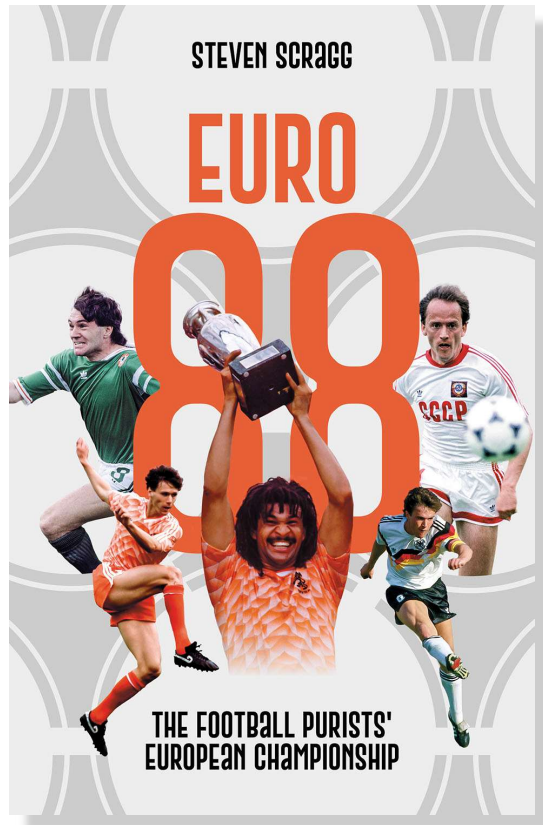




Title information



Euro 88

The Football Purists' European Championship

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Key features

- Discover the story of the penultimate eight-nation Euro finals, a tournament of style and substance, which was set against a backdrop of peak-1980s hooliganism, as the author explores the juxtaposition of events on the pitch and those on the terraces
- Read about the heroic exploits of Jack Charlton's Ireland, offset by the self-destruction of Bobby Robson's England
- Explores Sepp Piontek's 'Danish Dynamite' side and the underachievement of a talented Spanish squad
- Learn how the West Germany and Italy squads were rebooted in preparation for the 1990 World Cup
- Relive the magic of Michels' Netherlands and Lobanovskiy's Soviet Union, who shared an iconic final
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Euro 88: The Football Purists' European Championship delves into the last major international tournament on European soil before Italia 90 – a tournament of rancour and drama blessed by the presence of Gullit, Van Basten, Belanov, Protasov, Vialli, Klinsmann, Butragueño, Elkjær, Whelan and Robson. From England's hypnotic self-destruction via an impressive qualification and Ireland's heroic near-miss of a place in the semi-finals, to the Netherlands finally fulfilling their destiny in lifting the trophy against the Ukrainian-powered Soviet Union – this was a tournament that had it all. It was a glorious summer on the pitch with Rinus Michels, Valeriy Lobanovskiy, Franz Beckenbauer, Azeglio Vicini, Miguel Muñoz, Sepp Piontek, Jack Charlton and Bobby Robson bringing their nations to a high-rolling game of footballing poker. But it was set against a volatile backdrop of violent intent on the terraces, a governing body that was struggling to maintain control, plus a creaking Iron Curtain. Euro 88 was anything but dull.

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