

Podcast Worksheet

Spotlight on Argentinian football (Boca Juniors – Estudiantes)

Damian and Damon discuss the final match of the Argentinian Apertura League (December 14th 2006)

Here Damian focuses on Boca Juniors.

Pre-Listening (Background information)

Argentinian League Information

Argentina has two league titles to play for every year, the Clausura – which runs from January to May and the Apertura, which runs from June to December.

This year's Apertura Championship will be decided on a play-off between Boca Juniors and Estudiantes, two teams from Buenos Aires.

A. Pre-Listening

1. General

1. Which of these players did **not** play for Boca Juniors?

- a) Diego Maradona b) Batistuta c) Javier Saviola d) Carlos Tevez

2. What colours do Boca Juniors wear?

- a) yellow and blue b) blue and white c) blue and red d) all blue

3. Which team is Boca's biggest rival?

- a) River Plate b) Estudiantes c) Independiente d) Velez

2. Match the word on the left with its meaning on the right.

1. in contrast to

a) be grateful for

2. appreciate

b) tripped up / slowed down

3. loyal

c) intimidated

4. stumbled

d) compared to

5. threatened

e) faithful

Answers

1. General

1 – C / 2 – A / 3 – A

2. Match the word on the left with its meaning on the right.

1 – D / 2- A / 3 – E / 4 – B / 5 - C

B. Listening - vocabulary

Listen and fill in the blanks with an appropriate word

Damian: Well, Boca Juniors is one of the most (1) _____ Argentinian football teams and is based in the neighbourhood of La Boca, in Buenos Aires. This area is built around the port on La Plata River and is a (2) _____ class area of the city. This is in contrast to the supporters of other teams from the city, such as their great rivals River Plate which is seen as more middle class.

Boca's fans are famous for their (3) _____ for their team and they appreciate hard-working and loyal players. Their stadium, *La Bombonera*, which means the chocolate box, is one of the best known in the world, and is very (4) _____ to away supporters because of the noise and the colour there. Perhaps the most famous fan that Boca has is Diego Maradona who also played for his local team. Other famous players that have played for the blue and yellow shirted team include: Batistuta, Riquelme, and Carlos Tevez.

Boca has won more than 20 league titles but are not the most successful (5) _____ in Argentinian football as their city rivals River Plate have won over 30 but they have won 5 Libertadores Cups which is more than their rivals.

This season's team are trying to win their third title in a (6) _____ but have stumbled recently losing their last two matches so maybe confidence is (7) _____. Their manager, Ricardo La Volpe who was manager of Mexico in the Germany 2006 World Cup, has threatened to (8) _____ if they lose against Estudiantes next week.

Transcript - Answers

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