

Podcast 30 / 2008-9 Worksheet

The Madrid Derby

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A. Listening for Detail and Comprehension

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B. Listening for Comprehension

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

1. How many games have Real Madrid won at home out of the last 71?
2. What happened the last time Atletico beat Real Madrid?
3. What does 'las pupas' mean?
4. Who scored his first La Liga goal against Atletico?
5. How many of the last ten games have real Madrid won?
6. How did Atletico help their rivals last week?
7. What will both clubs be thinking about when they play on Saturday?

C. Overall Understanding

Look at these numbers from the report. can you remember how they were used. make a sentence for each one.

1903

4-3

31

48

1999

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1. happens, occurs

4. started, created

7. magnificent, great

2. famous, well known

5. featured, played

8. old, broken

3. old, deep, hard to forget

6. get, pull

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1. How many games have Real Madrid won out of the last 71 at home?

They have won 48 out of the last 71 games.

2. What happened the last time Atletico beat Real Madrid?

They were relegated (in 1999)

3. What does 'las pupas' mean?

It means the luckless ones.

4. Who scored his first La Liga goal against Atletico?

raul scored his first La Liga goal against Atletico.

5. How many of the last ten games have real Madrid won?

All of them (10 out of 10)

6. How did Atletico help their rivals last week?

They beat Barcelona 4-3.

7. What will both clubs be thinking about when they play on Saturday?

They will also be thinking about the Champions league games they have to play.

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Look at these numbers from the report. can you remember how they were used. make a sentence for each one.

1903 - Atlético Madrid were founded (a year after Real) in 1903.

4-3 - Atlético Madrid defeated Barcelona 4-3 last week.

31 - Real Madrid have won 31 domestic titles,

48 - Real have won 48 of the last 71 matches at home.

1999 - Atletico last beat real Madrid in 1999 but they were relegated.

4 - Real are only 4 points behind Barcelona.

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So, who is going to win?

Well, if history is anything to go by then it will be a home victory for Real as they have won 48 of the last 71 matches that have taken place there. Indeed, 'Atleti' have only won 12 with 1999 being the last time that they did so - ironically, the season that they were relegated and those two facts sum up the club. Inconsistent beyond belief. An inconsistency that has led them to be known as las pupas, the luckless ones. However, much of this bad luck has been brought on by themselves. Atlético fans must wonder what might have been if the club had decided to not disband their youth sides in the early 1990s which meant that Raul moved across the capital to their deadly rivals. Needless to say, his first ever La Liga goal came against los rojiblancos.

On current form it should be Real's victory as they are on an amazing 10-game winning streak which has seen them reduce Barcelona's lead at the top to only 4 points. Ironically, Real's cause was helped by their city rivals as Atlético Madrid defeated Barcelona 4-3 in a thrilling game last week. Though both teams may have one eye on the upcoming return legs of difficult Champions League encounters next week, Saturday's game should be a wonderful occasion.