

Languagecaster football vocabulary list

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Here are some of the footballing words and phrases from this week's show.

big spenders: a team that spends a lot of money

e.g. Big spenders were West Ham with six payers and Liverpool with four.

to smack of: sound like

e.g. Rafa Benitez's comments about Everton smacked of sour grapes.

the top flight: the top league

e.g. Surely Reading are set for a very respectable finish in the top flight.

to participate in: to take part in, to

e.g. The Thai team participated in the Asean Cup.

dubious: doubtful

e.g. The referee awarded a dubious penalty against Thailand.

scrappy: untidy, not good to watch

e.g. The game was tense again, but also scrappy.

to hit form: start playing well, get a good run of results

e.g. Valencia are starting to hit form.

Pull out all the stops: to try really hard, to make a big effort

e.g. I think Australia are going to pull out all the stops in this game.

To detest: to really hate

Betis and Sevilla absolutely detest each other.