

Champions League Quarter Finals

(April 12th 2009)

Pre-Listening / Background information

This report focuses on the quarter-finals of the Champions League.

A. Listening - Main Idea

Listen to the first part of the report and decide whether these sentences are true or false. Give a reason to support your answer.

1. T / F Quintuple means to win five trophies.
2. T / F Damian says that recently Manchester United have been playing well.
3. T / F Alex Ferguson says his team will have an easy game against Porto in the second leg.
4. T / F Damian thinks that it would be silly to think Manchester United can win.

B. Listening - Vocabulary / detail

Listen to the next section of the report (Damon and Hans) and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.

Damon: Right, let's get the (1) _____ from a German fan (2) _____ Bayern Munich's performance against Barcelona in the Champions League quarter final first leg. This is what Hans had to say.

Hans: Dear oh dear, what a (3) _____ performance by Bayern Munich they really are in a slump at the moment and their (4) _____ in Barcelona 4-0 proves that. But it's not like it was a (5) _____. Last weekend, losing 5-1 away to Wolfsburg in the Bundesliga had the writing on the wall. And in Munich, there are a lot of people (6) _____ fingers at coaches, management and so on. So Barcelona full credit, excellent victory. But I don't think things will change in the second leg. It looks like Barcelona have this one (7) _____ up, and whilst they may lose it doesn't matter. The 4 goal victory is enough, and I think that Barcelona will go on to win the Champions League. I have to say that because they were pretty (8) _____ last night.

Damon: Thanks Hans. Now that game of course featured the Spanish giants Barcelona - now (9) _____ favourites to win the whole thing, but another Spanish team was also in (10) _____ when Villarreal hosted English side Arsenal. This game ended 1-1, and while Arsenal will be happy to take an (11) _____ goal into the second leg, this tie is by no means over. Arsenal were also (12) _____ by injuries to Gallas and Almunia the keeper. Gallas' injury looks set to keep him out for the rest of the season, too. But I think Adebayor's (13) _____ equaliser will be crucial. Villarreal failed to make the most of the 12th man effect - their ground can be an intimidating place to go. I think they will not play with the same (14) _____ and passion in London and will be (15) _____ out by Arsenal. As for the final, I think it'll be Barcelona vs Porto.

C. Listening - Connecting Ideas

Listen to the final part of the report (Damian) and use the prompts to complete the sentences that you hear.

1. Liverpool's / dream / tatters / were beaten / Chelsea / night
2. Despite / lead / classy / Torres / home side / answer / power, passing ability and
3. Guus Hiddink / made / the side / when / you wonder / team / them

D. Listening - main Points

Listen again. Fill in the chart with information based on what they say?

Speaker	Will win	Will make the final	May do well
Damian			
Hans			
Damon			

Champions League: the last 16

(February 18th 2009)

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1. T / F Quintuple means to win five trophies.
2. T / E Damian says that recently Manchester United have been playing well.
have started to wobble , dip in form
3. T / E Alex Ferguson says his team will have an easy game against Porto in the second leg.
Alex Ferguson admitting that it would be a difficult job
4. T / E Damian thinks that it would be silly to think Manchester United can win.
only a fool would write off United and I still think they can win

B. Listening - Vocabulary / detail

Listen to the next section of the report (Damon and Hans) and fill in the gaps with the appropriate word.

Damon: Right, let's get the (1) **views** from a German fan (2) **on** Bayern Munich's performance against Barcelona in the Champions League quarter final first leg. This is what Hans had to say.

Hans: Dear oh dear, what a (3) **terrible** performance by Bayern Munich they really are in a slump at the moment and their (4) **defeat** in Barcelona 4-0 proves that. But it's not like it was a (5) **surprise**. Last weekend, losing 5-1 away to Wolfsburg in the Bundesliga had the writing on the wall. And in Munich, there are a lot of people (6) **pointing** fingers at coaches, management and so on. So Barcelona full credit, excellent victory. But I don't think things will change in the second leg. It looks like Barcelona have this one (7) **wrapped** up, and whilst they may lose it doesn't matter. The 4 goal victory is enough, and I think that Barcelona will go on to win the Champions League. I have to say that because they were pretty (8) **impressive** last night.

Damon: Thanks Hans. Now that game of course featured the Spanish giants Barcelona - now (9) **surely** favourites to win the whole thing, but another Spanish team was also in (10) **action** when Villarreal hosted English side Arsenal. This game ended 1-1, and while Arsenal will be happy to take an (11) **away** goal into the second leg, this tie is by no means over. Arsenal were also (12) **struck** by injuries to Gallas and Almunia the keeper. Gallas' injury looks set to keep him out for the rest of the season, too. But I think Adebayor's (13) **fantastic** equaliser will be crucial. Villarreal failed to make the most of the 12th man effect - their ground can be an intimidating place to go. I think they will not play with the same (14) **confidence** and passion in London and will be (15) **knocked** out by Arsenal. As for the final, I think it'll be Barcelona vs Porto.

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1. Liverpool's / dream / tatters / were beaten / Chelsea / night

Liverpool's Champions League dream lies in tatters after the Reds were beaten 1-3 by Chelsea on Wednesday night.

2. Despite / lead / classy / Torres / home side / answer / power, passing ability and

Despite taking an early lead with a classy finish from Torres the home side had no answer to Chelsea's power, passing ability and attacking play.

3. Guus Hiddink / made / the side / when / you wonder / team / them

Manager Guus Hiddink has definitely made his mark on the side and when Chelsea play like this you wonder if any team can stop them.

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Speaker	Will win	Will make the final	May do well
Damian			Manchester United Chelsea
Hans	Barcelona		
Damon		Barcelona v Porto	

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Transcript

Damian: Only a month ago many here in England were tipping Manchester United to win an unprecedented quintuple - five trophies in one season - but in recent weeks the Red Devils have started to wobble. This dip in form continued on Tuesday night as they were held to a 2-2 home draw by Portuguese champions FC Porto. To say that Manchester United did not play well is a little unfair on the team from the north of Portugal as they were well organised, passed the ball better than the home team and were always looking to attack. They deserved their last-minute equaliser from Mariano Gonzalez which left United manager Alex Ferguson admitting that it would be a difficult job to qualify for the semi finals. However, only a fool would write off United and I still think they can win away in Portugal next week.

Damon: Right, let's get the views from a German fan on Bayern Munich's performance against Barcelona in the Champions League quarter final first leg. This is what Hans had to say.

Hans: Dear oh dear, what a terrible performance by Bayern Munich they really are in a slump at the moment and their defeat in Barcelona 4-0 proves that. But it's not like it was a surprise. Last weekend, losing 5-1 away to Wolfsburg in the Bundesliga had the writing on the wall. And in Munich, there are a lot of people pointing fingers at coaches, management and so on. So Barcelona full credit, excellent victory. But I don't think things will change in the second leg. It looks like Barcelona have this one wrapped up, and whilst they may lose it doesn't matter. The 4 goal victory is enough, and I think that Barcelona will go on to win the Champions League. I have to say that because they were pretty impressive last night.

Damon: Thanks Hans. Now that game of course featured the Spanish giants Barcelona - now surely favourites to win the whole thing, but another Spanish team was also in action when Villarreal hosted English side Arsenal. This game ended 1-1, and while Arsenal will be happy to take an away goal into the second leg, this tie is by no means over. Arsenal were also struck by injuries to Gallas and Almunia the keeper. Gallas' injury looks set to keep him out for the rest of the season, too. But I think Adebayor's fantastic equaliser will be crucial. Villarreal failed to make the most of the 12th man effect - their ground can be an intimidating place to go. I think they will not play with the same confidence and passion in London and will be knocked out by Arsenal. As for the final, I think it'll be Barcelona vs Porto.

Damian: Liverpool's Champions League dream lies in tatters after the Reds were beaten 1-3 by Chelsea on Wednesday night. Despite taking an early lead with a classy finish from Torres the home side had no answer to Chelsea's power, passing ability and attacking play. Manager Guus Hiddink has definitely made his mark on the side and when Chelsea play like this you wonder if any team can stop them. Unless there is a dramatic turn around in the second leg matches a semi-final with Barcelona awaits which should turn out to be a cracker.