

Podcast Worksheet

## Review of 2006

***A languagecaster look at the major football talking-points of 2006 (December 28th 2006)***

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Now, back in January the African Cup of Nations took place in Egypt with the home side beating Ivory Coast in the final on penalties. Not the first time this season a final would be decided this way.

In February, Wigan in the Premier League for the first time in their history managed to reach the Carling Cup Final, also for the first time, but were eventually thrashed by a more-experienced Manchester United, 4-0. However, Alex Ferguson's team were not enjoying the same success in the English Premier League as Chelsea dominated from start to finish to win their second title in a row. But it was in the FA Cup Final in May which saw the most excitement of the English 2005-6 season. Underdogs West Ham were leading 3-2 in the last minute of the game when this happened (*commentary*). Heartbreak for West Ham who came so close to winning before eventually losing out on penalties to Steven Gerrard's Liverpool team.

In May the two European finals saw matches involving Spanish and English clubs with Sevilla thrashing Middlesbrough 4-0 in the UEFA Cup Final and Barcelona coming from behind to beat Arsenal 2-1 with this Belletti goal (*commentary*).

In other European leagues, Celtic won again in Scotland and Lyon won their 5<sup>th</sup> French title in a row, Barcelona won their second consecutive championship while Bayern Munich won in Germany. However, there was chaos in Italy where a scandal involving club officials, referees and match-fixing caused 'scudetto' champions Juventus to be stripped of their title and relegated to Serie B. Inter took their place as champions. Italian football was not the only country with problems as there was problems in Germany with a refereeing scandal, transfer bungs in England and crowd trouble in France, Holland and most seriously, in Argentina.

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Since then, club football has dominated with two teams already celebrating surprise championship wins, Estudiantes in the Apertura in Argentina and Urawa Reds in the J-League in Japan, while Internacional are the new World Club Champions. At the half way stage in Europe Lyon, PSV, Inter and Celtic are well clear in the French, Dutch, Italian and Scottish Leagues. While Manchester United and Chelsea are involved in a two-horse race in England and in Spain, Barcelona, Sevilla and Madrid are all fighting for the title there, and in Germany there are 4 teams involved for the championship, Schalke, Stuttgart, Bayern and current leaders, Bremen. It promises to be another great year for football in 2007.