

## Languagecaster football vocabulary list

### Podcast 16 – (February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007)

**to blast** – to verbally attack, to shoot strongly

*E.g. Terry Venables blasts international friendlies as a waste of time*

**to assault** – to attack, to hit

*E.g. The ball boy assaulted the goalkeeper with an iron bar*

**a shambles** – a mess, complete disorder

*E.g. Italy are a complete shambles off the pitch: crowd trouble, stadiums closed and last year's scandal as well*

**win (number) games in a row** – win games one after the other, no losses

*E.g. Inter have won 15 games in a row*

**a brawl** – a fight usually involving more than two people

*E.g. QPR were involved in a mass brawl with the Chinese team*

**vital** – extremely important

*E.g. Come off the bench and score a vital goal*

**have a soft spot for something** – to like something, have a sentimental feeling

*E.g. Damian has got a soft spot for London clubs*

**to be on the slide** – having bad results, going down, deteriorating

*E.g. Bremen are on the slide*

**to pull one out of the hat / bag** – get a surprise result, to surprise people (like a magician)

*E.g. I think Madrid will pull one out of the hat*