



LISTENING

2016 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUARTER-FINALS

In order to do this task, you should follow these steps:

1. Listen to the podcast.
2. Do the exercises below.
3. Have a look at the vocabulary support and read the podcast transcript to help you understand the text if necessary.

✓ WORKSHEET

1. In the Barcelona- Atlético de Madrid match, which team scored first?
 - a. Atlético de Madrid scored an own goal.
 - b. Barcelona
 - c. Atlético de Madrid
2. Fernando Torres...
 - a. Didn't finish the match
 - b. Played all the match
 - c. Wasn't on the line-up for that match
3. The expression *scored a brace* means that the player...
 - a. Made a hat-trick
 - b. Scored two goals
 - c. Scored just one goal
4. The podcast suggests that, in the Wolfsburg- Real Madrid match,...
 - a. A clear penalty was awarded to Wolfsburg.
 - b. Wolfsburg was denied a clear penalty.
 - c. Wolfsburg was awarded a doubtful penalty.

5. According to the audio, which team played better during most of the first half in the match between Paris Saint- Germain and Manchester City?

- a. Paris Saint- Germain
- b. Manchester City
- c. None of them stood out.

✓ **VOCABULARY SUPPORT**

- **Bounced back:** recovered
- **Had gone one up:** they scored the first goal.
- **Hero to villain:** first he did something great, then something stupid.
- **Scored a brace:** scored two goals
- **Broke down:** opened up the defence, managed to get through
- **Tipping:** predicting, choosing
- **Gifted a soft penalty:** a soft penalty is one which sometimes would not have been awarded. 'Gifted' suggests that the referee awarded the penalty as a gift or a favour.
- **The return leg:** the second game
- **To overturn:** to come from behind
- **Deficit:** how many goals that they are losing by (a two-goal deficit means they are losing by two goals; e.g., 2-0 or 3-1)
- **Pulling the strings:** organising the team
- **Outplayed:** defeated
- **One-on-one:** when a player only has the keeper to beat
- **Heartened:** encouraged
- **Replicate:** copy
- **Scrape through:** just about win through
- **Huge slices of luck:** a lot of luck
- **A host of:** a lot of
- **To catch them on the break:** to play counter-attacking football

✓ PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

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The four first leg matches of this season's 2016 Champions League quarter-finals have all taken place and so, on this week's listening practice report, we take a look back at what happened and a look forward to next week's second leg games.

Barcelona – Atlético de Madrid (2-1)

The home side had faced questions about their recent form but they **bounced back** in the first leg match at home against rivals Atlético. The Madrid side **had gone one up** in the first half when former Liverpool star, Fernando Torres, finished off a great move. However, Torres turned **from hero to villain** later in the half when he was sent off for a second yellow card. Another former Liverpool star, Luis Suárez, then **scored a brace** for the home side in the second half, as they eventually **broke down** the ten men of Atlético. My tip: This will be a huge game in Madrid next week, remember that the home side only need a 1-0 win to make it through and that no team has retained the Champions League/ European Cup since Milan in the 1990s, so I am going for Atlético to defeat the current holders to make the last four.

Wolfsburg – Real Madrid (2-0)

Undoubtedly, the shock of the round so far with no one **tipping** the German side to defeat Madrid, particularly as *Los Blancos* had defeated Barcelona the previous weekend. Yes, the German side may have been **gifted a soft penalty** but they looked more like a team than their Spanish opponents, who will be without French striker Benzema for the **return leg** next Tuesday. Madrid have the players, home advantage and the history **to overturn** a two-goal **deficit** but Wolfsburg, with Julian Drexler **pulling the strings**, will be dangerous on the counter-attack. My tip: Madrid to win on the night but Wolfsburg to shock everyone and progress to the semi-finals.

Paris Saint-Germain – Manchester City (2-2)

City will be thankful that they managed to get out of Paris with a draw and two away goals, after being **outplayed** for much of the first leg. PSG missed many chances, including a penalty and a clear **one-on-one** from Swedish star Zlatan Ibrahimovic, but City will be **heartened** by their battling display and the fact that both Yaya Toure and captain Vincent Kompany may return for the second leg. Paris will also

be hopeful that they can **replicate** their recent away form in England, having beaten Chelsea 2-1 a month ago. My tip: There will be lots of goals and I think City will **scrape through**.

Bayern Munich – Benfica (1-0)

Few gave the Portuguese side any chance of making it through to the last four before the game so, when Bayern midfielder Vidal scored within the first two minutes, it looked all over for Benfica. But they battled bravely, particularly their goalkeeper, and had **huge slices of luck** as Bayern missed **a host of** chances and the Portuguese could even have scored one themselves. Home advantage will be a big plus for them next week but surely now that they will have to come out and play in search of a goal will allow the Germans **to catch them on the break**. My tip: Bayern to win on the night and progress to the semi-final.