

Transcript of an extract from a soccer match commentary

Game: England v Belgium (International Friendly)

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Commentators: Martin Tyler (M), Andy Gray (A)

Numbers in brackets indicate the length of pauses, in seconds.

M: Strupar is placing the ball, I think he's the man hoping to strike it, he's having a word with his captain Wilmots

A: Well you don't usually take out a striker out of the penalty for a free-kick round about here if he ain't going to hit it.

M: Well he hasn't hit it very well, second time

A: Good ball though

M: Not sure who he was aiming for but Deflandre makes it awkward for England and in particular Southgate. Back from Tanghe and here's Van Kerkhoven and Strupar is in there again. Touch from Lampard was of an accurate nature (3) Guppy and it was a good idea to steer it forward quickly into the path of Phillips, Deflandre just able to lean across and divert it out for an England throw. (4) Guppy and Peeters is the man who expects a cross but he doesn't get one that time, he was forced infield. The delivery though comes from Dyer or he shaped for it (4) cleared by Van Meir (5) Belgium were slow to push out that time (3) free-kick given against Shearer, twenty-eight international goals now, as I say only five England players have ever reached the thirty mark or more. Bobby Charlton leading the way forty-nine, Gary Lineker forty-eight, Jimmy Greaves forty-four and two on thirty, Tom Finney and Nat Lofthouse so er

A: Thirty goals is definitely gettable, whether he'll ever get in the top trio (3)

M: Well he was asked that this week and of course it is rightly an ambition, but he's got to maintain his position what for four or five years one would have thought. Shearer, it's Phillips