

DF: Ok yes

Hans: And they don't really think that a German team has a chance in Germany, though the way Werder Bremen is playing at the moment, you've got to rate them as a chance. If they can maintain this throughout the season

DF: Do you honestly think they can take Barcelona?

Hans: I think they can and, here we are, I think they will.

DF: Hans, thank you very much for your comments and I hope to talk to you again during the season.

Hans: Thanks for having me on your show.