English for Football – week 6

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Today's English For Football phrase is **bouncebackability**. A very new word, it's still not in most dictionaries. Now, it sounds a long word but let's cut it up into smaller pieces: **bounce, back** and **ability**. The first two words make a phrasal verb, **bounce back.** This means to recover from a setback or bad news, to come back after something bad has happened. Adding ability to the end of this phrasal verb makes a noun, **bouncebackability**, the ability to recover from a setback. It was first used by Iain Dowie, the Crystal Palace's manager in 2003 and is used in football but recently also in general English, so for example, Tottenham showed good **boucebackability** to win against Middlesbrough this week after their terrible result against Arsenal. Or Liverpool have shown amazing **bouncebackability** to recover from going three goals down against AC Milan to then win the Champions League final in 2005. Now, Damian can show his **bouncebackability** in this week's predictions. At the moment he has 8 points while I have 22.