

English for football – week 23

To take centre stage

This week I want to introduce the phrase '**to take centre stage**'. **To take centre stage** means to be the focus of attention, to be something that is the main news, the most interesting thing, person, or in team for example. At the moment, the Champions League **is taking centre stage** in Europe, with the final eight big teams all hoping to win the competition. But in each country soon the relegation battles, or the race to be champions **will soon take centre stage**.

I wonder if the UEFA Cup will ever **take centre stage**? Whether it does or does not, let's hope Tottenham can win it. Second thoughts, maybe not – Damian would never shut up if they did!

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For example:

'Gerrard proves he must take centre stage'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/main.jhtml?xml=/sport/2007/03/29/sfnsmi29.xml>