

As everyone knows, it's football season! Now I know this makes me sound a like a huge narcissist, but I do wonder how my actions affect the course of the matches. If you're familiar with the butterfly effect, you will know that even the tiniest things can have massive consequences. This is a more obvious example, but someone in the audience could sneeze and distract a player, making him miss the goal. He can expect a beating, but look on the plus side, people want to hit me simply because of my personality. Anyway, maybe if I were to type, 'Go England, I believe in you' that will subconsciously make the players work harder and therefore win. It does sound like narcissism, doesn't it? However, it applies to you as well and indeed everyone! So I don't want you to go around saying 'Simon made England win the world cup!' or even worse 'Simon made England lose!' Things are bad enough already as people are realising that James Ziegler is in fact me. What an asshole, how could anyone ever act like THAT? Well, here I am. I've actually mentioned small things turning bigger in football games in a prior article, showing that I do indeed mean what I say. On a lighter note, I watched about two minutes of the France vs Senegal match a few days ago now, and I witnessed two goals in what I assume was a mostly boring match. I must have had one of the best viewing experiences in the entire country!

In another early match I noticed all the players seemed depressed. That could have just been in my imagination though, as at the time it was ME who was depressed (well a little) and maybe that affected my world view. Anyway, after some loud pop music was played in the game (for whatever reason), the footballers seemed to cheer up! (Again, it might be my imagination as I find pop music uplifting, the only person who can make major keys miserable is Darren Housholder, also often talked of - what is his problem?) I was thinking, why not play pop music constantly? Happy footballers, happy viewers, moods are contagious after all. You could worry that you'll upset the metalheads out there, but actually such metal fans are known for being 'gentle,' so you can act any way you like around them. Speaking of depression, you know how I said my mood has been better this Spring, now that I've accepted the fact it's better to have consistent moods, and not moods that are all over the place? Yep, my attitude does indeed seem to be working. My mood is a rarely less than 5/10, now! It is OFTEN 5/10 though, not good, not bad, in fact it's very much like being dead! Having said that, that is largely because nothing has happened in my life whatsoever the last few weeks, I'm definitely going to have to go to Staines again, I'm going slightly mad. Even better, a zoo visit is long overdue and my birthday is coming up! Is 38 mid 30s, technically speaking? I hope so. What I know for a fact though, is I WON'T be in my mid 30s when I'm 40 and that's coming up soon. I really won't be in my mid 30s when I'm 50, though. :(

On another lighter note, there is a Youtube video I reaaally recommend, you'll find it if you search for 'Worst 20 seconds of football.' I'm a little reluctant to give the full title as the Youtuber might be a weirdo who posts videos online and doesn't want attention, but again, it is easy to find. I quite literally haven't laughed so hard in years, I was like 'Haaaahaaaa! Hooohooohoo! Hahaha!' I watched it over and over again, and I'm still not done with it. In fact, one of the reasons I mentioned it is to remind myself as well! Basically, all the players were kicking the ball all over the place, it even seemed like they didn't even understand the fundamental rules of the sport. Well, it's not a lighter note for the players, they'll remember it as the time they had a brief episode of dementia, very scary. I know how terrifying that is, because as I was reading an article about a metal band with an N in their name or whatever it

was (I forgot), I was thinking to myself the group were trying to stand out from the crowd by writing the N the wrong way around. Then after a good few seconds, many seconds even, I realised that actually the N was the right way around all along, meaning I forgot what the letter looked like. Is that a reason to worry? Sounds like it, doesn't it? I'm better now, though.

Oh wow, England are third favourite to win the World Cup? France is most likely and Spain are the second most likely? Not bad! Brazil are 6th favourite? But everyone loves football, there! So, the best three teams are from Europe, and the 6th favourite are from South America, even though they can't stop thinking about the sport? Europe are clearly best at football! That sounds offensive, but it's not as offensive as me saying Europe are best in general. I mean who do I think I am? Don't be scared as it would likely point to an issue with self-esteem. As in 'you're REALLY like James, then?' Then I'd say 'Yep, that's me. But don't talk about me, mention the football and Europe in general, which of course I am part of! Wow, I'm great.' Then it would be pointed out that James could barely even function in society, and then I'd say that I don't really know how I function either. Not very well, I guess, it's all very upsetting. Crucially though, I'm NOT a bigot. Apparently Ghana have a 0.22% chance of winning the whole championship. What would be better, England winning or the most random country in the contest? It's probably the latter isn't? Go Ghana! No actually go England, I've changed my mind. If England get kicked out of the competition, I WILL be rooting for Ghana, though. And bye!