

I spent half an hour looking to find an intelligent quote that would neatly sum up why some people love it when the World Cup Football Finals arrive and why others do not. Something that encapsulated a divide that rips the nation apart between those who live, breathe and sleep the sport and those who would rather wallpaper the living room shackled to a razor sharp pasting table!

Sadly “intelligent” quotes about football are few and far between. I myself, even as a lifelong football supporter and player, fail to get overexcited about the World Cup. Yes I watch the games but not with the same passion and emotion that I do with my national, local or girls club. Nor do I have the same single (aka narrow) minded support for one team. Of course I want England to win but then I quite like the look of the German team, and having spent time in Ecuador would quite like them to get out of the Group stages, oh and I got Cameroon and Japan in the sweepstake so it would be good if they won...

The World Cup is supposed to be an opportunity for the elite players across the globe to inspire the next generation. Thus far it has been a pretty dirty and in some cases down right violent tournament. Sadly the behaviour in Brazil will be mimicked by youngsters on the local rec, and it will be the volunteer and grassroots authorities that will have to pick up the pieces.

So on the one hand I don't mind that there is wall to wall football pretty much every night for the next month. But on the other this World Cup has been marred by alleged corruption, poor treatment of construction workers and now inappropriate aggressive behaviour by players, leading many to question whether the tournament has had its day; a debate for another time for a nation divided on the sport.