

## languagecaster football vocabulary list

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midfield dynamo – busy player in the middle of the pitch who runs and runs.  
e.g. Sammy Lee was a **midfield dynamo** for Liverpool.

dismantled – to take apart, to destroy  
e.g. AC Milan **dismantled** Manchester United in the Champions league semi final.

powerhouse – traditionally a strong team.  
e.g. Former **powerhouse** Leeds will be relegated to Division One.

holders – the team that is the current champions  
e.g. **The holders** of the Libertadores Cup, Internacional, did not qualify for the last 16.

controversial – polemical, contentious.  
e.g. Carlos Tevez' transfer was **controversial** and may cause more problems for West Ham.

holding midfielder – a defensive midfield player  
e.g. Mascherano and Makele are strong **holding midfield** players.

penalty shoot out – a way of deciding a Cup tie  
e.g. Liverpool beat Chelsea in **a penalty shootout**.

to swear blind – to be completely convinced  
e.g. Damian **swore blind** that Bilbao would beat Madrid.

closing the gap – getting closer  
e.g. Damian is **closing the gap** on Damon in the predictions race.

overturned – a decision has been changed  
e.g. David Beckham's yellow card from last week was overturned.

in turmoil – going through tough times, confusion, chaos  
e.g. Manchester City are **in turmoil** after the Joey Barton scandal.

to be flat – to be down, not inspired  
e.g. Manchester United will be flat after the defeat in Milan.