

## **Podcast 4 - Interview**

**Damian Fitzpatrick:** Here we are again with our regular interview slot and this week we have an England fan...

**Simon Cookson:** England!!

**DF:** Hello, please introduce yourself.

**SC:** Hello my name is Simon and I work in the ELP.

**DF:** Ok, Hi Simon, Well England won last night against Ecuador

**SC:** They won, they won but it wasn't very pretty, was it?

**DF:** No, in fact all four games haven't been that pretty. Give us a rundown of the four games so far.

**SC:** Yeah, they're winning, they're slowly... they're edging through but they are not getting us too excited at the moment so the hopes are not too high.

**DF:** Which game, do you think, has been their best performance so far?

**SC:** I thought they did ok, well, the first half against Sweden...

**DF:** Right

**SC:** Let's just leave it at a half and not a whole game

**DF:** And how about the players, which players have stood out for you?

**SC:** In England?

**DF:** Yes

**SC:** Yeah, Rooney, Rooney is coming round to a bit of form he's getting that match practice, which is good to see. Gerrard is quality, they've got the players to win the game across the park to win the But they are not playing as a team yet, that's a disappointment and Lampard last night was just woeful.

**DF:** Really? Woeful?

**SC:** He got into the position again and again and again and he was disgusted with himself – he missed some very open goals last night ...he's better than that.

**DF:** Yes, I agree with you.

Now England are getting a lot of criticism from the media back home in Britain, back home in England, but they are in the quarter finals of the World Cup...

**SC:** They are.

**DF:** How could you...?

**SC:** Well yeah, the media are never happy, are they? you can never please them It's one game at a time for them now.

**DF:** Alright so the next game for them is against Portugal next Saturday in the quarter finals...

**SC:** 3-2

**DF:** To Portugal?

**SC:** I think we're going to win this one

**DF:** And who's going to score the goals?

**SC:** I think Rooney might get a hat-trick... I don't know that's just come out of nowhere... you know... who knows? Take each game as it comes and they should win this one.

**DF:** And which other teams will be England's main rivals do you think?

**SC:** I like the look of Argentina, that's the best team overall in the tournament, are they going to win it? Who knows? But they are quality.

**DF:** Their players?

**SC:** They've got quality. They bring in Aimar and Messi off the bench, Messi's fantastic and they've got Riquelme in there – he's just a genius.

**DF:** Is there any other team at the moment who might make a surprise run to the final do you think?

**SC:** Ghana

**DF:** Really?

**SC:** Well, it's wide open now a lot of ... a lot of teams could win it, which makes it a very interesting tournament this time round.

**DF:** Ok final comment for you, a word on Mr. Eriksson, the England manager.

**SC:** Hmm, one word? Hiddink (The Australian manager)

**DF:** Thank you very much, good luck.