

English for football – week 16

'To earn a recall'

Some of the language used by the two podcasters this week.

This week's English for Football phrase is **to earn a recall**. The word '**recall**' means to be asked back to do something and in football is used with the verb '**to earn**' if a player has been dropped by the manager but then is asked back into the team.

A good example of this is David Beckham at Real Madrid. When Beckham revealed that he was going to join LA Galaxy in the MLS, the Real Madrid coach, Fabio Capello, said he would never pick him again. However, the former England captain **was recalled** to the side last week helping his team win 2-1 with a goal. Who knows, maybe he will **earn a recall** from England in the future too?

To earn a recall – to be asked back into the team (To be recalled)

EXAMPLE

“Beckham has a chance to test McClaren's assertion that the door is not closed, but **to earn a recall** for next month's matches against Macedonia and Croatia...”

<http://sport.independent.co.uk/football/internationals/article1722434.ece>