

Season 2007 / 8 - Podcast 8 Worksheet

The Champions League – The English Teams

By Damon Brewster (September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007)

Pre-Listening

Background

Seven Manchester United players died in the Munich Disaster, a plane crash, in 1958. they were returning after playing Red Star Belgrade in the European Cup. At the time, the team was one of the best in Europe and it took Manchester United a long time to recover.

Vocabulary

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## **B. Listening**

Listen to the second half of the report. Answer the questions?

1. How many players does Paul mention when he talks about 'too many cooks spoil the broth'?
2. What kind of players are they?
3. Is Paul happy with Manchester United's strikers?
4. What does he think Ferguson should do?
5. What didn't Veron do when he played for Manchester United?
6. Which does Paul want United to win more? The Premier League or The Champions League?

## Podcast 8 – ANSWERS

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#### B. Listening

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- How many players does Paul mention when he talks about 'too many cooks spoil the broth'?

**Four. Rooney, Tevez, Nani and Ronaldo**

- What kind of players are they?

**Creative**

- Is Paul happy with Manchester United's strikers?

**No. They are not scoring many goals.**

- What does he think Ferguson should do?

**He should sort the problem out / play Saha.**

- What didn't Veron do when he played for Manchester United?

**Didn't do a great thing for the team (didn't contribute much).**

- Which does Paul want United to win more? The Premier League or The Champions League?

**The Premier League**

## Podcast 8 - Transcript

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**Damon:** Do you think you'll top your group with Dynamo Kiev and Sporting Lisbon and Roma?

**Paul:** Um, I expect we will, yeah. I think we've, last year we did very well at this point., and I think although in previous years we were a little shaky, I think that win in Portugal was a very good start.

**Damon:** So you mentioned 'too many cooks spoil the broth'. Are you talking there about Rooney and Tevez?

**Paul:** Well there's Rooney. There's Tevez. There's Nani. There's ... I mean of course Ronaldo's a great player. But these are all kind of creative players who are kind of interchanging and moving around and so far United aren't scoring very much. I mean it's a goal a game if we're lucky really - although of course we put two past Chelsea. So, I think Ferguson has to get that sorted out. It reminds me a little bit of the time when we brought Veron in, and he was another great creative player, a fantastic player, but didn't necessarily do a great thing for the team. And I'm hoping it will sort itself out.

**Damon:** I see. Last question. Would your, as a fan, focus be on the Champions League or winning Premier League title again?

**Paul:** I think winning the Premier League. I think beating Chelsea is the most important thing in the Premier League.