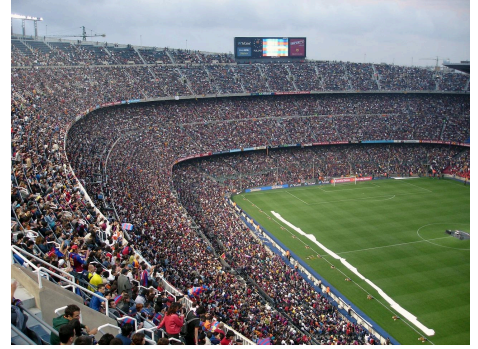


Fantastic Finals: Barcelona '99



1) Discussion

- a) Can you remember any amazing Champions League finals?
 - b) Can you think of any amazing last minute goals?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Domestic (adjective) | a) A feeling of hopelessness or sadness. |
| 2) Peak (adjective) | b) The highest point or summit of something, such as a career. |
| 3) Have a mountain to climb (idiom) | c) A goal in football that makes the score level. |
| 4) Numerous (adjective) | d) Facing a difficult challenge or task. |
| 5) Equaliser (noun) | e) Related to activities within your own country. |
| 6) Despair (noun) | f) Many or a large number of something. |



b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Domestic

Peak

Have a mountain to climb

Numerous

Equaliser

Despair

- 1) Despite facing _____ big teams, Liverpool won the 2005 Champions League.
- 2) Italian fans were in _____ as they lost the Euro 2012 final 4-0 to Spain.
- 3) At the _____ of his career, Zidane moved from Juventus to Real Madrid.
- 4) After a slow start to the season, PSG _____ if they wanted to win the league again.
- 5) In 2019, Manchester City won a _____ treble. Winning the League, FA Cup and League Cup.
- 6) In the final minutes of the match, Robin van Persie scored the _____ for and won a point for Arsenal.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) What were Manchester United aiming to do in the 1999 Champions League final?
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And Solskjaer has won it!!

The Champions League final is often a hotly contested affair, with some of the greatest games ever happening in the competition, however, you'll do well to find one with more drama than the 1999 final in Barcelona.

Manchester United had already completed a domestic double by winning the FA Cup and the Premier League. They were trying to win the Champions League too, which would mean a historic treble. But it wasn't going to be easy. Before the final, Manchester United had a problem. Two of their best players, Roy Keane and Paul Scholes, couldn't play because they were suspended after picking up yellow cards in the semi-final against Juventus.

Their opponents Bayern Munich were a very strong team. They had players like Oliver Kahn, Stefan Effenberg, and Lothar Matthäus, who were all at the peak of their powers. A win for Bayern would mean a third European Cup title.

When the match started, Bayern Munich were on top. They controlled the ball a lot and made Manchester United work hard to stop them. Then, in the 6th minute, Bayern Munich took the lead through a Mario Basler free-kick. This made it 1-0 for Bayern Munich and Manchester United had a mountain to climb.

As the match went on, it looked like Bayern Munich were in complete control and dominated possession and chances, hitting the bar and missing numerous chances to kill the game. But Manchester United didn't give up. In the 91st minute of the match, Manchester United Teddy Sheringham scored an equaliser. It looked as if the game was going to extra time until Ole Gunnar Solskjaer headed in from a David Beckham corner in the 93rd minute. In the space of two minutes United had turned the game around and the treble was headed to Manchester.

When the final whistle blew the Bayern players fell to the ground in despair, while the United players ran around the pitch in disbelief. The match marked the end of a defining season for Sir Alex's United, becoming the first English team to complete a historic treble.



4) Discussion

- a) What are your thoughts on the 1999 Champions League final?
- b) How would you have felt if you were a Bayern Munich fan?
- c) What do you think about Manchester United's treble?

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