

English for Football – week 10

The end justifies the means

This week's English for football phrase is the expression **the end justifies the means**, which has the general meaning of to do whatever it takes to reach a goal or target. In football, this phrase is often used by managers or fans to describe a performance that may have not been the best or most exciting, yet the team has won. So, in last night's World Cup qualifier between Ireland and Cyprus the victory was more important than how the team played. Indeed this term dominated the Irish media the next day. **The end justifies the means.**