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That record becomes even more incredible when you consider they have also scored every individ

But England's demise could have been avoided had Sven-Goran Eriksson employed better use of th

His decision to stick with David Beckham when the England captain is clearly past his best has

This was compounded by the performance of Aaron Lennon when he finally got his chance in place

His pace and dribbling caused panic in the Portuguese defence, something Beckham rarely achiev

England's chances were further inhibited when their one genuine world class star Wayne Rooney

Rooney is at his devastating best playing behind a main striker and running at defences from t

England's tactics of hitting him with long balls was a complete waste of his talents and a let

But with Eriksson now departed, the reigns of the England manager's job are passed on to Steve

Fans can only hope McClaren introduces a new attacking brand of football to excite the support

We await with baited breath.

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