

## English for Football – week 12

### **'To Be Linked With'**

January is a busy time in the English Premier League because this time is when teams can buy and sell players. It's called the transfer window, and the newspapers and Internet sites are full of gossip and rumours about which player is moving to which team. In today's English for football, we will look at the phrase **'to be linked with.'**

**To be linked with** a team means that people think that a player will move, or sign for, a different club or perhaps a team will buy a player. So for example, this week, if we listen to the football rumour-mill, or the gossip, Deportiva La Curuna's defender Fabricio Coloccini, is being linked to Tottenham. I think we'd all agree that that team needs a defender quickly. Also, Aston Villa are being linked with and offer for Craig Bellamy the Liverpool striker. And to be quite honest they are welcome to him.

So, today's English for football's phrase again, **'to be linked with'**.

### **Examples**

'Campo linked with Mallorca'

[http://www.eurosport.com/football/la-liga/2006-2007/sport\\_sto1050902.shtml](http://www.eurosport.com/football/la-liga/2006-2007/sport_sto1050902.shtml)