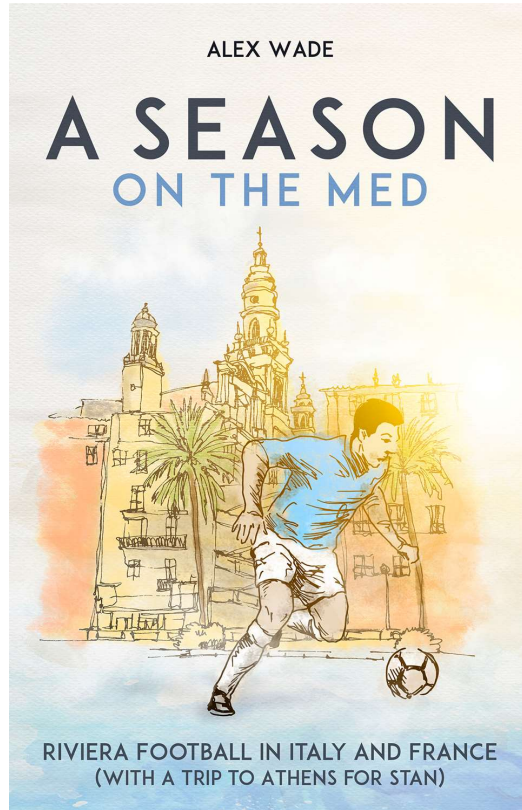




## Title information



### A Season on the Med

Riviera Football in Italy and France (With a Trip to Athens for Stan)

By Alex Wade

#### Key features

- Unique insight into football on the Italian and French Rivas as played in the 2021/22 football season
- Filled with fascinating insight to clubs such as Marseille, Nice, Genoa and Sampdoria, as well as lower division clubs like Sanremese, Casale, Menton and AS Cannes
- Compelling subtext as Alex Wade unpicks the meaning of his hero-worship of QPR legend Stan Bowles, and reprises QPR's trip to Athens in the 1977 UEFA Cup quarter-final
- Beautifully written prose merging memoir, travelogue and reportage from a seasoned writer – Wade has been shortlisted by the Sports Journalists' Association as sports feature writer of the year
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

#### Description

*A Season on the Med: Riviera Football in Italy and France (With a Trip to Athens for Stan)* is a story of football where the sun always shines – with a difference. In the wake of Brexit, writer Alex Wade decamped to Menton, the last town on the Cote d'Azur. During a swim between France and Italy, he realised two things. An array of great football clubs – from Nice, Marseille and Monaco to Genoa, Sampdoria and Spezia – were on his doorstep on the French and Italian Rivas. Plus his hero, Queens Park Rangers' talisman Stan Bowles, once played on the Med. Wade embarked on a journey of discovery to experience Riviera football over the 2021/22 season, with two questions in mind. Is football on the Med more laid-back, languid and amiable than elsewhere? And could he make it to Athens in a tribute to Bowles? Eloquently written with a blend of reportage, travelogue and memoir, *A Season on the Med* ends in Brumano, Italy, as Wade captures the spirit of Riviera football and confronts the meaning of heroism.

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