

Season 2008 / 9 - Podcast 14

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Hoffenheim

Pre-Listening

A. Background information

- TSG Hoffenheim were promoted to the Bundesliga this season.
- In the early 1990s Dietmar Hopp a businessman and former player bought the club. They are now a very rich club.

B. Vocabulary

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

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Listening

A. Listening for detail

Listen to the report and listen for the **TEN** mistakes. **ONE** has been done for you.

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Who are Hoffenheim? Well, they are promoted this season to the Bundesliga for the first time. They are a huge team. In fact, their home stadium only holds just over 60,000 fans, so they like to play at a bigger stadium nearby. Hoffenheim are causing a stir as of their exciting, attacking style of play. Their games have been won by large margins, and they often score four or five goals in a game. In fact, they have scored most goals than any other team in the Bundesliga this season.

## **B. Listening for meaning**

Listen to the rest of the report and answer the true or false questions.

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2. True / False They are not investing money in a bigger stadium.
3. True / False Podolski plays for Hoffenheim.
4. True / False Podolski may leave his team soon.
5. True / False Bremen are not doing well in the league, but are playing well in the Champions League.
6. True / False Bayer Leverkusen are leading the Bundesliga.
7. True / False The reporter wants Bayer Leverkusen to win the Bundesliga championship.

## **Summarising**

What is the best summary for this report.

1. In this year's Bundesliga the big teams are not doing very well, so some of the smaller teams are winning games.
2. This year's Bundesliga is very interesting because a new team, from Bundesliga II, are winning lots of exciting games.
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5. True / **False** Bremen are not doing well in the league, but are playing well in the Champions League. **(They are playing poorly in both competitions)**
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Hoffenheim were only in the second Bundesliga for one season too, and they are backed by a lot of money, which they are investing in a much needed new stadium.

The Bundesliga has a couple of other points of interest at the moment. Podolski is well known, he plays for Bayern Munich, but he can't seem to get a game, and he may be leaving them in this transfer window to go back to his hometown Koln. Meanwhile Bremen are struggling to find form, and even in the Champions League have not won a game yet. Bayer Leverkusen, as mentioned before, currently sit on top of the table, and their young team are playing exceptionally well. And they are my pick to lift the crown at the end of the season. But, as every neutral would say, we all hope Hoffenheim are the eventual champions.

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