

Podcast 35 Worksheet

Champions League Quarter-finals

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Pre-Listening (Background information)

This report focuses on the quarter-finals of the Champions League.

A. Listening – Main point

Listen to the whole report and fill in the table with appropriate information according to each of the speakers.

Match	Match Winner	Overall Winner
Hans Schalke - Barcelona		
Damian Fenerbahce - Chelsea		
Damon Liverpool - Arsenal		
Brendan Manchester United - Roma		

B. Listening – main idea

Listen to the first section (Hans) and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Give a reason to support your answer.

1. T / F Hans is in Germany now.
2. T / F Hans thought that Barcelona deserved their victory.
3. T / F He feels Barcelona will win the second game.

C. Vocabulary

Listen to the next section of the report (Damian) and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word.

Few would have (1) _____ that Turkish side Fenerbahce would still be in the competition at this stage but after coming (2) _____ to beat Chelsea 2-1 in the first leg, they have every (3) _____ to dream of making the semi-finals. With neither Avram Grant from Chelsea nor Zico from Fenerbahce renowned as a (4) _____ genius, this game may come down to courage and (5) _____, which might favour the Turkish side as they are riding on an emotional crest of a wave. But I still think that Chelsea will be too strong for them and they'll (6) _____ to play their Champions League nemesis Liverpool in the ...

D. Gap fill

Listen to the third part of the report (Damon) and using the prompts complete the sentences you hear.

1. What / think / first leg / Liverpool / Arsenal?
2. As / return / leg / Anfield / but / nervous / Arsenal / play / well.
3. Should / beat / Emirates / however / think / Liverpool come / little / strong / Anfield

E. Comprehension

Listen to the final part of the report (Brendan) and answer the following questions.

1. How well did Brendan feel Manchester United performed in the first game?
2. What is encouraging Manchester United fans the most?
3. Why did Brendan mention Liverpool?
4. Explain 'stepped up a gear' and 'mouth watering'.
5. What does Brendan mean by the following?
'and I think Alex Ferguson will be smiling in Roman Abramovic's Moscow come May,'

ANSWERS

A. Listening – Main point

Listen to the whole report and fill in the table with appropriate information according to each of the speakers.

Match	Match Winner	Overall Winner
Hans Schalke - Barcelona	Unsure – but Barcelona will not win the tie	Manchester United
Damian Fenerbahce - Chelsea	Chelsea	Manchester United
Damon Liverpool - Arsenal	Liverpool	Manchester United
Brendan Manchester United - Roma	Manchester United	Manchester United

B. Listening – main idea

Listen to the first section (Hans) and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Give a reason to support your answer.

- T / F Hans is in Germany now.
Ginza, Tokyo
- T / F Hans thought that Barcelona deserved their victory.
Played ugly
- T / F He feels Barcelona will win the second game.
They may draw or lose but definitely will not win

C. Vocabulary

Listen to the next section of the report (Damian) and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word.

- predicted
- Back
- Right
- Tactical
- bottle
- progress

D. Shadowing

Listen to the third part of the report (Damon) and using the prompts complete the sentences you hear.

1. What / think / first leg / Liverpool / Arsenal?

what do I think of the first leg between Liverpool and Arsenal?

2. As / return / leg / Anfield / but / nervous / Arsenal / play / well.

As for the return leg, well, it's at Anfield but I'm nervous because Arsenal really did play well

3. Should / beat / Emirates / however / think / Liverpool come / little / strong / Anfield

They should have beaten us at The Emirates, however, I think Liverpool will come out a little bit stronger at Anfield

E. Comprehension

Listen to the final part of the report (Brendan) and answer the following questions.

1. How well did Brendan feel Manchester United performed in the first game?

Quite well

2. What is encouraging Manchester United fans the most?

The way the team is playing

3. Why did Brendan mention Liverpool?

United seems to have played really well since then (also United fans do not like Liverpool so may be slagging them off!

4. Explain 'stepped up a gear' and 'mouth watering'.

Start playing better / really looking forward to something

5. What does Brendan mean by the following?

'and I think Alex Ferguson will be smiling in Roman Abramovic's Moscow come May,'
Manchester United will beat Chelsea in the final in Moscow in May

Transcript

Schalke-Barcelona

Damon: Okay, we are on the streets of Tokyo, in Ginza, on a beautiful spring afternoon and I've found a German fan. Schalke in the Champions League, what do you think of the first leg?

Hans: Too much respect, we showed them too much respect. Schalke should have won, Barcelona were lucky, they won ugly.

Damon: What do you think the score's going to be in the second leg?

Hans: Here's my call. Barcelona will not win. It may be a draw or Schalke will win but Barcelona cannot win the second leg.

Damon: Okay, so overall, who do you think is the favourite for the Champions League?

Hans: Manchester United.

Damon: Thank you very much.

Fenerbahce - Chelsea

Damian: Few would have predicted that Turkish side Fenerbahce would still be in the competition at this stage but after coming back to beat Chelsea 2-1 in the first leg, they have every right to dream of making the semi-finals. With neither Avram Grant from Chelsea nor Zico from Fenerbahce renowned as a tactical genius, this game may come down to courage and bottle, which might favour the Turkish side as they are riding on an emotional crest of a wave. But I still think that Chelsea will be too strong for them and they'll progress to play their Champions League nemesis Liverpool in the semi final. Can they make it this time? Yes, I think they will but they are going to lose out in the final to Manchester United.

Liverpool - Arsenal

Damon: Well, what do I think of the first leg between Liverpool and Arsenal? Well, it was at Arsenal and I was very pleased at the end of that game, 1-1 with an away goal, fantastic for Liverpool and we were lucky to get away with it. I think the referee who didn't call a penalty for Arsenal was pretty fair all through the night for 50-50 challenges so that wasn't the only reason it wasn't given, but we were very lucky. As for the return leg, well, it's at Anfield but I'm nervous because Arsenal really did play well. They should have beaten us at The Emirates, however, I think Liverpool will come out a little bit stronger at Anfield and may nick an early goal and deflate Arsenal and go on to qualify for the semis. Overall winner? Well, if we beat Arsenal we may go all the way but the smart money is on Manchester United.

Manchester United - Roma

Brendan: I thought Man United played quite well and it's a great result, I think the result as better than the performance. 2-0 away from home should set them up to beat the Italians in the second leg. It's very unlikely that Man United will concede two goals and also I suppose and more encouragingly for us United fans is the form of the team, since they have played Liverpool, they have stepped it up a gear and this augurs well for the rest of the competition. I think Barcelona will come through the other semi-final setting up a mouth-watering semi-final between Barcelona and Man United and I think in the other legs it's going to be Chelsea against Liverpool, a repeat of two previous Champions League semi-finals. My tip for the final is an all-English one between Chelsea and Man United and I think Alex Ferguson will be smiling in Roman Abramovic's Moscow come May, with United beating Chelsea 2-1 in the final.