

Season 2007/8

Podcast 1 Worksheet

## Football is Back!

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### Pre-Listening (Background information)

The Premier League starts again this week and Damon and Damian give their predictions on this week's show. Here are Damon's thoughts on the future of the season.

### A. Listening - vocabulary

Listen to the report and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word.

This season in the Premier League is one I'm really (1) \_\_\_\_\_ forward to because I feel the gap between the big four and the likes of Tottenham, Bolton, Everton and Blackburn, Aston Villa is (2) \_\_\_\_\_. So who do I think is going to win the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ thing. Well, I think it's going to be Manchester United, although as a Liverpool fan that hurts me to say. They've made what looks like exciting signings with Nani and Anderson, young players but (4) \_\_\_\_\_ exciting, and if they can get Tevez, which looks like just (5) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / of / \_\_\_\_\_, they look very strong. Remember they also have Ronaldo and Rooney. Their only weakness is at the (6) \_\_\_\_\_, I think, especially if they lose Heinze to Liverpool.

### B. True or False

Listen to the report and choose whether the following statements are true or false.

1. T / F Damon thinks Liverpool will not win The Premier League
2. T / F He thinks that Liverpool's challenge for the title will fade before Christmas.
3. T / F According to Damon, Liverpool have spent more money than Spurs.
4. T / F Damon only thinks that Derby will last one season in the Premier League.
5. T / F Damon fears Arsene Wenger's Arsenal team.
6. T / F He is confident of winning the languagecaster prediction race again.

## ANSWERS

### A. Listening - vocabulary

Listen to the report and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word.

1. looking
2. narrowing
3. whole
4. nonetheless
5. a matter of time
6. back

### B. True or False

Listen to the report and choose whether the following statements are true or false.

1. **T / F** Damon thinks Liverpool will not win The Premier League  
**they will finish third**
2. **T / F** He thinks that Liverpool's challenge for the title will fade before Christmas.  
**They will have a chance until March**
3. **T / F** According to Damon, Liverpool have spent money than Spurs.  
**He reckons Spurs have spent more (mistakenly!!)**
4. **T / F** Damon only thinks that Derby will last one season in the Premier League.  
**I don't expect Derby to stay up.**
5. **T / F** Damon fears Arsene Wenger's Arsenal team.  
**He feels they will come 6th**
6. **T / F** He is confident of winning the languagecaster prediction race again.  
**And finally, I will win the languagecaster predictions battle again**

## Transcript

This season in the Premier League is one I'm really looking forward to because I feel the gap between the big four and the likes of Tottenham, Bolton, Everton and Blackburn, Aston Villa is narrowing. So who do I think is going to win the whole thing. Well, I think it's going to be Manchester United, although as a Liverpool fan that hurts me to say. They've made what looks like exciting signings with Nani and Anderson, young players but nevertheless exciting, and if they can get Tevez, which looks like just a matter of time, they look very strong. Remember they also have Ronaldo and Rooney. Their only weakness is at the back, I think, especially if they lose Heinze to Liverpool.

Talking of Liverpool, my team, Liverpool will finish third again, but much closer to Chelsea and Manchester United. I expect the Reds to still have a realistic chance of winning the whole thing as late as March. Finishing in the top four will be Tottenham, Tottenham Hotspur who showed flashes of what they could do last season and after spending heavily this summer, I think they've spent more than Liverpool, they should have the squad to be more consistent. I'm looking forward to seeing them in the Champions league.

Going down? As I've hinted in my good, the bad and the ugly I don't expect Derby to stay up. I hope their fans can just enjoy the experience, is that a bit patronizing? And that the club uses the extra cash to build their squad for the future. With Derby I can see Fulham finally losing their grip on survival in The Premier League. They have been slipping down the table every season and it looks like a dead man walking to me. Joining those two will be Wigan. They have had a good run in the Premier League but again they look a bit like a fish out of water. They haven't been able to push on from a good start they had.

Other predictions, Arsenal will finish in sixth place and Wenger will go at the end of the season.

Another? None of the big four will win the FA cup.

And finally, I will win the languagecaster predictions battle again – sorry Damian.