



Matt Le Tissier

SPORTS PERSONALITY

Loyalty is treated as a soft virtue until an organisation needs to keep its best people through a rebuild, a relegation fight, or a long stretch without obvious wins. Holding standards when the easier choice is to leave is a rare quality, and one that senior leaders often need to model rather than describe. Audiences respond to people who have actually done it.

Matt Le Tissier is a former Southampton and England footballer, the first midfielder to score 100 Premier League goals, and a Sky Sports pundit who speaks to organisations on loyalty, pressure, and long-career performance.

Matt Le Tissier's 2026 Biography

Why organisations work with Matt Le Tissier

- He spent his entire 16-year professional career at Southampton, scoring 209 goals in 540 appearances, which gives any session on loyalty and culture a rare lived foundation rather than a borrowed example.
- He was the first midfielder to reach 100 Premier League goals and converted 47 of 48 career penalties, both records that travel well in front of audiences who recognise top-flight football.
- He was voted greatest Premier League player ever in a 2020 Eurosport poll, which gives him the sort of standing in the UK market that makes him a draw for hospitality, client events, and after-dinner bookings.
- He spent close to two decades as a Sky Sports Soccer Saturday panellist, so the broadcasting craft, anecdote pacing, and ease in front of a room are already there.
- His autobiography Taking Le Tiss, published by HarperSport, gives the personal narrative a clear public form to draw on for keynote and Q&A material.

Biography highlights

- One-club career at Southampton, 1986 to 2002: 209 goals in 540 appearances.
- First midfielder to score 100 Premier League goals; 100 goals and 64 assists in 270 Premier League appearances.
- PFA Young Player of the Year, 1989-90.
- Eight England caps, 1994 to 1997.
- Career penalty record of 47 from 48.
- Voted greatest Premier League player ever in a 2020 Eurosport poll.
- Long-running Sky Sports Soccer Saturday panellist until August 2020; subject of Sky Sports' Le God: The Matt Le Tissier Story.
- Author of Taking Le Tiss, HarperSport, 2009.

AVAILABLE FOR

- After Dinner Engagement
- Panel Participation
- Speaking
- TV and Media

MATT'S SPEAKING THEMES

- Leadership
- Motivation and Inspiration
- Peak Performance
- Resilience & Stress Management
- Storytelling & Business Communication

LANGUAGES: English

Biography

Southampton signed Matt Le Tissier in 1986 and never let him go. He spent sixteen years at the club, scored 209 goals in 540 appearances, and finished his career as their second-highest scorer in history. In an era when most top players moved for bigger clubs and bigger contracts, that career stands out on its own.

The Premier League records do most of the talking. Le Tissier was the first midfielder to reach 100 Premier League goals, with 64 assists alongside them, and his career penalty record of 47 from 48 is still cited as the strongest in English top-flight football. The PFA Young Player of the Year award in 1989-90 marked him out early, and the 2020 Eurosport poll naming him greatest Premier League player ever gave a generation of fans a chance to make the case again, two decades after he retired.

For corporate audiences, the value is in what one career at one club teaches about sticking with an institution through change, relegation fights, and quieter seasons. He played under multiple managers, refused several moves, and stayed visible in the public eye long after retirement. After his playing career he spent close to two decades as a Sky Sports Soccer Saturday panellist, which sharpened the storytelling and the timing that an after-dinner audience or a moderated panel needs.

His autobiography Taking Le Tiss, published by HarperSport in 2009, set out the career in his own voice. Sky Sports' Le God: The Matt Le Tissier Story, made about a player who never left, gives any room he speaks in an immediate point of reference: a one-club Premier League career, on his own terms, in a southern English town that adopted him as its own.

Key speaking topics

- Loyalty and the one-club career
- Pressure and composure in front of goal
- Sustained performance across a long sporting career
- Premier League history and analysis
- Life as a broadcaster after elite sport
- After-dinner storytelling

Ideal for

- Hospitality, client entertainment, and brand activation events in the UK where a recognisable Premier League figure is a draw.
- After-dinner and awards bookings for sales teams, partner events, and incentive nights.
- Panel guest or moderated Q&A formats at sports business, fan engagement, and football industry events.
- Senior leadership off-sites and sales conferences where loyalty and long-career discipline are part of the agenda.

Audience outcomes

- A first-hand account of what it takes to commit to one organisation across sixteen years of changing leadership.
- A grounded view of pressure moments, including penalty taking and high-stakes decisions, from someone with the records to back it up.
- Stories from the Premier League's first decade told by a player who lived it and then spent two decades broadcasting it.
- A sharper sense of what life looks like for an elite performer when the

playing career ends and the public role continues.