

Season 2007 / 8 - Podcast 26

Derby County

By Hans von Dietze (1st February, 2008)

Pre-Listening

A. Background information

- Derby County were promoted to the premier League in 2007. They have recently been bought by an American business.
- Derby County’s nickname is the Rams.

B. Vocabulary

Check the meaning of these words before you start listening. Match them with the meaning on the right.

Word	Meaning
_____ be consistent	a. to get higher, to add to
_____ be passionate	b. to join, to play
_____ be sacked	c. have lots of emotion
_____ to languish	d. to help a business stay out of debt
_____ torrid	e. very difficult
_____ to pile up	f. to be in a weak, feeble condition, have no strength
_____ to keep afloat	g. be reliable
_____ to compete	h. lose your job

Listening

A. Detail I

Listen and find the **six** mistakes - the first has been done for you.

If you’re looking for consistency in the Premiership this year, look no ~~faster~~ ^{further} than the great Derby County football team. That’s right ladies and gentlemen, the Rams are the more consistent team in the Premiership. And why? Well, you can look at the league table and you can see why. They see to lose every week. But I believe they are a great football club. Let’s tell you why.

First of all, I am a passionate Derby County fan. I have been all my life, and I will never support any other team. This year, you may think, how is it possible to support such a tired team? Looking at the table you'll see they've had only one victory, away against Newcastle. They've had a couple of draws away and a few at home and the rest have been losses: sometimes 3, 4, 5 and even six nil games. Billy Davies, the manager who brought them up to the Premiership last year, has been sacked, replaced by Paul Jewell. And last week Derby were beaten at home by Championship strugglers Preston North End 4 to 1.

B. Detail II

Listen and fill in the blank spaces.

Are you wondering why I'm so happy at being a Derby County fan? Because this week was a big week for them. This week, not only did we draw _____ Man City, picking up a point to take our tally to eight, but we also have new owners. Now recently, the thought of having American owners in the Premiership has had a bit of a bad taste about it. But in Derby, this is actually quite good news because Derby County has had a very torrid past few years. It was only a couple of years ago that my team was languishing _____ the bottom of the Championship facing relegation, much like Leeds United did last year, and with masses of debt piling _____. But then, along came a good season. Along came promotion. And now, new owners, who have reportedly put in £50 million to keep the club afloat, pay _____ their debts and inject some money _____ the transfer market for new players.

The future for Derby County is bright. Yes, they will probably be relegated. Yes, they will probably be playing Championship football next year. But I for one am delighted because with this new money Derby should be able to compete _____ better players, and they should be aiming _____ promotion again: if not next season then the following season. And they should come back into the Premiership with an excellent base _____ which to build.

And don't forget Derby have a fantastic fan base. This season, this season of loss upon loss, they still pull _____ 30,000 fans to all their home games, which is a lot better than some other Premiership teams. And they still are the Rams playing _____ Pride Park, and for me, the only team worth watching in the Premiership.

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First of all, I am a passionate Derby County fan. I have been all my life, and I will never support any other team. This year, you may think, how is it possible to support such a **TERRIBLE** team? Looking at the table you'll see they've had only one victory, **AT HOME** against Newcastle. They've had a couple of draws away and a **COUPLE** at home and the rest have been losses: sometimes 3, 4, 5 and even six nil games. Billy Davies, the manager who brought them up to the Premiership last year, has been sacked, replaced by Paul Jewel. And last week Derby were beaten at home by Championship strugglers Preston North End 4 to 1.

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