

This week's English for football is 'to stay in the hunt'. To hunt of course means to try to catch something, usually an animal like a rabbit, deer or fox etc. When hunting, sometimes you can be close to catching your target only to miss it at the end. If the target escapes, it has 'slipped through your fingers'. These phrases are used in football a lot. Now, this week in Europe, Liverpool beat Chelsea in a top-of-the-table clash, and they stay in the hunt for the championship. They still have a chance of winning. Are Chelsea still in the hunt? Many people think they have lost their chance. Likewise in La Liga, Real Madrid beat Numancia 2-0 to stay in the hunt behind Barcelona. Although they are a huge 12 points behind, they are the only team with a real chance of catching the leaders. To stay in the hunt.