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OL('s ground). The Olympic Lyonnais team is training, and Gérard Houllier the former Liverpool coach, is supervising them.

Nat: "What is your best memory of Liverpool?"

Houllier: "Oh lots of them! But I think the year where we won the three cups... the cups and especially when as a finale, we won the UEFA Cup that... that really is a wonderful memory. Yes."

Nat: "Do you miss speaking English?"

Houllier: "I do miss speaking English. I like the English mentality a lot. I really like... The English players' mentality... The English clubs... The English supporters... I miss a lot of things yes."

Nat: "Is it hard to work abroad?"

Houllier: "It is very hard working abroad... It's already hard for a coach who is not English to work in England... Because England is the country that invented football or practically did... And so it's hard to arrive and impose a certain attitude, a certain style."

Nat: "Have you always been a coach?"

Houllier: "No, I was an English teacher up until 1982. I had been a player initially, then I combined being a student and being a player. Then I became a teacher, then I was a coach and a player, after that I was the coach of an amateur team - then a coach for the amateur equivalent of a championship team, then I became a professional coach in the French premiership, then finally a coach for the French national team and so on."

Nat: "What advice would you give for learning a language?"

Houllier: "Oh I'd give two bits of advice. The first is not to feel awkward... Er... It's not that important whether you know 5 thousand words, if you know five hundred of them but you use them well... That's enough. And the second thing is to above all practise and go over things repeatedly because it's like football actually, you have to practise to win. You have to do things over and over and you have to work hard... I always repeat it but it's only in the dictionary that success comes before work."