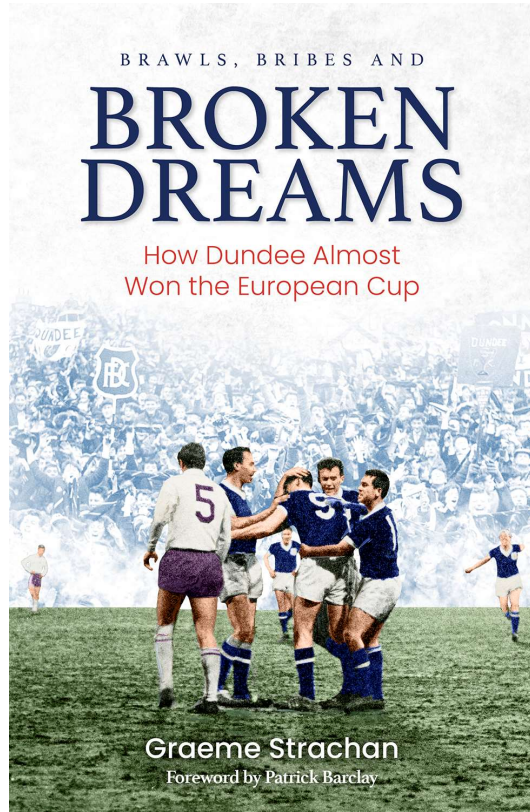




Title information



Brawls, Bribes and Broken Dreams

How Dundee Almost Won the European Cup

By Graeme Strachan

Key features

- Story of how Dundee almost became the immortal inhabitants of the positions in history now held by Jock Stein's Celtic and Sir Matt Busby's Manchester United
- The culmination of exhaustive archive research, including interview transcripts, scouting reports and match reports from the vaults
- Foreword by award-winning football writer and Dundee fan Patrick Barclay
- Features rare images from the time, including many never before seen in print
- Published during the 60th anniversary celebrations of both Dundee's league triumph and European Cup run to maximise coverage
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Dundee were the punch-drunk underdogs when they chased European Cup glory after winning the league in 1962. AC Milan, Benfica and Real Madrid were at the peak of their powers and Ipswich would represent England after winning the league under Alf Ramsey. Dundee were about to enter a new world of glamour. Expectations were so low that just ten Dundee fans put their names forward for a special flight to mark the club's first venture into the unknown. The Dark Blues were up for the fight though, and destroyed Cologne 8-1 in a blitzkrieg at Dens Park that left the German Embassy reeling. In the week they shared the same bill as boxing legends Sonny Liston and Sugar Ray Robinson, the British Army rescued Dundee from a mass riot with as many punches thrown in the return leg. As this remarkable Cinderella story unfolded, fans of city rivals Dundee United were soon hitch-hiking across the continent to watch Dundee as they came close to conquering Europe, before it all ended in brawls, bribes and broken dreams.

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