

# Lesson 30: Who runs more quickly?

## レッスン 30: 誰がより早く走りますか?

**Target: Talking about sports using comparative adverbs**  
 目的: 比較級の副詞を使って、スポーツについて話しましょう!

### Reading 単語



#### New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a season	シーズン	• retire	引退する
• compete for...	～を得るために争う	• on the left wing	左翼の
• a championship	決勝戦	• a striker	攻撃の中心となる選手
• make a prediction	予測する	• cross	球をける
• top-notch	一流の	• score a goal	シュートを決める
• previous	以前の	• a division	部
• a champion	勝者	• a cup final	決勝戦
• star	花形、スター	• a penalty shootout	PK戦
• a midfielder	ミッドフィールダー	• a league	リーグ

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Good evening. I'm Raymond Stanger, welcome to "Look at the Season." In tonight's show, we are going to look at all of the teams competing for this year's football championship, and making some predictions. Don't forget, you can contact the show at any time, to tell us what you think too. The teams we are going to look at tonight are: Lexworth United, Serif City, Real Futura and Wordham Town. All four of these are great teams with top-notch players. OK now, let's look at those predictions.

Let's start with the previous champions, Lexworth United. Lexworth played better than all of the other teams last year, but can they play as well this season? Their star midfielder, Mario Rubez, retired at the end of last season. I think they will miss him badly. He couldn't run quickly, but he always played very professionally. He passed more accurately than any other player in the league. Lexworth will probably do worse this season than last season.

Next, let's look at last year's second place team, Serif City. Serif bought an exciting new young player in the summer, Mattias Nyberg. He plays on the left wing. Serif hope that he will play well with their star striker, Nicholas Wolfson. Mattias runs faster than Nicholas, and he can cross much farther. However, Nicholas jumps higher than Mattias and he heads the ball better. I think that they will probably score lots of goals together.

The team with the best fans in the division are, of course, Real Futura. Real fans always shout louder than other fans, they cheer more happily, and they sing more tunefully. Their stadium is the noisiest in the whole league. Last season, Real finished a disappointing 11th place. This season, their fans hope that they will finish higher and play better than they did last season. However, I think that Real will play worse this season. Sorry Real Futura fans.

The final team that we will look at tonight is Wordham Town. Last season, Wordham lost the cup final unluckily in a penalty shootout. They spent a lot of money in the summer, and they bought a lot of new players. I think they will play much more competitively this season. Their new players run faster, tackle harder and shoot more accurately. In my opinion, Wordham Town will win the league this season.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Did Lexworth play better than all of the other teams last year?
- How passed more accurately than any other player in the league?
- Who heads the ball better; Nicholas or Mattias?
- Do Real Futura fans should louder than other fans?
- Does Raymond think Real Future will play better this season?
- Does Raymond think Wordham will play more competitively this season?
- Do Wordham's new players shoot more accurately?
- How many comparative adverbs can you find?

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