

## Fixture Pile Up

This week's English for football phrase is 'fixture pile up'. First, let's look at the word 'pile'. This noun means a lot of something: for example, a pile of books is a lot of books, a pile of rubbish, means a lot of rubbish. Pile also has the meaning of a disordered amount, not carefully put somewhere, in chaos. To pile up, means to make a heap or pile of objects. So, a fixture pile up means a lot of fixtures, or games, in a short period of time. Usually teams play one game a week. They might sometimes play twice a week if they are in a cup competition, but if they have to play three times in a week for example, they have a fixture pile up. Manchester United are in the FA Cup, won the Carling Cup, are still in the Champions League and are facing a fixture pile up at the end of the season. They have a lot of games to play in May.

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