

The Comeback Final



1) Discussion

- a) What is the best Champions League final you have watched?
 - b) Can you think of any surprise results in finals?
 - c) Can you think of any amazing teams that didn't win the Champions League?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Spirit (noun) | a) To make something equal or balanced. |
| 2) Within (preposition) | b) To score, e.g. a penalty. |
| 3) Give Up (phrasal verb) | c) To divide into different parts or groups. |
| 4) To Square (verb) | d) A feeling of enthusiasm or determination. |
| 5) To Separate (verb) | e) Inside or in the interior of something. |
| 6) To Convert (verb) | f) To stop trying or stop doing something. |
| 7) Comeback (noun) | g) A return or recovery, especially after a setback or defeat. |
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b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.

Spirit Within To Give up To Square

To Seperate To Convert Comeback

- 1) Arsenal were winning 4-0 at half-time, but Newcastle scored 4 goals in the second half to complete an amazing _____.
- 2) The coach decided to _____ the team into attacking and defensive units during training sessions.
- 3) Harry Kane didn't _____ the penalty and the team lost 2-1.
- 4) In the 1999 Champions League final, Manchester United showed that you should never _____.
- 5) Argentina were winning 2-0 _____ 36 minutes of the 2022 World Cup final.
- 6) The team showed incredible _____ as they won the title.
- 7) After an hour, Ronaldo _____ the game at 1-1.



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

- a) Who were the key players in the 2005 Champions League final according to the article?
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In 2005, the UEFA Champions League Final between AC Milan and Liverpool FC took place in Istanbul, Turkey

Before the final, AC Milan and Liverpool FC had different strengths. Milan was seen as the favourite because they had many good players like Paolo Maldini, Andrea Pirlo, Kaká and Andriy Shevchenko. They had a strong team and had won the Champions League before. On the other hand, Liverpool wasn't as strong as Milan, but they had a strong spirit, led by captain Steven Gerrard. They fought hard to reach the final, beating Juventus and Chelsea along the way.

The first half was dominated by AC Milan. Paulo Maldini opened the scoring within 3 minutes, before Hernan Crespo added 2 more before half-time.

However, Liverpool didn't give up. In the second half, they scored three goals in just six minutes, squaring the game at 3-3 after 61 minutes. This surprised everyone and made the match very exciting. Extra-time followed but the teams couldn't be separated, so the match went to penalties.

During the shootout, Liverpool converted 3 of their 4 penalties with Dietmar Hamann, Djibril Cissé and Vladimír Šmicer scoring their penalties. Liverpool's goalkeeper, Jerzy Dudek, was the hero, saving the last penalty from Andriy Shevchenko. Liverpool became champions of Europe for the fifth time.

This match is remembered for Liverpool's amazing comeback. It showed that in football, anything can happen, and even the strongest teams can be beaten. It's a match that fans will never forget.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ojXHf293M8>



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think of the 2005 Champions League final?
- b) Why do you think Liverpool were able to come back in the game?
- c) Which players from Liverpool and AC Milan did you like?
- d) Do you think it's the greatest Champions League Final?

