



Bayern Takes Champions League Title

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

electrifying	Causing sudden interest or excitement.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: Verstappen's performance at the 2016 Brazilian Grand Prix was one of the most electrifying in Formula 1 history.</i>

shrewd	Good at understanding and making judgments about people or things.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: I don't know much about him, but I think Luke is a shrewd businessman.</i>

state-of-the-art	Using the most advanced technologies or methods available.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: The new model of camera features state-of-the-art engineering.</i>



camaraderie	Friendship and trust among a group of people.
[noun]	<i>Ex: A sense of camaraderie came over Mike as his teammates carried him off the pitch on their shoulders.</i>

reinforce	To support or make an object, substance, military force, etc. stronger by adding to it.
[verb]	<i>Ex: The contractor plans on reinforcing the floor to carry the weight of the new appliances.</i>

roster	A list of people in a team or organization.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The team changed their roster just a few weeks before the tournament.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor and discuss the key points.

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FC Bayern Munich has defeated Paris Saint-Germain Football Club (PSG) in the Champions League final, winning the first major team sports trophy of the COVID-19 era.

The win underlined the value of preparation: Because of the way their country handled the pandemic, Bayern and Germany's Bundesliga were the first big leaguers on either side of the Atlantic back on the pitch.

Like a handful of Europe's other "super clubs," PSG continuously buys and sells the best players, including current stars Neymar Jr. and Kylian Mbappe, two of the most expensive and electrifying attackers in soccer.

Bayern is less about individuals than about the organization. The club doesn't swap out players as often or spend as much as PSG, Manchester City or Real Madrid. Instead, it rewards loyalty while paying well enough to retain its most valuable players, like Robert Lewandowski; it makes shrewd buys, like the final's only goalscorer, Kingsley Coman; and is willing to take a chance on youngsters like 19-year-old Alphonso Davies.



The three are, respectively, a Pole, a Frenchman and a Canadian who was born in a refugee camp in Ghana. Yet each has embraced his role in Bayern's system.

Against PSG, they played a disciplined, physically demanding, high-pressure game. Player fitness is rarely a problem for the club, because everything in its training and support operation is state-of-the-art. That, plus the sharpness and camaraderie built by playing more games than the rest of the Champions League contenders showed as the second half began.

The club's 1-0 win over PSG was its 21st in a row. This Champions League title is its sixth, tying Liverpool.

Interim coach Hansi Flick has won 33 of his 36 games in charge. But he, too, knows his role in the organization. "There have been so many people that have been part of this success. The way the team worked for 95, 96 minutes was unbelievable," he said.

It will be a short celebration, since the new season is less than two weeks away. But Bayern has already planned for that, too, reinforcing its roster with Leroy Sane from Manchester City.



Exercise 3 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. What are your thoughts on Bayern Munich's Champions League win?
2. Do you follow football? If so, what team do you support? If not, why not?
3. When was the last time your favorite team or athlete made it to a final?
4. Do you think you'd make a good sports coach? Why? Why not?
5. What are the most popular sports where you live?
6. Have you been to many live sports events?
7. Are there any sports you've never tried but would like to learn?
8. What do you imagine would be the most difficult thing about being a professional athlete?