

## Season 2007 / 8 - Podcast 2 Worksheet

### Sven Goran Eriksson

By Damon Brewster (August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007)

#### Pre-Listening

##### A. Players and Teams

Sven Goran Eriksson was the first foreign manager of the English national team. He started in 2001 and left in 2006. He has recently been appointed as manager of Premier League side Manchester City.

##### B. Vocabulary

Before listening match the words with their meanings.

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
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| 2. .... rival          | b. the one before                  |
| 3. .... avenge         | c. one after another               |
| 4. .... tactics        | d. challenger, enemy               |
| 5. .... sweltering     | e. plans, strategies               |
| 6. .... disenchantment | f. disappointment, dissatisfaction |
| 7. .... consecutive    | g. very hot and humid              |

#### Listening

##### A. main ideas

1. T / F Sven made a good start to his career as England manager.
2. T / F Beating Argentina is not really important for England..
3. T / F Most people believed that Sven was to blame for England's loss to Brazil in the World Cup, 2002.

- 4. T / F Eriksson’s private life was often reported by the press.
  
- 5. T / F The speaker believes that Eriksson was a good England manager.
  
- 6. T / F Most Manchester City fans don’t believe Eriksson will be a good manager.

**B. Listening - vocabulary**

*Listen again to the first part of the report and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word.*

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England went on to top their group and qualify for the World Cup where, under Sven, they again ..... a previous defeat, this time against Argentina – David Beckham converting a penalty to bring the win (**audio**). But after defeat to Brazil in the quarter-finals, the first rumblings of discontent could be heard, with Eriksson being ..... for being unable to change things around when the Brazilians went 2-1 up. On reflection, more than the manager’s tactics it was perhaps the sweltering heat of the Japanese summer that was ..... for an uncharacteristically lackluster second half performance. Quarter-final ..... at Euro 2004 against Portugal on penalties, and again in the World Cup 2006 in Germany to the same team, again on penalties made it very difficult for him to continue his job.

### **C. Listening - Comprehension**

*Listen to the rest of the report again and answer the following questions.*

1. What did the press like to do?
2. What was Eriksson tricked into doing before the World Cup in Germany?
3. Who replaced him as England's manager?
4. How much (about) does he earn a year at Manchester City?
5. What has silenced his critics?

## Podcast 2 – ANSWERS

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England went on to top their group and qualify for the World Cup where, under Sven, they again **avenged** a previous defeat, this time against Argentina – David Beckham converting a penalty to bring the win (**audio**). But after defeat to Brazil in the quarter-finals, the first rumblings of discontent could be heard, with Eriksson being **criticised** for being unable to change things around when the Brazilians went 2-1 up. On reflection, more than the manager's tactics it was perhaps the sweltering heat of the Japanese summer that was **responsible** for an uncharacteristically lackluster second half performance. Quarter-final **exits** at Euro 2004 against Portugal on penalties, and again in the World Cup 2006 in Germany to the same team, again on penalties made it very difficult for him to continue his job.

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"(They) had always loved to focus on the Swede's private life."

2. What was Eriksson tricked into doing before the World Cup in Germany?

"He was tricked into revealing plans to leave England after the World Cup in Germany."

3. Who replaced him as England's manager?

"He was replaced by his assistant manager, Steve McClaren."

4. How much (about) does he earn a year at Manchester City?

"A 2 million a year salary..."

5. What has silenced his critics?

"But these two impressive wins (against West Ham and Derby) have silenced them."

## Podcast 2 - Transcript

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*By Damon Brewster, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

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Disenchantment with the England manager reached new heights in the press, who had always loved to focus on the Swede's private life as much as his professional abilities. Notably, lurid stories about his relationships with Faria Alam and Ulrika Johnson made it hard for him to concentrate on his job as manager, and a newspaper sting before the World Cup where he was tricked into revealing plans to leave England after the World Cup in Germany made it impossible for him to continue. He rapidly became a figure of fun. (**audio**)

He was replaced by his assistant manager, Steve McClaren, soon after the World Cup. And after such a dramatic start to his career with England it was a shame to see him hounded out by the press, even though it was time for him to go. His record with England is second only to Alf Ramsey and as many of his harshest critics now see the new McClaren is not the old Sven. They are probably wondering if he was as bad as they thought. It is in this more favourable light, almost a fondness for the quite-spoken Swede, that Sven has returned to England this time as coach of the Premier League side Manchester City. A 2 million a year salary shows he has lost none of his skill at finding the plum jobs, but City fans are already believing he could be the real deal after two consecutive wins: 2-0 away to West Ham and 1-0 at home against Derby. Before the campaign began there was a lot of talk about him having signed players he had never seen play, and it looked as though the press was gearing up to give him another kicking, but these two impressive wins have silenced them – for now.