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## Channel 4 lines up Eriksson satire

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Channel 4 is to give its own particular take on the World Cup with a satirical documentary about Sven-Goran Eriksson's "lives and loves" from comedy film-maker Alison Jackson.

Sven - The Coach, His Cash and His Lovers will be a centrepiece of the broadcaster's summer schedule, which was unveiled today.

The authored film, which comes from the same team behind More4's David Blunkett satire A Very Social Secretary, will mix documentary interviews and archive footage with satirical dramatic reconstructions in what Channel 4 describes as Jackson's "unique voyeuristic" style.

Contributors will include Faria Alam, the Football Association secretary who famously had an affair with Eriksson, comedian Keith Allen and publicist Max Clifford.

Jackson came to prominence with her BBC2 series Doubletake, in which she re-created fictional scenes involving celebrities. One memorable sketch featured an Eriksson-alike placing his shoes outside a bedroom door before bedding an Ulrika Jonsson lookalike.

Other new shows include a comedy panel show, Best of the Worst, featuring Johnny Vaughan and David Mitchell as team captains.

Hosted by Alexander Armstrong, the series will feature rounds where the panel get to discuss issues such as the world's worst album covers, lookalikes or religious sightings.

And in a move that Channel 4 has described as "audacious", a new Friday night show, Whatever, will see 12 young people who have never worked in television production given complete creative freedom to come up with their own series.

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