Women’s Super League – A winning streak

Match up

Match the phrases on the left with the descriptions on the right.

Phrases:
1. to add gloss to something
2. to brush aside
3. a late strike
4. the reigning champions
5. a winning run
6. a winning streak

Descriptions:
a. in a match report, this means a goal scored near the end of a match, however, in commentary, this can just mean a shot
b. another way of saying the current champions
c. the same as a winning run, but it is more common to talk about ending or breaking this
d. this is used to describe the number of consecutive matches that a team have won without drawing or losing a match
e. to make something extra attractive (most commonly used to talk about a sporting performance)
f. to move something easily or act like it is not important

Fill in the gaps

Fill in the gaps in the sentences below with the words from the phrases.

1. Arsenal have a challenging match this weekend when they face the _______ _______ at home.
2. A ____ _____ from the Gabonese forward gave the Gunners the win.
3. Riyad Mahrez’s powerful strike opened the scoring and further goals from Ilkay Gündoğan and Gabriel Jesus ______ _____ to the win.
4. Liverpool are enjoying their longest _______ ____ since 1988. They are unbeaten in 23 Premier League games.
5. The Napoli defender ______ _____ rumours of a possible move to a Manchester club.
6. The Hammers are hoping to break Liverpool’s ________ ______ when they host them at the London Stadium next week.

Discussion questions

Talk about these questions in groups and try to use the language from the podcast.

1. Rich and Jack chose Chelsea’s Fran Kirby as Player of the Week. Do you agree?
2. Jack and Rich selected Manchester City as their Team of the Week. Do you agree?
3. Rich and Jack picked Maria Thorisdottir’s strike as Goal of the Week. Do you agree?
4. Use this week’s vocabulary. What’s the longest winning streak you can remember? Who are reigning champions in your country?
5. Can you use ‘to brush aside’ and ‘to add some gloss to the result’ in a sentence?