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**Rooney to Play and England Tipped to Win –
The National Lottery Reveals Football Fortunes 2006**
Expect a harsh sending off, a surprise package and a big name retirement!

England's Football Fortunes have been sealed even before the World Cup has kicked off – according to an exclusive psychic Tarot card reading set up for soccer legend, Jimmy Greaves, by The National Lottery®.

To support the launch of the new Football Fortunes 2006 Scratchcard, Jimmy Greaves – arguably England's greatest goalscorer – consulted Julian Benson of psychicswitchboard.com to discover what lies in wait for England this summer. Jimmy posed some of the biggest questions on England fans' lips – firstly, will Rooney play?

Julian explained: "I have seen the Chariot Tarot card, which indicates success and victory through hard work. It says that his willingness and self belief will get him there. Rooney's first game will be the Quarter Finals where he will replace Peter Crouch in the second half. I have also seen the Tower card which means he will surprise everyone by his impact!"

Jimmy said: "Along with the rest of the nation, I am so relieved to hear that Rooney will play. I always believed in my heart that he would and to have it confirmed in this reading is great news for England."

Next, Jimmy asked another crucial question about English 'Football Fortunes' this summer – according to the Cards, is England's name on the cup?

Julian said: "Yes! I have seen the Strength card which describes a courageous and resilient defence. England's back four will be the key to their success!"

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He added: “The Six Of Wands means a strong man who will win over his battles and drive the team forward, that man will be John Terry. He will be the backbone of the team. The Magician card indicates creative and inspirational force and that player will be Steven Gerrard.”

Jimmy said: “It’ll be party time on 9 July and I love a good party. I always thought goals were the key to winning but it seems it is our defence which will make the difference. To be honest I don’t care how we do it, as long as we win.”

Mysteriously, Julian also told Jimmy about some unexpected events the Cards told him, which will shape this World Cup. He explained: “I can see the Five Of Coins which indicates a harsh sending off. Also the King Of Wands says that there will be a surprise package who will score a crucial goal. The Death card says that there will be big name retirement that will shock people!”

Jimmy said: “England are famed for their backs to the wall, lion-hearted performances with 10 men and it seems we’ll have to do another one. I think we have already found our surprise package – it seems Peter Crouch will be robo-dancing all the way to Berlin. The retirement is interesting – perhaps Beckham will call it a day after lifting the trophy after all he is 31 and can’t have too many years at the top left.”

Football Fortunes 2006 is a game of two halves – offering players two games on each scratchcard and a sporting chance to net a whole range of instant cash prizes up to top scoring £60,000. In Game 1, if 'Your Team' has a higher score than 'Their Team' you win the prize for that match. In Game 2, you need to match three like amounts to win one of those amounts. If you reveal a trophy symbol in either game, you'll win £15 automatically.

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