

Fantastic Finals: Copa del Rey 2011



1) Discussion

- a) Do you watch a lot of Spanish football?
 - b) Which teams in Spain do you enjoy watching?
 - c) Do you prefer Real Madrid or Barcelona?
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Philosophy (noun) | a) More time added to a match because the score is tied. |
| 2) Pragmatic (adjective) | b) Doing what works best, not just what is ideal. |
| 3) Counter-attacking (adjective) | c) A way of thinking about something or doing something. |
| 4) Treble (noun) | d) Being much stronger or better than others. |
| 5) Extra time (noun) | e) Quickly trying to score after stopping the other team. |
| 6) Dominance (noun) | f) Winning three big trophies in one season. |



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

Philosophy Pragmatic Counter-attacking Treble
Extra Time Dominance

- 1) In 1999, Manchester United won the _____ by winning the Premier League, FA Cup, and Champions League.
- 2) The 2018 World Cup final did not go into _____ because France won in regular time.
- 3) Gareth Southgate is known for his _____ approach to winning matches.
- 4) Juventus showed their _____ by winning many Serie A titles in a row.
- 5) Jürgen Klopp's _____ at Liverpool was to play very fast and press high.
- 6) When Leicester City won the Premier League, they were very good at _____ with Jamie Vardy.



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

- a) What was the final score in the 2011 Copa del Rey final?
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The El Clásico Copa del Rey Final

The 2011 Copa del Rey final was a big football match in Spain. It was played on April 20, 2011. The two teams in the final were FC Barcelona and Real Madrid. These two teams are very famous and have a big rivalry.

Barcelona's key players were Lionel Messi, Xavi, and Andrés Iniesta. These players are very good at passing and scoring goals. Their manager was Pep Guardiola. Guardiola's philosophy was called "tiki-taka," which means short and quick passes.

Real Madrid's key players were Cristiano Ronaldo, Iker Casillas, and Mesut Özil. Ronaldo is known for his speed and powerful shots. Their manager was José Mourinho. Mourinho's style of play was more defensive, pragmatic and counter-attacking .

For both teams, this final was very important. Winning the Copa del Rey means winning a big trophy in Spain. Barcelona wanted to win to show they were the best team, they were also looking to win a treble of La Liga, The Champions League and the Copa del Rey. Real Madrid wanted to win to stop Barcelona from winning more trophies.

The match was very exciting. Both teams played very well. There were no goals in the first 90 minutes, so the match went into extra time. In the 103rd minute, Cristiano Ronaldo scored a goal with a header. This goal was very important and gave Real Madrid the win. The final score was 1-0 to Real Madrid.

This victory was special for Real Madrid because they had not won the Copa del Rey since 1993, and it stopped Barcelona's dominance. The 2011 final is remembered as a great match between two top teams and two great managers.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about the 2011 Copa del Rey final?
- b) Did you like to watch Barcelona's or Real Madrid's style of football?
- c) Do you prefer Pep Guardiola or José Mourinho?
- d) Do you think Barcelona's 2011 team is one of the best ever?

