

Podcast 24 Worksheet

## The Championship Promotion Race

By Hans von Dietze (April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007)

### Background

The Championship used to be known as the Second Division. The top two teams automatically are promoted to the premier league, while one more team is promoted. The third team is chosen from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> placed teams in a play off.

Roy Keene is the manager of Sunderland

### Pre-Listening

#### A. Vocabulary

Before listening match the words with their meanings.

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. .... promotion     | a. moving up (a league, or rank) |
| 2. .... to vye        | b. to compete                    |
| 3. .... to cling on   | c. cannot be divided             |
| 4. .... contender     | d. to desperately hold on to     |
| 5. .... the form team | e. team                          |
| 6. .... to falter     | f. to become weaker              |
| 7. .... squad         | g. someone with a chance to win  |

### Listening

#### A. Main ideas

1. T / F Sunderland are favourites to be promoted.
2. T / F Derby have been playing very well recently..
3. T / F Keane has improved Sunderland.
4. T / F It seems clear that Derby will finish ahead of Birmingham.
5. T / F The reporter thinks it is going to be very difficult to pick the last team to be promoted.

## B. Listening - vocabulary

*Listen again and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word.*

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