

## Transcript: Women's Super League - A winning streak

### Introduction

**Jack:** Hello my name's Jack and welcome to our weekly round-up section called 'This Week' on Premier Skills English.

**Rich:** Hi there. I'm Rich. We've got lots of interesting words and phrases to help you talk about football in English.

**Jack:** We want you to use and practise these phrases by interacting with Premier League fans from around the world in our comments section.

**Rich:** If you listen to us on Spotify or Apple Podcasts, you can leave your comments in the review section. We do read all the reviews and would love to hear from you.

**Jack:** You can find all our latest content on the Premier Skills English homepage or the Premier Skills-British Council Facebook page.

**Rich:** There was no Premier League action last weekend but Premier League clubs were in action in the Women's Super League.

### Headlines

**Jack:** Chelsea end Arsenal's winning run.

**Rich:** Chelsea came from behind to beat the reigning Champions, Arsenal, and bring to an end the Gunner's 11-match winning streak. Arsenal's Dutch midfielder, Danielle van Donk opened the scoring but goals from Bethany England and great long-range strike from Norwegian defender, Maria Thorisdottir gave Chelsea the points.

**Jack:** City stay ahead of the pack.

**Rich:** Manchester City brushed aside Birmingham City to make it four wins out of four and stay top of the table. Goals from Keira Walsh, Belgian forward Tessa Wullaert and South Korean forward Geum Min Lee gave City a comfortable win.

**Jack:** United have a great away day at Spurs.

**Rich:** Manchester United thumped Tottenham 3-0 away from home to move up to fourth in the table. The battle between these two newly-promoted teams was never in doubt following an early goal for Kirsty James. An own goal and a late Jane Ross strike added gloss to the result.

### Vocabulary Alert

**Rich:** In our vocabulary alert, we look at some football English that we used in the headlines.

**Jack:** We have some interesting phrases this week. Our six phrases are: a winning run, a winning streak, reigning Champions, to brush aside, a late strike and to add gloss to the result.

**Rich:** Let's start with the phrases we used to talk about the Chelsea - Arsenal match. We said that Chelsea ended Arsenal's winning run. A winning run is used to describe the number of consecutive matches that a team have won without drawing or losing a match.

**Jack:** Arsenal were on an 11-match winning run before Chelsea beat them. This can also be described as a winning streak. Chelsea broke Arsenal's 11-match winning streak.

**Rich:** We said that Arsenal are the reigning Champions. This is another way of saying the current Champions. To reign over something or someone means to be the best or most important in a specific situation.

**Jack:** It's more commonly used to talk about monarchs or kings and queens. Queen Elizabeth has reigned over the UK since 1952.

**Rich:** The next phrase is a phrasal verb: to brush aside. It means to move something easily or act like it is not important.

**Jack:** We said that Manchester City brushed aside Birmingham easily. This means that they won easily without having to pay at their best.

**Rich:** We used our last two phrases to speak about the Manchester United - Tottenham match. We spoke about a late Jane Ross strike. A strike is a shot that results in a goal so a Jane Ross strike means a goal scored by Jane Ross.

**Jack:** We often use the construction late + the player's name + strike to describe a goal scored near the end of a match.

**Rich:** Our final phrase is an idiom: to add gloss to the result. The phrase means to make something extra attractive. Manchester United were winning 1-0 but scored another two to add gloss to the result - to make the score look more attractive.

**Jack:** Gloss is actually something that you add to make something shiny. For example, you can use gloss paint which has a shiny finish or lip gloss to make your lips shiny.

**Rich:** OK, so there are our six words and phrases. Listen to this part of the podcast again if you are not sure how to use them.

**Jack:** The words and phrases are: a winning run, a winning streak, reigning Champions, to brush aside, a late strike and to add gloss to the result.

### Football Awards

**Jack:** Right, every week, we give out three Matchweek awards.

**Rich:** The awards are Player of the Week, Team of the Week and Goal of the Week.

**Jack:** In the comments section, you need to tell us if you agree with our choices.

**Rich:** Our Player of the Week is Chelsea's Fran Kirby. The England international ran the show for Chelsea and she helped the Blues inflict a first defeat of the season on Arsenal.

**Jack:** Our Team of the Week is Manchester City. City brushed aside Birmingham and are flying high at the top of the table.

**Rich:** Finally, our goal of the week goes to Chelsea's Maria Thorisdottir. A thunderbolt from outside the box to give Chelsea a great win over Arsenal.

**Jack:** If you haven't seen any of this action a great place to see the goals is on the club Twitter feeds and take a look at the official club websites for reports on all the games.

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### Prediction

**Jack:** Every week, Rich predicts the result of one Premier League match and we want you to make your prediction, too.

**Rich:** We're on an international break at the moment.

**Jack:** Let's hear your prediction again then for the next round of Premier League matches. It's Manchester United against Liverpool.

**Rich:** OK, here's my prediction: Liverpool have had a blistering start to the season while Manchester United's start has been poor but the Red Devils will be desperate to stop Liverpool running away with the Premier League title. The problem is I don't think United have the defence to stop Liverpool from scoring or the attack to trouble Liverpool's defence. I think this could be one of Liverpool's most comfortable wins of the season. Final score: Manchester United 0-3 Liverpool

**Jack:** You can make your predictions on the Premier Skills English website in the comments section and talk about the big match at the same time!

**Rich:** Remember we also have some questions for you to answer that give you a chance to use this week's vocabulary.

**Jack:** Right, that's all we have time for. I hope you have enjoyed this football round-up. Join the discussion at the bottom of the page on the Premier Skills English website.

**Rich:** If you listen to us on Apple Podcasts, don't forget to leave us a review. We'd love to hear from you.

**Jack:** Bye for now and enjoy your football.