

English for football – week 28

It's a lottery & It's anyone's game

Damian: On this week's English for football, we're going to focus on two phrases – two clichés actually – which can be applied to any real game, particularly games towards the end of the season where people don't really know which side is going to win so,

Damon: It's a lottery and it's anyone's game.

Damian: Yeah, now Damon what does it's a lottery mean?

Damon: Well of course a lottery is a competition where you buy a ticket, which is drawn out from many thousands to decide a winner. So the chances of winning are very low, but also the most important thing is no-body can tell who will win. It's a lottery means no-one knows the result.

Damian: Yeah and very very similar to that where nobody knows the result, nobody knows which team is going to win, we can apply the phrase it's anybody's game. Now this is a real standard footballing cliché, which you'll hear quite often from television commentators and footballers themselves: so Damon, this week a big relegation game between Sheffield United and Wigan. What do you think?

Damon: I think it's anyone's game. And in the Championship we've got four teams in the play-offs. What do you think?

Damian: Oh, it's a lottery.