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APPENDIX

The List of Conceptual Metaphors in Each Article

Article 1

- Manchester United ¹won the FA Cup on Saturday, ¹defying the odds to ¹defeat ²overwhelming favorite Manchester City 2-1 and ¹deny its crosstown ¹rival back-to-back league and cup doubles.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 4

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

- A week is a long time in soccer. On Sunday, Manchester City ⁵sealed a historic fourth consecutive Premier League title and was ready to ⁴cap a ²glittering season with another trophy at Wembley

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

- Pre-match there was a ⁵sense of inevitability about the result – United had ¹lost six of its last seven matches against City and four of its last five finals, while City was enjoying another ¹dominant season.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

- But United scored two first-half goals in ⁶quick succession – the first from Alejandro Garnacho, the second from Kobbie Mainoo – ¹to rattle the Premier League champion and make this the ⁵first men's FA Cup final, according to statisticians Opta, with two teenage goalscorers.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

- City continued to ¹press in the second half, creating several opportunities that only ²brilliant goalkeeping from André Onana or the woodwork could keep out, before Jeremy Doku scored in the 87th minute, halving United's lead and setting up a ³frantic seven minutes of stoppage time.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

6. But United ¹*clung on* to its hard-fought lead and its bench emptied onto the pitch after the final whistle to ³*celebrate* winning a trophy after an ³*often miserable* season for the historic club.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 2

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

7. Their celebrations continued as Prince William, the President of the Football Association, handed them the trophy with Prince George alongside him, watching on.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

8. “It was the ⁴*last chance* to get something positive from the season,” captain Bruno Fernandes told the BBC afterwards. “We were here last season and we weren’t good enough and we had to see them ³*go up* and get the trophy.”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

9. “It is ²*crucial* for everyone. We know the manager is under so much ³*scrutiny*, he deserves this, also everyone in the backroom staff and the players, we all deserve this.”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

10. Rumors and reports swirled before kickoff about the ²*fate* of United manager Erik ten Hag and whether he would lose his job regardless of the FA Cup final result. After two years in the job, and a promising start, the Dutchman has so far failed to ⁴*turn around* United’s ⁵*dwindling fortunes* and ⁴*led the club* to an eighth-place finish in the Premier League this season, its lowest ever.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 2

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

11. Such ⁵*a backdrop* to the final ²*echoed* the one in 2016, when one of Ten Hag's predecessors, Louis van Gaal, was sacked just after he ¹*won* the FA Cup final.
- ¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1 ²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: - ⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1 ⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -
12. It has been eight years since then, 11 since legendary manager Alex Ferguson retired, and still United has not ⁴*rediscovered* the winning formula that made it the Premier League's ¹*most dominant* club in the 1990s and 2000s.
- ¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1 ²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: - ⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: - ⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -
13. Instead, it has become ⁴*mired* in a seemingly ⁴*endless cycle* of hiring and firing managers once every couple of years, ⁴*a cycle* that Ten Hag looks to be in ¹*danger of repeating*, even after this ⁵*extraordinary shock* result.
- ¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1 ²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: - ⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 3
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1 ⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -
14. He cut a ³*tense figure* on the touchline, watching City ¹*dominate* possession in the ¹*early exchanges*, employing its usual method of ¹*wearing the opposition* down through ¹*sheer force*, but, this time, it could not ¹*break down* the United ¹*defense*.
- ¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 6 ²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1 ⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: - ⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -
15. Instead, it was United who ⁶*took the early lead*, ⁵*capitalizing* on a rare City mistake when a miscommunication between Josko Gvardiol and Stefan Ortega caused Gvardiol to head the ball over his goalkeeper, leaving Garnacho a ⁴*clear path* to tap the ball into the net.
- ¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR:
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: - ²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1 ⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1
⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1
16. Seven minutes later, United thought it had ⁶*doubled its lead* through Marcus Rashford though he was offside and the goal was disallowed, but that was no matter. It took just two more minutes for United to ⁴*find the back* of the net once again.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

17. Rashford ⁵*floated the ball* ⁴*downfield* from just beyond the halfway line and ²*found Garnacho* on the other wing who passed inside to Fernandes in the center of the box.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

18. The United ¹*captain* ²*delicately tapped* the ball to Mainoo who made no mistake with the finish to give his side a 2-0 ⁶*lead at halftime*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

19. City seemed ³*stunned* and never ³*quite settled* into its ²*usual rhythm*. Erling Haaland had an opportunity but ¹*struck the woodwork* and Julián Álvarez pulled a ¹*shot wide* of the goal before Doku scored.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 2

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

20. But it was ²*too little too late* and City ¹*succumbed* to a rare ¹*defeat*, bringing ²*the curtain down* on another ¹*dominant*, historic season, though this one ⁴*finished with* one trophy, instead of the three it ¹*won* last year.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 4

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 2

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

Article 2

21. Manchester United and Fulham played out an opener which ²*lacked the fireworks fans* were hoping for but saw the Red Devils ⁴*start the season* with an *important 1-0* ¹*win*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

22. There was a ²*bright spark* in the game, though, coming in the form of Premier League ⁵*new boy* Joshua Zirkzee. The 23-year-old scored the only goal of the match in the 87th minute as time looked like it was ³*running out to seal United's* ¹*victory*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

23. Zirkzee *made his* ²*debut* for Manchester United on Friday when he was ²*introduced* to the match in the 61st minute and the Old Trafford crowd didn't have to wait too long for their ²*new signing* to make a ¹*crucial impact*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 3

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

24. The ¹*striker*, who joined Manchester United from Bologna in July, ⁴*got on the end* of an Alejandro Garnacho ⁴*cross and steered* the ball into the back of the net with a ²*clever finish*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 2

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

25. “To ¹*win here* in my ⁵*first home game* and to grab a goal ... ³*it couldn't be better*,” Zirkzee told Sky Sports after the match.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

26. “At the end of the day we *got the* ¹*win* and that's all we wanted, that's all the fans deserve so to have this as an extra, it's ³*just beautiful*. I can't really *explain the* ³*feeling*, it's just ³*very nice*.”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 3

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

27. The Premier League opener *looked to be* ³*heading* to a 0-0 draw with both sides ¹*struggling* to create chances throughout the game.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

28. Bruno Fernandes came closest for Manchester United but was ¹*denied* ²*brilliantly* by Fulham goalkeeper Bernd Leno on two occasions.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

29. Mason Mount also ⁶*came close* for the home team before Zirkzee gave his new club ¹*the win* with his late goal.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

30. Manchester United ⁴*finished in a disappointing eighth place* in last season's Premier League table but ⁴*ended the season* with an FA Cup *final* ¹*win* against ¹*rival* Manchester City.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 2

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

31. Erik ten Hag's team will be hoping that the momentum from that trophy win *continues into* ⁴*the new season*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR:

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

32. "Of course you *need to* ¹*win*, especially ⁴*start of the season*. *Get your* ¹*wins*, then it ³*strengthens the belief* and the confidence in the team. But the way we did it, ³*it pleased me*. Not everything is 100% but from *this point we can* ¹*build*," Ten Hag said to NBC Sports after the win.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 3

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 2

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

33. Elsewhere in the Premier League, one of the early season favorites kicks off *its* ¹*campaign* on Saturday.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

34. Arsenal, who ⁶*finished second* last season, ⁴*starts its season* against Wolverhampton Wanderers at home.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR:

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

35. The Gunners have ⁶*finished one spot below* Manchester City for the last two seasons and if they hope to end City's ¹*dominance* will need to ⁴*start well in their opener*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

36. Liverpool also ⁴*begins its season* Saturday in its first Premier League game since Jürgen Klopp left the club.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

37. New head coach Arne Slot ¹*takes charge* of his first competitive game and will be hoping ⁴*to get off to a big start* against Premier League newcomer Ipswich.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

38. Manchester City, who has ¹*won four consecutive* Premier League titles, ⁴*starts its season* on Sunday against Chelsea.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

Article 3

39. ⁵*Moments from the end* of extra time, Manchester United's Europa League ¹*campaign* seemed ¹*dead and buried* against Lyon.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

40. It looked like this was going to be another low point in United's ⁵*dismal season*: 14th in the Premier League table and now *about to* ⁴*exit Europe's* second-tier competition having ²*thrown away* a two-goal lead in the quarterfinal.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR:

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

41. But from the *clutches of*¹*defeat*, the *beleaguered*² home side somehow *rescued*¹ an *astonishing*⁵ victory, scoring three times in the final six minutes of extra time to claim a 7-6 aggregate *win*¹.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 3

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

42. United now *faces*¹ Spanish team Athletic Bilbao in the Europa League semifinals, a chance for silverware still very much *alive and kicking*⁵.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA:

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

43. “I said in commentary, it’s going to take more than a *miracle*² to get back in it,” said former United *defender*¹ and TNT Sports pundit Rio Ferdinand. “Now, I’m actually a believer because that was *outrageous*².”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 2

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

44. After the first leg in Lyon had ended 2-2 last week, United took a *commanding*¹ lead in Thursday’s return fixture thanks to first-half goals from Manuel Ugarte and Diogo Dalot. In between those *strikes*¹, Bruno Fernandes almost scored a *spectacular volley*² from Dalot’s long pass, his *shot thumping off*¹ the crossbar.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 3

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

45. Everything appeared to be playing into *United’s*⁵ *hands* as the match wore on, but with 20 minutes of normal time remaining, Corentin Tolisso’s header *hauled Lyon back*¹ into the contest. That was soon followed by Nicolás Tagliafico’s equalizer, which saw United’s *lead evaporate in the space*² of six minutes.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

46. With extra time ⁵*looming*, Lyon's chances of *progressing were* ¹*dented* when Tolisso was sent off for a second yellow card, but that did little to ¹*quell the French side's ambition*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

47. Rayan Cherki's ¹*strike from the edge* of the area in the 104th minute gave the 10 men an ¹*advantage* before Alexandre Lacazette's penalty early in the second half of extra time added a fourth goal for Lyon *without* ¹*response from United*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 3

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

48. Cue one of the ⁵*most memorable* comebacks in European football. Fernandes' penalty made it 4-3 on the night and 6-5 on aggregate, while Kobbie Mainoo's ²*neat finish* in the 120th minute ²*sparked pandemonium* inside Old Trafford.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 2

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

49. The United fans inside the stadium – those who ²*hadn't given up hope* and headed for ⁴*an early exit* – would have been ³*overjoyed* to see the game go to penalties. But the comeback wasn't finished there. *Up* ⁵*stepped Harry Maguire* – the *central* ¹*defender* being ¹*deployed* as a *makeshift* ¹*striker* – to head the ball into the net in the first minute of stoppage time, an ⁵*unlikely hero* for an *improbable* ¹*victory*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 4

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

50. According to Opta, United is the first team to score two goals in the 120th minute of a major European match, which also marked the first time that five goals have been scored in extra time.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

56. Boulaye Dia scored Lazio's third with a close-range header to *take the lead for the first time in the* ⁶*tie*, but Bodø/Glimt, which faced 33 ¹*shots* over the course of the game, *found a* ¹*response* through Helmersen in the 109th minute.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

57. The substitute was later sent off for a second yellow card, though the game *was* ⁵*destined* for a penalty shootout at that point.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

58. And with Lazio ¹*failing to convert* three of its five penalties, Bodø/Glimt became the first Norwegian team to reach the semifinals of a European competition – ⁵*a remarkable achievement* for the town of just 55,000 people located inside the Arctic Circle.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

59. “³*It's huge*. We're very happy,” said goalkeeper Nikita Haikin, who made two saves in the shootout. “⁵*It's historic*, not only for Bodø/Glimt but for all of Norwegian football.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

60. “I was ³*angry after* the missed chances, but you know that it's part and parcel of football and that's why *we* ³*love it*.”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 2

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

Article 4

61. Manchester United's season ⁵*reached a new low* on Monday after *being* ¹*thrashed* 4-0 by Crystal Palace in the Premier League, a result which ¹*heaped more pressure on a club in* ⁵*crisis*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 2

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

62. The scoreline could have been ³*more emphatic* had United's opponent been *more* ²*clinical*, but the ¹*defeat* was still United's *heaviest* in a ⁵*poor season*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

63. The 20-time league champion now ⁴*sits eighth in the table* – United has *never* ⁶*finished below seventh* in the Premier League era. The Reds have also now conceded 81 goals in all competitions this season, which Opta says is the club's most in a single season since the *1976-77* ¹*campaign*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

64. "As Manchester United, we should ²*perform better*. The players who were available should do better," United boss Erik ten Hag told reporters after a *record 13th league* ¹*loss* of the season. "It's a *deserved* ¹*defeat*. ²*The performance* wasn't what we expected."

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 2

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

65. It's the *latest dire* ⁵*chapter* for a team which has *struggled for* ⁵*consistency* this season.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 2

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

66. For years under Alex Ferguson, the club was a ⁵*giant of domestic* and European soccer, ¹*dominating teams* and ¹*winning countless* major trophies.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

67. But since Ferguson's retirement in 2013 United has struggled to reach ⁴*such heights*, and the current manager is one of many managerial appointments in the *post-Ferguson* ⁵*era* to struggle. He is very much *under* ³*pressure* – a ¹*threat intensified* by changes in the club's ownership this season.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -
⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1
⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

68. Former Liverpool player and pundit Jamie Carragher provided a ³*scathing assessment*, calling United “one of the most ³*poorly coached* teams in the Premier League.”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 2
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -
⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -
⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

69. “That’s a fact,” he said on Sky Sports. “The numbers tell you that. Bottom of the league *defensively*.”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -
⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -
⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

70. After the ¹*loss*, Ten Hag pointed to the ¹*injury crisis* at the club as one reason for the ⁶*poor* ²*performance*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1
⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -
⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

71. Despite spending millions on new players in recent seasons, United was short of first-choice ¹*defenders* and was forced to play ¹*midfielder* Casemiro in a *make-shift* ¹*back line*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 3
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -
⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -
⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

72. The 32-year-old, ⁵*considered one the best* players in the world during his time at Real Madrid, looked *painfully* ³*vulnerable* and *totally* ¹*exposed* against Palace’s *energetic* ¹*forwards*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2
³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1
⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -
⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -
⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

73. The *look of* ³*dejection* on his face after the match was shared by many of his teammates, further affirmation that an overhaul of the squad is needed this summer.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

74. The visiting United fans continued to try to ²*motivate the team* and many stayed in the stands *after the* ⁵*final whistle* to sing chants and applaud the players.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

75. “It is clear and it is obvious, this is ²*underperforming*,” Ten Hag added.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

76. “We didn’t act how we want to do it and it’s by far not good enough. We are very ³*disappointed*, but the fans were always ²*behind us* and we *keep* ¹*fighting*, like the fans did.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

77. “I was really grateful. They ²*back us*. They see also we have our problems. You have to *stick* ¹*together*. You have to take responsibility. The fans gave us such huge and tremendous support.”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

78. The club has three league games remaining *to* ⁴*climb the table* and ⁴*secure a place* in next season’s Europa League or Europa Conference. Chelsea, in seventh, currently occupies the final European qualification spot.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 2

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

79. Its next game comes against ¹*title-challengers* Arsenal on Sunday.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

80. United is also *facing the*¹ *daunting prospect* of playing *local*¹ *rival* Manchester City in the FA Cup final on May 25. A *victory*¹ in that match at Wembley, though unlikely on current form, could also *secure*⁴ *European football* next season.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

Article 5

81. Manchester United *continued its*⁴ *rollercoaster* season with an *important*¹ *2-1 win* against Chelsea on Wednesday.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

82. Scott McTominay got both goals on a *morale-boosting*³ *night* for the host, the Scotland international scoring either side of Cole Palmer's *brilliant*² *finish* for Chelsea.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

83. *The*¹ *win*⁴ *sends* United *sixth* in the English Premier League – three points behind Manchester City in fourth – to keep the club in the hunt for Champions League qualification and *temporarily*⁵ *mask a multitude of ongoing issues* at the club.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

84. Ever since Alex Ferguson left in 2013, Manchester United have *struggled*⁴ *for consistency* both on and off the pitch, *bouncing from one debacle to another*⁴.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 2

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

85. Five permanent managers have *come and gone*⁴ since, with Erik ten Hag the latest to try *steady to ship*¹.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

86. Given his previously impressive work with Dutch club Ajax – where he ⁵*built an exciting and successful team* – many had hoped Ten Hag was finally the man to *reestablish United's* ¹*dominance*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

87. But, just like those before him, the Dutchman is not having an easy time in *changing the* ⁵*narrative* that United is a club *perpetually* ⁴*stumbling* from one crisis to the next.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

88. In the days *building up to the* ¹*win* over Chelsea, the club was dealing with its *latest* ²*fiasco* after reports of *player* ²*discontent* in the dressing room.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 2

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

89. Media outlets, such as ESPN, reported that a group of players in United's dressing room had become ³*disillusioned* with Ten Hag's methods, after the club ¹*fell to its 10th loss* of the season against Newcastle on Saturday.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

90. As a result, the club banned four journalists from Ten Hag's pre-match media conference, claiming they had not offered United a right of reply to the *negative* ⁵*stories*.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

91. "They should come to us first and not go around our back printing articles. That is not the right thing," Ten Hag said.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

92. “If the players have a different opinion of course I will listen, but they haven’t told me, or maybe one or two, but the majority want to play like this; ⁵*proactive, dynamic, brave.*”

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

93. While dressing room unity is a problem *Ten Hag can* ¹*control*, the issue of the pending takeover is not.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

94. Reports suggest British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe is *on the* ⁴*verge* of agreeing a 25% stake in the club, a deal which has *been* ¹*rumbling on for months* since the Glazer family announced they were exploring new investment or the potential sale of the club last year.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 1

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

95. The ³*uncertainty* around the future of the club has seemingly made its way down on the pitch, with the team’s inconsistent form ⁴*undermining any sense of progression.*

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

96. *Nothing* ⁵*demonstrates this* more than the team’s showing in the Champions League this season. United sit bottom of its group having ¹*won just one* match so far. It will be eliminated from the tournament if it ¹*fails to beat* Bayern Munich on Tuesday, or there is a winner in the other Group A game between Galatasaray and Copenhagen.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 2

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

97. That said, United's ²⁶*performance* against Chelsea was among its better ones this season.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: 1

98. The 2-1 scoreline perhaps ⁵*flattered the visitor* but also pointed to United's wastefulness in front of goal.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: 1

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

99. Ten Hag's side had 28 ¹*shots* during the game, nine of them *on* ¹*target*, with ¹*captain* Bruno Fernandes seeing his first half penalty saved by Robert Sanchez. Meanwhile ¹*striker* Rasmus Højlund has still to score in the Premier League after joining United from Italian club Atalanta in August for a reported fee of \$87.7 million.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 4

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

100. It was, though, a *more assured* ²*performance* from Manchester United and a *much-needed* ³*confidence* boost for the players and fans alike.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: 1

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 1

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

101. Those supporters will hope the team can now ⁴*kick on* after such a *precious* ¹*win* against Chelsea, but many will be ³*hesitant* in getting *carried away* given the ³*topsy-turvy nature* of United's season so far.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: -

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: 2

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: 1

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -

102. The team ¹*faces Bournemouth* in its next Premier League fixture on Saturday, before ¹*hosting Bayern* in a ¹*must-win* game in the Champions League.

¹FOOTBALL IS A WAR: 3

²FOOTBALL IS DRAMA: -

³FOOTBALL IS EMOTION: -

⁴FOOTBALL IS A JOURNEY: -

⁵FOOTBALL IS A STORY: -

⁶FOOTBALL IS A RACE: -