Edinburgh Festival Fringe REVIEW & INTERVIEW - The Three Lions ****

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The Three Lions, Pleasance Beyond, 31 July to 26 August (except 13 and 20) 4:30pm, £15 (£13.50 concessions)

The audience at <u>The Three Lions</u> could not help but roar with laughter throughout this comedic imagining from actor and writer William Gaminara.

The play gives a glimpse at what might just have happened in the Swiss hotel room where three of the most recognisable figures in the UK decide on a plan of action to win England's 2018 World Cup bid by delivering what they believe to be a winning presentation in December 2010.

It's not every day you interview David Cameron, David Beckham and Prince William all in the same room, but that's exactly what The Edinburgh Reporter did — well, almost. The three main stars (Sean Browne as David Beckham, Dugald Bruce-Lockhart as David Cameron and Tom Davey as Prince William) spoke about the production and their Edinburgh Festival Fringe experiences.

They all do an excellent job of interpreting those who we recognise so well, with the supporting performances by Alice Bailey-Johnson, Ravi Aujla and Lewis Collier really bringing the 90-minute play together nicely.

The inclusion of actual and fictional problems regarding the bid, the telephone calls from Nick Clegg and Victoria Beckham and the political references all boost the likability of the show.

The heat of the 'Pleasance Beyond' venue may have been close to being beyond bearable but the quality acting performances and fluid, humourous dialogue grasped the attention of the theatre-goers, who appeared impressed by the likeness and bond between the main characters, and even more so by the unfolding plot twists.