

Season 2007 / 8 - Podcast 6 Worksheet

The Women's World Cup

By Damon Brewster (September 15th, 2007)

Pre-Listening

Background

The last Women's World Cup was held in the USA and was won by the United States.

The 2007 World Cup is being held in China and ends on the 30th of September.

Vocabulary

Choose the word that is similar in meaning.

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| 1. Notice | a. see | b. find | c. nervous |
| 2. Turn up | a. find | b. come | c. meet |
| 3. Pundit | a. person | b. expert | c. player |
| 4. Demolish | a. relegate | b. break | c. smash |
| 5. Expand | a. increase | b. expensive | c. big |

Listening

A. Correct the mistakes

There are 10 mistakes in the following article. Listen and correct them.

As some of you may have noticed the Women's World Cup kicked off last month in China's second city, Shanghai. 16 teams are taking part in 4 groups in 32 games over 12 days, and so far after each team has played 1 game, 29 goals have been scored, averaging out at 4.8 goals a game. Surely a feast of action for the fans that have turned up in their thousands to watch their teams, even if it has been said that many of the fans have been bussed in by the Chinese authorities to make the stands look fuller than they perhaps would have been.

But on the basis of what's happened so far, a ticket to see the women play would be time well spent. The tournament started with most pundits' second favourites, Germany, demolishing Argentina 11-0. And in the same group England and Japan played out a thrilling 2-2 draw, with Japan scoring an equalizer, courtesy of an Aya Miyama free kick in the fourth minute of extra time. A lot of people felt there was no foul and it was bad luck really after England had fought back from one nil down to lead after missing a host of chances. Another exciting end-to-Who said the women's game isn't popular. A late winner by substitute Song Xiaoli, sorry for the pronunciation, sent the stadium into delirium and has put China in a great position to go on to the quarter-final stages.

B. Listening (True or False)

Listen to the second half of the report. Are the statements below true or false?

1. Australia and Canada are taking part in the Women's World Cup. T / F
2. FIFA President, Sepp Blatter wants to keep the number of countries at 16. T / F
3. There has been a lot of media interest in the Women's World Cup. T / F
4. Kelly Smith kissed her team-mate to celebrate a goal. T / F
5. The German coach was not happy with her celebration. T / F
6. In their last game, Germany and England drew 1-1. T / F
7. The Loser of the USA v Sweden game could face Brazil or China in the quarter-final. T / F

Podcast 6 – ANSWERS

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Listening

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As some of you may have noticed the Women's World Cup kicked off last month (week) in China's second city, Shanghai. 16 teams are taking part in 4 groups in 32 games over 12 (20) days, and so far after each team has played 1 game, 29 goals have been scored, averaging out at 4.8 goals a game. Surely a feast of action for the fans that have turned up in their thousands to watch (cheer on) their teams, even if it has been said that many of the fans have been bussed in by the Chinese authorities to make the stands look fuller than they perhaps would have been.

But on the basis of what's happened so far, a ticket to see the women play would be time (money) well spent. The tournament started (opened) with most pundits' second favourites, Germany, demolishing Argentina 11-0. And in the same group England and Japan played out a thrilling 2-2 draw, with Japan scoring an equalizer, courtesy of an Aya Miyama free kick in the fourth minute of extra (injury) time. A lot of people felt there was no foul and it was bad (cruel) luck really after England had fought (battled) back from one nil down to lead after missing a host of chances. Another exciting end-to-Who said the women's game isn't popular. A late winner by substitute Song Xiaoli, sorry for the pronunciation, sent the stadium into delirium and has put China in a great position to go on (progress) to the quarter-final stages.

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1. Australia and Canada are taking part in the Women's World Cup. **T / F**
2. FIFA President, Sepp Blatter wants to keep the number of countries at 16. **T / F (He is in favour of expanding the number)**
3. There has been a lot of media interest in the Women's World Cup. **T / F**
4. Kelly Smith kissed her team-mate to celebrate a goal. **T / F (she kissed her boot)**
5. The German coach was not happy with her celebration. **T / F**
6. In their last game, Germany and England drew 1-1. **T / F (they drew 0-0)**
7. The Loser of the USA v Sweden game could face Brazil or China in the quarter-final. **T / F (They could meet Germany)**

Podcast 6 - Transcript

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As some of you may have noticed the Women's World Cup kicked off last week in China's second city, Shanghai. 16 teams are taking part in 4 groups in 32 games over 20 days, and so far after each team has played 1 game, 39 goals have been scored, averaging out at 4.8 goals a game. Surely a feast of action for the fans that have turned up in their thousands to cheer on their teams, even if it has been said that many of the fans have been bussed in by the Chinese authorities to make the stands look fuller than they perhaps would have been.

But on the basis of what's happened so far, a ticket to see the women play would be money well spent. The tournament opened with most pundits' second favourites, Germany, demolishing Argentina 11-0. And in the same group England and Japan played out a thrilling 2-2 draw, with Japan scoring an equalizer, courtesy of an Aya Miyama free kick in the fourth minute of injury time. A lot of people felt there was no foul and it was cruel luck really after England had battled back from one nil down to lead after missing a host of chances. Another exciting end-to-Who said the women's game isn't popular. A late winner by substitute Song Xiaoli, sorry for the pronunciation, sent the stadium into delirium and has put China in a great position to progress to the quarter-final stages.

As I mentioned, 16 teams are taking part and besides those already mentioned, Sweden, Ghana, Brazil, Canada, Norway, Nigeria, Australia and New Zealand are all taking part. FIFA president Sepp Blatter is in favour of expanding the number of participating countries. Which is a welcome change from his usual requests to reduce the size of shorts that women should wear. And with the increased media coverage this time it is hard to see the tournament staying as a 16-team affair.

Another affair that has been in the headlines is England striker, Kelly Smith's goal celebrations where she kisses her boots. Apparently this hasn't impressed the German coach, England's next opponents, who favours giving out yellow cards for breaking the rules. Hmm... I wonder what the German coach would think of Australian hot shot, Sarah Walsh, who celebrated her goal by using a boot to make a telephone call? We can only guess. Keep your eyes out for a more traditional shirt's off approach perhaps.

Games to watch coming up. England vs Germany - England drew 0-0 with the Germans last time out and there is always a rivalry between these two countries even if it's chess, USA v Sweden (the loser could potentially be going home, or at best facing Germany in the quarter finals), Brazil v China should be a cracker, and Australia v Norway has two physical sides looking to progress.

Plenty to look forward to in the Women's World Cup 2007.