

Podcast 28 Worksheet

Football voices

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Pre-Listening (Background information)

We asked 6 football fans about their team’s performances this year. Some of the teams are from The Premier League (the top division), some are from the next division (The Championship) and one is even from League One which is the third level. One other team, AC Milan in Italy.

A. Main idea

Listen to the report and fill in the chart below with appropriate information.

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What was the worst moment?	Did not mention	Losing last week (against Crystal Palace)		Did not mention		
Who would you like to sign for your team?					Nugent (Preston)	
Who has been the best player for your team?	Did not mention	Goalkeeper Steven Bywater	Did not mention it		Did not mention it	Jamie Carragher and Steve Finnan
Who is the best player in the world now?	Lionel Messi	Did not mention	Ronaldo (Man Utd)	Did not mention		Did not mention

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Tim: No problem

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Tim: I'm a Liverpool _____.

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Damon: Yes, I totally _____ with that. Perfect. That was a great result wasn't it!

Tim: Yes. And then as a worst moment I'd say _____ to United at home in a game we dominated, and then the last minute goal...

Damon: Yes, that _____.

Tim: That did hurt a lot

Damon: OK. If you could _____ one player for Liverpool, who would that be?

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Who would you like to sign for your team?	Lionel Messi (Barcelona)	Kaka (Milan)	Wayne Rooney or Carlos Tevez	Totti (Roma)	Nugent (Preston)	Samuel Eto'o (Barcelona)
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Transcript

Speaker 1 Gary

Damian: Hello, how are you doing? Please introduce yourself.

Gary: Hello, I'm Gary, I'm an East Anglian and I follow Norwich ...very, very closely

Damian: Norwich City

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Damian: They're in The Championship yes?

Gary: They are in The Championship League.

Damian: Okay, what was the best moment for Norwich this year?

Gary: Well, they didn't go down so that's not bad, they're still in The Championship. For a small club with no money that's very good nowadays.

Damian: Okay, now if you did have loads of money, which player would you like to sign for your team?

Gary: Well, of course Messi.

Damian: Oh alright, the best player in the world these days ...

Gary: He is the best player in the world and he would make a huge impact at Carrow Road and he would get on well with the Norfolk girls.

Damian: Gary, thanks very much.

Speaker 2 Hans

Yes, here I am with our Derby correspondent, um... and as you might have guessed he follows Derby. What was the best or the worst moment for your team this season?

Uh, probably the worst moment, to start with the worst, was when we lost to Crystal Palace last week, which knocked us out of the top two positions in the Championship.

You're third now, right?

We're third and looking at the play-offs playing Southampton

Southampton. Um, if you could sign one player for your team, who would it be?

Influential midfielder, Kaka.

Kaka. Yeah, he's a popular choice, isn't he this year.

Is he, well, playing very well at the moment.

Who is the best player for your team last season?

Um, we have a new goalkeeper signed from West Ham his name is B**** (Bywater), and he has played very well for us this season...

Is he German?

No. No he's ...

It's an interesting name.

English I think.

Really? Uh-huh, OK. Um, and what about the best game, or moment, or goal for you this season.

For Derby the best moment of the season happened just before the season started when the new board took over and the new manager came and um Derby's debt was um reorganised and Derby looked like a team going forward.

OK. What about anything else this season? Anything caught your eye?

Yep. Um...Steven Howard: 17 goals, signed from Luton, has played very well. Um, big turn outs at home, big crowds. And just a general good vibe at Pride park.

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Speaker 4 Hiroshi

Damon OK, I'm sitting with Hiroshi, a Japanese student. I'm going to ask him some questions. Which team do you support?

Hiroshi I like AC Milan.

Damon AC Milan. OK. And what was the best moment for AC Milan?

Hiroshi Kaka... Kaka first goal against Manchester United.

Damon OK. Thank you. If you could sign one more player, who would you sign... who would you buy?

Hiroshi Toti.

Damon Totti. Yes a good choice. Who was the best player for AC Milan this season?

Hiroshi Kaka.

Damon Kaka. There you have it. Thank you very much Hiroshi.

Hiroshi Thank you very much.

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