



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

England's chance for Euros redemption

KEYWORDS

- Penalties:** Short for a penalty shootout, a final tie-breaking round
- Upset:** An outcome that seemed unlikely at the start
- Silverware:** Trophies
- Phenomena:** Amazingly skilled

After coming so close in Euro 2020, Gareth Southgate's England team is desperate to finally bring home a trophy in Germany this summer.

Hope springs

It's coming home. Well, that's the hope.

That's always the hope, whenever England takes to the field for a major tournament. Fans around the country sing their hearts out, hoping that this time, at last, England will do it.

Almost there

Under Gareth Southgate,



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

No country invented kicking a ball around for fun, but the rules of association football, the game now played around the world, were written down in Cambridge, England in 1848. China and Greece have ancient forms of football but neither team has won a World Cup!

the team has come closer than it had in years. When he took over, England had just crashed out of the 2016 Euros in the first round. By 2018, his team had made the World Cup semi-finals. In Euro 2020, they got even closer, losing to Italy on **penalties** in a stunning **upset**.

After a good but not great showing in the 2022 World Cup, reaching the quarter-finals, Southgate will want to seal his legacy with a real win, not another near miss.

Top team

Southgate can bank on England's world class talent doing everything in their power to bring home the **silverware**.

Fans say that a team that boasts Jude Bellingham, Harry Kane, Bukayo Saka and so many more footballing **phenomena** has the tournament in the bag.

But others fear that France and the mighty Mbappe are too much for any other team to beat.

The tournament kicks off on 14 June.



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

COULD FOOTBALL FINALLY COME HOME?

WHAT
happened in
Euro 2020??

WHO
is the
England
manager?

WHERE
is Euro 2024
taking place?

WHEN
did England
crash out of
the Euros?

WHY
should England
do well?

HOW
many major
tournaments have
England won under
Southgate?

1 CHECK YOUR FACTS

Make sure you have all the facts before you start your investigation. Can you answer these questions?

2 KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

Can you remember what these keywords mean? Match the word to the correct meaning.

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1. Penalties

2. Upset

3. Silverware

4. Phenomena

A. Amazingly skilled

B. Trophies

C. An outcome that seemed unlikely at the start

D. Short for a penalty shootout, a final tie-breaking round

3 LOOK AT ALL SIDES

There's always more than one side to every story. How might the people involved feel about the story?

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| <input type="radio"/> Gareth Southgate | <input type="radio"/> France fans |
| <input type="radio"/> England fans | <input type="radio"/> People who hate football |

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| Happy | Sad |
| Calm | Excited |
| Surprised | Angry |
| Scared | Bored |
| Disgusted | Confused |

4 DISCUSS THE QUESTION

Could football finally come home?

What do you think? Use the speaking prompts here to help you get started.

I disagree with...

I agree with...

I'm not sure about...

I'd like to know more about...

I think that...

I don't think that...



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5 REPORT BACK

Write, present or record a report that communicates your view. Share this with your class, family and friends. What's their opinion?