

Languagecaster football vocabulary list

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wrap up – to finish, to end

E.g. We're going to wrap up with predictions

showpiece – the main event, the outstanding event

E.g. This is going to be the showpiece of the season

come up on the rails – end a race strongly, to come to the front surprisingly

E.g. Stuttgart, the dark horses, have come up on the rails.

to choke – To fail to perform effectively because of nerves or tension, to lose because you are nervous

E.g. Are Schalke going to choke?

be sacked – to lose your job, your boss tells you that you have no job

E.g. Many managers have been sacked as the season ends.

be livid – be very very angry

E.g. Moyes was absolutely livid!

be hounded – to be chased, followed, bothered

E.g. Mourinho is being hounded by the press.

be upset – be sad (sometimes angry)

E.g. You'll be too upset to speak after Liverpool lose next week.

to overhaul – in sport, to catch and take the lead

E.g. You were hoping for a lot of points to overhaul my score!

to nail it (down) – to make something safe, to decide something

E.g. I thought Schalke would nail the title (by winning)