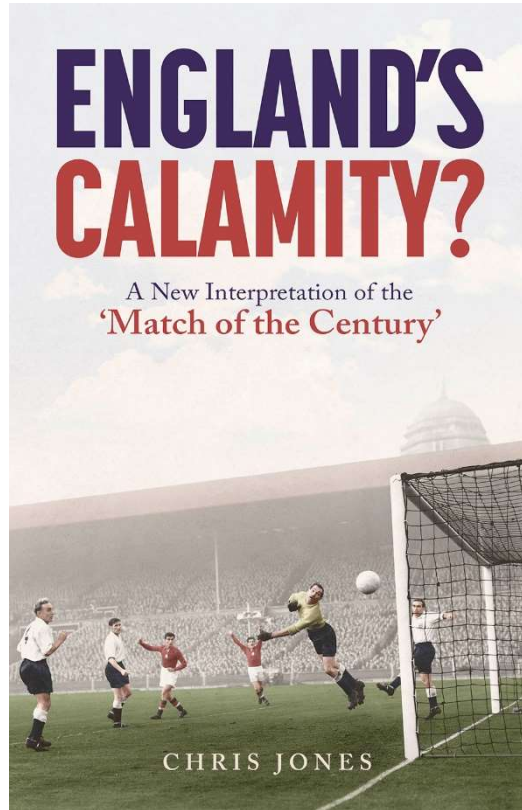




Title information



England's Calamity?

A New Interpretation of the 'Match of the Century'

By Chris Jones

Key features

- Fresh perspective on the famous 1953 England v Hungary football match and its impact
- Explores wildly different interpretations of the game offered by that day's England XI
- Modern football writing obsesses over tactics and systems but this book argues that other factors play an equally important role in football performance – ego, experience, personalities, agendas, myths and responsibilities
- Looks at the views of two camps: those who embraced coaching and developments in Europe and those who looked to the past ('the remainers')
- Places the game in the broader social and political context of Britain from 1945 to 1953
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

England's Calamity? challenges the standard view that England's famous 6-3 loss to Hungary in 1953 kick-started a revolution. The crushing defeat has long been seen as the watershed moment when England cast off its training methods and tactics of the past to embrace new continental practices. Author Chris Jones takes a different view: that the 6-3 trouncing was not a revolutionary moment but one key part of an evolutionary process. The England side of '53 had a fascinating mix of football archetypes – Alf Ramsey (The General), Billy Wright (The Golden Boy), Harry Johnston (The One-Club Man), Stanley Matthews (The Incomparable), Ernie Taylor (The One-Cap Wonder), Jackie Sewell (The Record-Transfer Holder) and Walter Winterbottom (The Boffin). *England's Calamity?* examines the different voices, arguments, biases, myths, agendas and responsibilities of that England XI, their coach, their observers and commentators to bring you a fresh perspective on an endlessly discussed moment in the history of the England team.

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