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Euro Summits

The Story of the UEFA European Championships 1960 to 2016

By Jonathan O'Brien

Key features

- First truly comprehensive English-language history of the European Championship to appear in print
- Draws on more than 1,000 sources for quotes from players, managers and other observers
- Draws on the archives of continental European publications such as *Bild*, *El País*, *L'Équipe*, *Gazzetta dello Sport*, *Voetbal International* and many others
- Features a wealth of fresh material unfamiliar to British and Irish readers
- Each tournament is explored in depth, and every single match in the finals is covered individually, with full line-ups and match data included
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Panenka's pearl of a penalty in Belgrade, van Basten's volley of a lifetime in Munich, Gazza's agonising near-miss at Wembley: over its six decades, the UEFA European Championship has thrown up many of the most memorable stories in football lore. Now it gets the history it deserves. *Euro Summits* is the first full retelling of the tournament, from its tentative beginnings in the late 1950s to its elephantine expansion in the mid-2010s. Taking in the USSR's early success, the grim violence of 1968, France's cavalier feats on home soil in 1984, the sensational triumphs of no-hopers Denmark and Greece, Spain's modern-day dominance, all the way up to Portugal's shock victory in 2016, it's a panoramic portrait of an event that captures a whole continent's imagination every four years. Dramatic, detailed and teeming with compelling personalities like Michel Platini, Günter Netzer, Hristo Stoichkov, Zinedine Zidane, Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo, this is the complete story of a footballing event second only to the World Cup.

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