

Season 2007 / 8 - Podcast 38

The Champions League Semi Finals

By Damon Brewster (28 April, 2008)

Pre-Listening

Background Information

Liverpool played Chelsea at Anfield, while Barcelona played Manchester United in the semi finals of the Champions League.

John Arne Riise, the Liverpool left back, scored an own goal in extra time and the Liverpool v Chelsea game ended 1-1.

Ronaldo missed a penalty against Barcelona and the game ended 0-0.

Vocabulary

Choose the best word to finish the sentences.

1. For Liverpool fans, it was very disappointing / disappointed / disciplined to give away an own goal at the end of the game.
2. Dirk Kuyt's control / concentration / contribution to the game was fantastic. He never stopped running.
3. After the result, I think Chelsea are to win / the best chance / favourites.
4. Barcelona played well, and Manchester United didn't deserve / demonstrate / desire to win.
5. Most Manchester United fans are feeling / confident / concerned that their team will win at Old Trafford.
6. Peter Cech had a great game and made average / some lucky / key saves.
7. Home advantage is important. It will make a big advantage / difference / big inspiration.

Listening

A. Meaning

Listen to the interviews. The interviewer asks each person three questions. What are the three questions?

Write them below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

B. Detail & Comprehension

Listen. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? and fill in the spaces.

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2. John Arne Riise was his man of the match.
3. Tim thinks that Kuyt is a good sportsman, a fair player.
4. Liverpool have scored at Stamford Bridge (Chelsea's ground) every year.
5. Paul (the manchester United fan) thought that Manchester United controlled most of the game.
6. He thought Manchester United deserved to win because they had a lot of chances.
7. A week ago, Ronaldo scored two penalties against Arsenal.
8. Paul thinks the final in Moscow will be between Chelsea and Manchester United.
9. Simon (the Chelsea fan) thought Chelsea were lucky to get a draw.
10. He thought Terry was the best player for Chelsea.
11. Simon thinks that Chelsea will beat Liverpool on penalties.

C. Language use

Listen to the interviews again. When Tim, Paul and Simon are asked a question what words or phrases to they use to START their answers?

Write what you hear below in the box.

Tim

Paul

Simon

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2. **Who was the stand out player or what was the stand out moment in the match? (Which players stood out for you? etc.)**
3. **What do think will happen in the return leg? (What's your call for the return game? etc.)**

B. Detail & Comprehension

Listen. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? and fill in the spaces.

1. The Liverpool fan (Tim) was very disappointed because of the own goal. **(T)** *Well, um, of course, very disappointing to lose a goal - an own goal - with, like, literally ten seconds left of the game.*

2. John Arne Riise was his man of the match. (F) *...on the positive side, I thought Dirk Kuyt was fantastic for us.*
3. Tim thinks that Kuyt is a good sportsman, a fair player. (T) *And I think he s a good sportsman as well. He could have gone down, Makelele challenged him roughly from behind in the box. He could have gone for the penalty, but he thought No,...*
4. Liverpool have scored at Stamford Bridge (Chelsea’s ground) every year. (F) *Liverpool are owed a goal at Stamford Bridge. We haven t scored there for years, ...*
5. Paul (the manchester United fan) thought that Manchester United controlled most of the game. (F) *Barcelona had most of the game, so I think they ll be a little disappointed they didn t win...*
6. He thought Manchester United deserved to win because they had a lot of chances. (F) *...we didn t win, but then didn t sound like we deserved to.*
7. A week ago, Ronaldo scored two penalties against Arsenal. (T) *I remember watching him put two past the Arsenal keeper just a week or so ago.*
8. Paul thinks the final in Moscow will be between Chelsea and Manchester United. (T) *I think we ll, uh, I think we ll beat em. And I think that Chelsea will win in the other game, ...*
9. Simon (the Chelsea fan) thought Chelsea were lucky to get a draw. (T) *Chelsea were very lucky to get away with a 1-1 draw.*
10. He thought Terry was the best player for Chelsea. (F) *...Carvalho covering for Terry I think was probably one of my picks. But overall Cech, uh, you have to pick Cech.*
11. Simon thinks that Chelsea will beat Liverpool on penalties. (T) *I think it might be 1-1 and Chelsea win on penalties because it s at home.*

C. Language use

Listen to the interviews again. When Tim, Paul and Simon are asked a question what words or phrases to they use to START their answers?

Write what you hear below in the box.

Tim	Paul	Simon
Well, um...	Well, um...	Um, well,
Well,	Um,	Uh,
Well,	Pretty confident,	Um

These phrases are very common when people are thinking or starting a sentence.

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Liverpool fan

Damon: OK, so I've got a Liverpool fan here. What did you think about the result against Chelsea?

Tim: Well, um, of course, very disappointing to lose a goal - an own goal - with, like, literally ten seconds left of the game. So, quite disappointed really.

Damon: Which players stood out for you?

Tim: Well, in terms of standing out in my memory, it's going to be hard to forget Riise's contribution to the game. Um, how someone could try to head a ball that was ankle high off the ground for that last touch of the game. But, uh, on the positive side, I thought Dirk Kuyt was fantastic for us. He was tirelessly running as always, and he got an important goal. And I think he's a good sportsman as well. He could have gone down, Makelele challenged him roughly from behind in the box. He could have gone for the penalty, but he thought 'No, I'm going to go for a goal. And he scored, so great play.

Damon: And what about the return leg?

Tim: Well, you'd, I mean, you'd have to say Chelsea are favourites, I mean, they can grind out a nil-nil like anyone (no-one) can. And um, but I do think we have a chance. I think Torres didn't score any goals, I think he's owed a goal by now, and Liverpool are owed a goal at Stamford Bridge. We haven't scored there for years, so I think there'll be goals in the game...

Manchester United fan

Damon: OK Paul, you're a Manchester United fan. What did you think of the game, uh, last night.

Paul: Well, um, I thought it was a good game, um, as a United fan, um, I thought Barcelona had most of the game, so I think they'll be a little disappointed they didn't win, but of course United had their chances as well, and especially the penalty, so, all in all I think it's... I'm reasonably happy with the result. I mean we didn't win, but then didn't sound like we deserved to.

Damon: Was there any stand out moment, or stand out player for you in the game last night? From either team.

Paul: Um of course the moment that sticks in my mind is the penalty. And, uh, it's not like Ronaldo to miss them. he's uh... I remember watching him put two past the Arsenal keeper just a week or so ago. So I was expecting him to get it in, and uh, obviously that was the big moment.

Damon: OK, and next week is the return leg at Old Trafford. What do you think?

Paul: Pretty confident. I think we'll, uh, I think we'll beat 'em. And I think that Chelsea will win in the other game, and it'll be

Damon: I didn't ask you that...

Paul: And Liverpool will lose...

Chelsea fan

Damon: So, I've got a Chelsea fan here. What did you think about the game midweek?

Simon: Um, well, there are politer words that I can think of. Um, basically, I thought Chelsea were very lucky to get away with a 1-1 draw. Um, but my rationale is that you know it comes around, you get a bit of luck in these sort of games and that's what you need at this stage of the tournament. So, I think, uh, Liverpool, are, Liverpool are still not out of it though.

Damon: Any stand out players for your team?

Simon: Uh, not really, I thought we were very average, um, working hard. Carvalho covering for Terry I think was probably one of my picks. But overall Cech, uh, you have to pick Cech. He made the key saves of the game. Particularly at the end, uh, when Torres and Gerrard both had very good shots on target, uh, it proved to be the difference.

Damon: And, uh, next week the return leg. what's your call?

Simon: Um, my hunch is that it's going to be as close as the first one, obviously home advantage does make a difference at all levels. I think it might be 1-1 and Chelsea win on penalties because it's at home.