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‘Ok, lads, you have everything you need to win this game. So go out and do it ,’ said the coach. Eoin's not sure if it will be so easy! He's just started a new school ... and a new sport. Everyone at school is mad about rugby, but Eoin hasn't even held a rugby ball before! With new rules to learn, new friends to make and new teachers to get a handle on, he really doesn't need to have Richie Duffy, the resident bully, picking him out as his latest target! And just who is this guy, Brian, who looks so out-of-date, but gives great rugby advice? Lawrence Dallaglio commands your attention with his hilarious tales from the rugby pitch to the clubhouse bar.

JUKlopp's coaching career began in the German second tier at the unfashionable club of FSV Mainz 05, whom he steered to the Bundesliga for the first time in forty-one years. In 2008, he joined Borussia Dortmund, where he achieved back-to-back league titles and took the club to the UEFA Champions League final. He left Germany for one of the England's most challenging jobs: to manage Liverpool, a once-mighty club that had not managed sustained success since the 1980s. It was not a task for the fainthearted. Anfield, Liverpool's home, is a temple to flamboyant attacking soccer powered by passion. In Klopp, Liverpool finally found a manager who embodied the essence of the club. Klopp is dynamic, expressive, restless, driven—he feels every move and play, every tactical shift, every contact on the field. His eyes betray a wild ecstasy and agony as his team thrives or falls. His game plan demands relentless commitment—the famous gegenpress—and he is one of the great personal motivators in all sport. Raphael Honigstein, author of Das Reboot and Bundesliga correspondent for the Guardian, has interviewed Klopp and followed his career since his early years, and better than anyone knows how to “bring the noise” to his subject.

Silver boots, perma-tanned skin, shaven legs and gravity-defying red spikes in his hair – Gavin Henson is Wales's hottest new celeb and rugby’s golden boy. This is his story of a momentous year in rugby, starting with an epic Six Nations Grand Slam for Wales, followed by the toughest of all tours, the British Lions in New Zealand.

With an Account of His Campaign on the Peninsula and in Pall Mall and Notes, by an Officer. With Fifteen Coloured Sketches by T. Rowlandson

#### Harlequins

Guinness World Records 2022

The First 150 Years

What’s happened in between and can England repeat the success?

A Social History of English Rugby Union

The Feminization of Sports Fandom

For most rugby followers, the 1905 All Black tour of Britain has assumed legendary proportions. By its end, this unheralded team had taken the traditional rugby strongholds by storm, dazzled with its athleticism and innovative style, accumulated a string of huge victories, claimed a moral ‘draw’ with Wales, and put its young colony firmly on the world map. The tour created the ‘All Blacks’ name and mystique and enshrined expectations of international success that show little sign of receding. Its associated myths and symbols are etched in the collective consciousness of New Zealand rugby enthusiasts. **THE CONTEST FOR RUGBY SUPREMACY** provides a new and critical perspective on the events and personalities of the 1905 tour. It examines key themes in the formative years of New Zealand rugby that both shaped the success of the All Blacks and produced frequent controversy around them; explores significant political and sporting debates during the course of the tour; reassesses the achievements of the team within a British sporting world in which soccer was dominant and rugby union was severely weakened by the rise of rugby league in the north; sets the supposed controversy of the loss to Wales in a wider context; and finally considers the significant deterioration in British–Australasian rugby relations in the years immediately after the tour.

From the myth of William Webb Ellis to the glory of the 2003 World Cup win, this book explores the social history of rugby union in England. Ever since Tom Brown’s Schooldays the sport has seen itself as the guardian of traditional English middle-class values. In this fascinating new history, leading rugby historian Tony Collins demonstrates how these values have shaped the English game, from the public schools to mass spectator sport, from strict amateurism to global professionalism. Based on unprecedented access to the official archives of the Rugby Football Union, and drawing on an impressive array of sources from club minutes to personal memoirs and contemporary literature, the book explores in vivid detail the key events, personalities and players that have made English rugby. From an era of rapid growth at the end of the nineteenth century, through the terrible losses suffered during the First World War and the subsequent ‘rush to rugby’ in the public and grammar schools, and into the periods of disorientation and commercialisation in the 1960s through to the present day, the story of English rugby union is also the story of the making of modern England. Like all the very best writers on sport, Tony Collins uses sport as a prism through which to better understand both culture and society. A ground-breaking work of both social history and sport history, *A Social History of English Rugby Union* tells a fascinating story of sporting endeavour, masculine identity, imperial ideology, social consciousness and the nature of Englishness.

**THE SUNDAY TIMES** **BESTSELLER** ‘Hilarious, and straight talking but also articulate and insightful – I am just hugely fond of this guy’ –Eddie Jones ‘James Haskell: what a flanker, what a book’ –Rugby World

Most of us would recognize a star leader by their charisma, emotional intelligence and public communication prowess. What is truly impressive but often overlooked is the silent work of leadership that garners real results. Exercising influence in a complex and global organization – whilst also shaping and executing strategies across borders in a disruptive age – is the true mark of success as a leader. *Backstage Leadership* takes a comprehensive look at the background processes that leaders must master in order to shape the culture, direction and capability of a successful company. With an emphasis on strategy, the author provides an integrated toolkit for developing your knowledge and skills as a 'backstage leader.' You will learn how to: Mobilize people towards new strategic directions Scan your business environment for threats and disruptive forces Diagnose and help to shape the culture of your organization Develop talent and capabilities towards a specific goal. Focusing on the key and consistent underlying processes of leadership, this book is essential reading for managers who wish to bring focus and coherence to their leadership role and integrate themselves within the engine of the organization.

A Clarion Call To Welsh Rugby

Rugby World Cups – 2003 and 2015

A Play

**Chester’s Complete Trotting and Pacing Record, Containing Summaries of All Races Trotted Or Paced in the United States Or Canada, from the Earliest Dates to the Close of 1883**

Twickenham

Alone at Stands

Officiating in the Premier League, La Liga and

Packed with photography from the RFU's own archive and items of memorabilia plucked from the Twickenham Museum, this stunning book also includes the fascinating Twickenham memories of numerous rugby greats including Bill Beaumont, Will Carling, Jonny Wilkinson and Sir Clive Woodward. Featuring the greatest players, the best tries and the most memorable matches ever played at the stadium, this lavish coffee-table book is a fitting tribute to the 100th anniversary of Twickenham in 2009-10.

We all like choosing the best-ever Welsh rugby team, but here is a XV with a difference. Here they are not players but writers. The exploits of the people's heroes from Gould to Gareth Edwards are vividly recaptured in some classic prose. So too are the expectations and emotions of the most passionate followers in the world. They deserve the best team we can put out.

Here it is, a selection of world-beating writing on Welsh rugby: The First XV. A collection of biographical, anecdotal, and literary essays on Britain's consuming passion for rugby.

*When Lions Roared: The Lions, the All Blacks and the Legendary Tour of 1971* – Longlisted for the 2017 William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award
*The 1971 British & Irish Lions tour of Australia and New Zealand has gone down in history as one of the greatest of all time. When the enigmatic Carwyn James was appointed as coach, he faced a gruelling schedule: two matches against powerful provincial sides in Australia packed with Test players, then a hop across the Tasman Sea for a twenty-four-match slog around New Zealand, which would include a four-Test series against the All Blacks, the best side on the planet. No Lions team had ever defeated the All Blacks in a Test series. Since 1904, six Lions sides had travelled to New Zealand and all had returned home with their tails between their legs. But in 1971 a tour party led by John Dawes set out to carve their names into the annals of the sport with their assault on the great bastion of world rugby. Lying in wait were team after team of hardened rugby warriors and an All Blacks side filled with legends of the game. But as the Lions began to sweep their way across the length and breadth of the country, displaying ferocity and magic in equal measure, it became clear that a Test series of epic proportions was set to unfold. When Lions Roared delves into the very heart of that famous summer as Lions. All Blacks and provincial players recount their memories to bring to life one of the most celebrated tours in*

*rugby history - one that changed the game forever and continues to resonate powerfully to this day. Women fans have entered the traditionally male domain of the sports stadium in growing numbers in recent years. Watching professional sport is important for women for so many reasons, but their expectations and experiences have been largely ignored by academics. This book tackles these shortcomings in the literature and sheds new light on the many ways in which women become sports fans. This groundbreaking study is the first to focus on the phenomenon of the feminization of sports fandom. Including original research on football and rugby union in the UK, it looks at the increasing opportunities for women to become sports fans in contemporary society and critically examines the way this form of leisure is valued by women. Drawing upon feminist thinking and intersectionality, it shows how women from different social classes and age groups consume the spectacle of sport. This book is fascinating reading for any student or scholar interested in sport and leisure studies, sociology and gender or women's studies.*

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*The Harlequin Football Club is one of the world's oldest rugby teams. Founded during the reign of Queen Victoria, it went through many difficulties in those early years before going from strength to strength to become one of the best sides in England. This book will reveal the club's secrets from both on and off the pitch. Discover how the club has evolved over the last 150 years into its present form. Find out the infamous 'Bloodgate' saga unfolded and how the club was saved from going under. Be amazed by stories of days gone by from those with full access behind the scenes at The Stoop. With a foreword by Will Carling, the most famous living Harlequin and former captain of England, this book is a comprehensive season by season account of a club side that is internationally renowned. Even if you don't know the Harlequins at the start, you will by the end. It is an absolute must read for fans not only of the Quins, but of rugby in general.*

**Dallaglio's Rugby Tales**

**How Americans Play Baseball and the Rest of the World Plays Soccer**

**A Global History of Rugby**

**Rugby Spirit**

**The Jürgen Klopp Story**

**The Role of Technology in a Revisionist Global Order and the Implications for Special Operations Forces**

**The First XV**

*A biography of the early life and the playing career of John Dawes, the London Welsh, British Lions (1971) and Barbarians captain. The biography is the result of extensive interviews, with a postscript giving a current analysis detailing Dawes' place in rugby history as one of rugby's greatest innovators.*

*"The book will appeal to a global audience: to anyone with an interest in soccer, sports and business. They will be shocked to learn what goes on behind the scenes of the world's most popular sport".*

*Two Welshmen who've been given the accolade of being the top rugby referee in the world. The only two Welshmen to have refereed a World Cup final. They've not only served the game that they love, they've contributed to its development and appeal over many decades.*

*The world is being transformed physically and politically. Technology is the handmaiden of much of this change. But since the current sweep of global change is transforming the face of warfare, Special Operatons Forces (SOF) must adapt to these circumstances. Fortunately, adaptation is in the SOF DNA. This book examines the changes affecting SOF and offers possible solutions to the complexities that are challenging many long-held assumptions. The chapters explore what has changed, what stays the same, and what it all means for U.S. SOF. The authors are a mix of leading experts in technology, business, policy, intelligence, and geopolitics, partnered with experienced special operators who either cowrote the chapters or reviewed them to ensure accuracy and relevance for SOF. Our goal is to provide insights into the changes around us and generate ideas about how SOF can adapt and succeed in the emerging operational environment.*

*Elite Soccer Referees*

*Down Our Streets*

*The Invisible Work of Highly Effective Leaders*

*A Rugby Memoir*

*National Pastime*

*Strategic Latency Unleashed*

*A Sociological Study*

*Sean Fitzpatrick played for the best rugby team on the planet, the All Blacks. His aggressive, uncompromising approach made him one of the greatest players ever. Ruthless, devious and compelling to watch, he was a one-man wrecking machine. He was also an inspirational leader. Between 1986 and 1997, he played 128 matches for the All Blacks, 92 of those test matches, and a record 51 as captain. In his long and illustrious international rugby career, Fitzpatrick set the benchmark for excellence. Winning Matters is a fascinating insight into the mind of a legend. In a candid, conversational tone, Fitzpatrick reflects on the key moments and meetings of his life, identifying everyday values, beliefs and principles that have driven him, both on and off the pitch. Part autobiography, part self-help, part business how-to, Winning Matters offers the reader an understanding of what makes Fitzpatrick tick - his strategies for success in all aspects of life, and how we can all learn from them. It is an easy but inspirational guide to being the best we can be. Also available as an eBook*

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**Rugby League the People's Game**

**The Lions, the All Blacks and the Legendary Tour of 1971**

**The Story of Thomond Park**

**Newcastle's Street Names Explored**

**Legendary Stories of Blood, Sweat and Beers**

**Behind the scenes**

**A History of the Menhaden**

*Soccer is undeniably the most popular sport in the world. While we know much about its high-profile players and their increasing wealth and global influence, we know little about referees and the ways in which refereeing has changed throughout the history of the sport. This book provides an in-depth exploration of the evolution of the match official. It presents a comparative analysis of elite Association football referees in England, Spain and Italy, as well as offering insights into the involvement of UEFA and FIFA in referee training. Drawing on archive material, the book documents the historical development of refereeing and sheds new light on the practice of elite refereeing in the present day. Including exclusive interviews with elite and ex-elite referees, as well as with professional soccer managers and members of the broadcast media, it considers the current role of match officials and the challenges and controversies they encounter. Elite Soccer Referees: Officiating in the Premier League, La Liga and Serie A is a fascinating reading for all students and scholars with an interest in soccer, sport history, sport policy, sport management and the sociology of sport.*

*Rugby has always been a sport with as much drama off the field as on it. For every thrilling last-minute Jonny Wilkinson drop-goal to win the world cup or Jonah Lomu rampage down the touchline for a try, there has been a split, a feud or a controversy. The Oval World is the first full-length history of rugby on a world scale – from its origins in the village-based football games of medieval times up to the globalised sport of the twenty-first century,now played in well over 100 countries. It tells the story of how a game played in an obscure English public school became the winter sport of the British Empire, spread to France, Argentina, Japan and the rest of the world and commanded a global television audience of over four billion for the last world cup final. And how American football – and other games such as Australian, Canadian and Gaelic football – emerged from rugby and highlight just how much the modern gridiron game owes to its English cousin. Featuring the great moments in the game's history and its great names – such as Jonah Lomu, David Duckham, Serge Blanco, Billy Boston and David Campese alongside Rupert Brooke, King George V, Boris Karloff, Charles de Gaulle and Nelson Mandela – The Oval World investigates just what it is about rugby that enables it to survive and thrive in countries with very different traditions and cultures. This is the definitive world history of a truly global rugby.*

*Rugby has held a central role in Welsh life ever the past century. In the words of historian Gareth Williams, the game has been ‘a pre-eminent expression] Welsh consciousness, a signifier of ‘Welsh nationhood’. Less than 25 years ago touring teams from the southern hemisphere knew that their hardest games would be in Wales; the Welsh national team was consistently the strongest in Britain. That’s all changed. Wales is now one of the game’s also-rans. With only one Home Championship in the past 20 years and little success in the World Cup, Welsh rugby - despite some consolation under Graham Henry - is badly in need of fresh thinking and ideas. Who better to provide them than the man who was widely regarded as one of the best scrum halves of his era, yet whose playing career coincided with that period of Welsh decline? In this thought-provoking and frequently controversial book, Welsh rugby icon Robert Jones provides a sharply realistic assessment of the Welsh game from the roots to the national stadium, drawing heavily on lessons learned and observations made during his own illustrious career. Raising the Dragon is a persona manifesto for change from a player whose commitment to Wales never wavered.*

*October 31st 1978. Thomond Park, Limerick. The mighty New Zealand All Blacks, on an Irish tour, take on the none-too-mighty Munster team - and, to everyone's surprise, they lose 12-0. From this piece of Irish sporting history John Breen has fashioned a funny, lively play in which both teams, plus fans, children, relatives and even a dog, are portrayed by a cast of six, with no props and only a half-time change of shirt.*

*The Military Adventures of Johnny Newcome*

**100 Years of Rugby's HQ**

**Football's Secret Trade**

**A Selection of the Best Rugby Writing**

**Winning Matters**

**A Game for Hoologans**

**Bring the Noise**

This is the story of two great sports. One is ‘America’s game,’ while the other is ‘the world’s game.’ Baseball and soccer are both beloved cultural institutions. What draws fans to one game is often a mystery to fans of the other. Despite superficial differences, however, the business and culture of these sports share more in common than meets the eye. This is t two great pastimes and the megabusineses that they have become. In N ational Pastime, Stefan Szymanski and Andrew Zimbalist illustrate how the different traditions of each sport have generated different possibilities for their commercial organization and exploitation. They pay special attention to the rich and complex evolution of baseball from its beginnings in foundation in England through its subsequent expansion across the world. They illustrate how Victorian administrators laid the foundation for Major League Baseball (MLB) and soccer leagues such as the English Premier League, Italy’s Serie A, and the European Champions League. The authors show how the organizers of baseball and soccer have learned from each other to do so. Both sports are rich in tradition. In some cases, however, these traditions—often arbitrary rules established by long-defunct administrators—have obstructed the healthy development of the sport. By studying the experiences of other sports, it might be possible to develop new and better ways to operate. For example, soccer might benefit from greater c hand, MLB could learn from soccer’s relegation rules and more open system of ownership, thus avoiding some of the excesses (competitive imbalance, uneven team resources) associated with monopoly. National Pastime does not advocate the jettisoning of all tradition to adopt wholesale the approach of another sport, of course. In an era of globalization, where so transparent organizational ideas in order to maximize profits, the authors argue that fan-friendly reforms may be necessary in order to avoid something worse. Ultimately, they propose no simple solutions. Instead suggesting specific reforms to the organization of baseball and soccer, drawing on each other’s experiences. Lively and accessibly written, this book is ess

An unrilked insight into the sad mismanagement of rugby union in the 25 years since it turned professional, endangering its future at amateur level. The book recounts the history of the early decades as a professional sport, and suggests solutions to the injury crisis and financial apartheid operated by the major northern-hemisphere unions. 19 photographs.

Saving Rugby UnionY Lofa SHORTLISTED FOR THE TELEGRAPH RUGBY BOOK OF THE YEAR The truth about being a rugby player from the horsey’s mouth. This book is not just about how a psychiatrist called Humphrey helped me get back on my horse and clipity-clop all the way to the World Cup semi-final in Japan. It’s the story of how a fat kid who had to live up to the nickname Psycho grew a decade with rugby’s greatest pros and live weird and wonderful moments both in and out of the scrum. That’s why I’m letting you read my diary on my weirdest days. You never know what you’re going to get with me. From being locked in a police cell to singing Adele on Jonathan Ross (I’ll let you decide which is worse), being kissed by a murderer on the number men hovers inches away from my naked genitalia, melting opponents in rucks, winning tackles, and generally losing blood, sweat and ears in the name of the great sport of rugby. This is how (not) to be a rugby player.

The Lions: When the Going Gets Tough

The Death of Dylan Thomas

The Centenary History of London Welsh R.F.C.

How the Player Transfer Market was Infiltrated

The Ireland Rugby Miscellany

Sketches from Memory

‘ What ’s so special about Thomond Park? The crowd. Simply the crowd. The atmosphere is electric. ’ Donal Spring, one of Munster rugby ’s greatest. Since the first game played there in 1934, Thomond Park has become one of the world ’ s iconic rugby venues. It is a magnificent stadium, famous for many great occasions, notably Munster ’ s 1978 victory over the All Blacks and the ’ Miracle Match ’ against Gloucester in 2003. It also has a worldwide reputation for tradition, wit and an outstanding sense of fair play. Here the history of Thomond Park is traced in a colourful and entertaining style, featuring some rare photos of Munster favourite Paul O ’ Connell, and highlighting great games played and great characters who have graced the arena.

Stuart Barnes has spent over forty years of his life immersed in rugby union, remembered as one of the most controversial playing names during the dying days of the English amateur era and now regarded as a controversial observer in the media - on both television and in print - with over two decades of broadcasting and journalistic experience to draw upon. Sketches from Memory combines autobiography with an objective and off-beat study of the sport from the author ’ s childhood in the 1970s, through the revolution of the transition to professionalism in the 1980s and 1990s, right-side up until the present day. Eschewing the more traditional form of the sports book, Barnes abandons chronology to allow past and present to mingle, presenting his memoir as an alphabetical soup with the letters of the alphabet and not the numbers, dates and years of his life leading the narrative. It is a refreshing, beguiling and absorbing approach that allows the dedicated reader to complete the book in sequence, or the bed-side reader to flick from one letter to the next without losing the thread.

The ‘Heinemann Plays’ series offers contemporary drama and classic plays in durable classroom editions. Many have large casts and an equal mix of boy and girl parts. Set in the Malayan jungle in 1942, this play explores what happens when soldiers have to confront the reality of war.

Sir Ian McGeechan is the ‘Ultimate Lion’. Nobody’s name resonates louder with the Lions than his. In 2017 the British and Irish Lions face one of the toughest tours in history - taking on the All Blacks in New Zealand, where they have only won one of their last 12 Tests. In this unique and fascinating book Sir Ian McGeechan uses his own coaching notes to provide insight and background into what it means to be a Lion, and how the most successful Lions teams in history were built. He will also delve into his rich collection of anecdotes to bring alive the characters involved, and it will undoubtedly be a book that even Warren Gatland will want to read.

John Dawes

Loose Head

Dragon in Exile

The Contest for Rugby Supremacy

The Oval World

When Lions Roared

A new school, a new sport, an old mystery...

History was made on November 22 2003 - England was crowned the World Champion. Everything was ready for rugby to explode in England, for the national team to kick-on, for the level of the domestic game to continue growing and for the sport to truly become prominent nationwide. It did not eventuate. England lost far too many matches and the Aviva Premiership does not match the French Top 14. The result for Rugby World Cup 2015 is a match schedule allocating more games to Wales than to the north of England. Understanding how this came about and also how and why Wales secured matches is an important part of the puzzle and carries substantial implications for future Rugby World Cups. Local and global issues including decision making, rival sports and nationalized players are all tackled in an analysis that seeks to offer realistic and viable solutions for the benefit of English and global rugby.

Rugby union has undergone immense change in the past two decades - introducing a World Cup, accepting professionalism and creating a global market in players - yet no authoritative English-language general history of the game has been published in that time. Until now. A Game for Hoologans brings the game’s colourful story up to date to include the 2007 World Cup. It covers all of the great matches, teams and players but also explores the social, political and economic changes that have affected the course of rugby’s development. It is an international history, covering not only Britain and France but also the great rugby powers of the southern hemisphere and other successful rugby nations, including Argentina, Fiji and Japan. Contained within are the answers to many intriguing questions concerning the game, such as why 1895 is the most important date in both rugby-union and rugby-league history and how New Zealand became so good and have remained so good for so long. There is also a wealth of anecdotes, including allegations of devil-worship at a Welsh rugby club and an account of the game’s contribution to the Cuban Revolution. This is a must-read for any fan of the oval ball.

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