

## Abstract

The changing of technology prompts a new kind of sport commentary, as can be seen in live reports of football matches posted on Twitter. As the commentators tend to focus on the action of the match, the syntactic structure used are quite distinctive. This study aims at describing the syntactic structure of play-by-play description in live tweet reports of English Premier League matches which are posted by English sport journalists. The method used in this study is qualitative approach. The data were taken from a compilation of live tweet reports that focus on English Premier League matches especially those posted by English sport journalists. In analyzing the data, the theories of Radford on null constituents and auxiliary inversions are used. The findings of the research show that there are several categories of null constituents which can be found in the research, such as null subjects, null auxiliaries, null T in finite clauses, null C in finite clauses, null determiners, and null quantifiers. The syntactic reductions found in live tweet reports are caused by the focus of the tweets which mainly revolve around the actions happening on the match. Other than that, it is also caused by the limitation of Twitter's feature which only allows the users to post 140 characters at most. Beside syntactic reduction, it was also found that there are several sentences in the live tweet reports which involve syntactic inversion.

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