

Record debt despite soaring soccer revenue

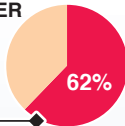
Despite the economic downturn, Europe's top football clubs continued to increase revenue in 2007/08 but rising debt – with Premier League wage bills rising by a record 23 percent – could signal tougher times ahead

MONEY LEAGUE

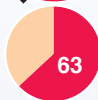


BIG FIVE – TURNOVER

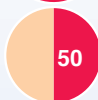
England €2.441bn
Wage bill €1.51bn



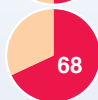
Spain €1.438bn
Wages €0.91bn



Germany €1.438bn
Wages €0.72bn



Italy €1.421bn
Wages €0.97bn



France €989m
Wages €0.70bn

