

Inter's Treble



1) Discussion

- a) Who are some of your country's biggest clubs?
 - b) How many trophies can a team win in your country?
 - c) Who are your favourite Italian teams?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

1) To Lead (verb)

a) Exact, accurate, or done in a careful and accurate way.

2) Role (noun)

b) The part or function that someone or something has in a situation or activity.

3) Keep opponents at bay (phrase)

c) A person or team that is expected to lose or has less chance of winning compared to others.

4) Precise (adjective)

d) To stop trying; quit

5) Underdog (noun)

e) To guide or be in charge of a group or situation.

6) Give up (phrasal verb)

f) To prevent opponents from getting too close or scoring goals.



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

To lead

Role

Keep opponents at bay

Precise

Underdog

Give up

- 1) The _____ team surprised everyone by beating the tournament favourites.
- 2) To win matches, players must be _____ in their passing and shooting.
- 3) Leo Messi is a good captain because he _____ by example.
- 4) In world football, a coach's _____ is important in helping the team perform well.
- 5) In the 1999 Champions League final, Manchester United didn't _____ and won the game 2-1 thanks to 2 late goals.
- 6) Mourinho's team are famous for _____ and not conceding a lot of goals.



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

- a) Who are the key players mentioned in the article?
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Il triplete dell'Inter

In the 2009-2010 football season, Inter Milan achieved something incredible: they won three major trophies in one season; Serie A, the Coppa Italia and the Champions League. Led by their coach, Jose Mourinho, they overcame many challenges to achieve this remarkable feat.

Key players like Maicon, Sneijder, and Milito played crucial roles in Inter's success. Maicon, a fast and strong Brazilian defender, helped keep opponents at bay. Wesley Sneijder, a skillful Dutch midfielder, controlled the game with his precise passes and important goals. Diego Milito, an Argentine striker, scored many crucial goals throughout the season, including winners in the Coppa Italia Final and the Champions League final.

But it was Mourinho's leadership that truly made the difference. He inspired the team with his tactics and strategies, guiding them through tough matches. In the final stages of the Champions League he showed his organisation skills, keeping the defence solid, conceding only 3 goals in the knockout stages.

One of the most memorable moments of Inter's season was their Champions League semi-final against Barcelona. Despite being seen as the underdogs, Inter won the first leg 3-1. They defended bravely in the second leg, even when they had to play with ten players after a player was sent off. Eventually, they held on to win the tie and reach the final. They played a strong Bayern Munich in the final, where two goals from Diego Milito completed an historic treble.

Inter's journey to winning the treble showed their determination and teamwork. They faced strong opponents but never gave up. Their victory will always be remembered by fans as a shining example of what can be achieved with hard work and belief, as they became the first Italian team to win a treble.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Inter's treble season?
- b) Can you think of any other players who played for the team?
- c) Do you think this was Mourinho's best team?

