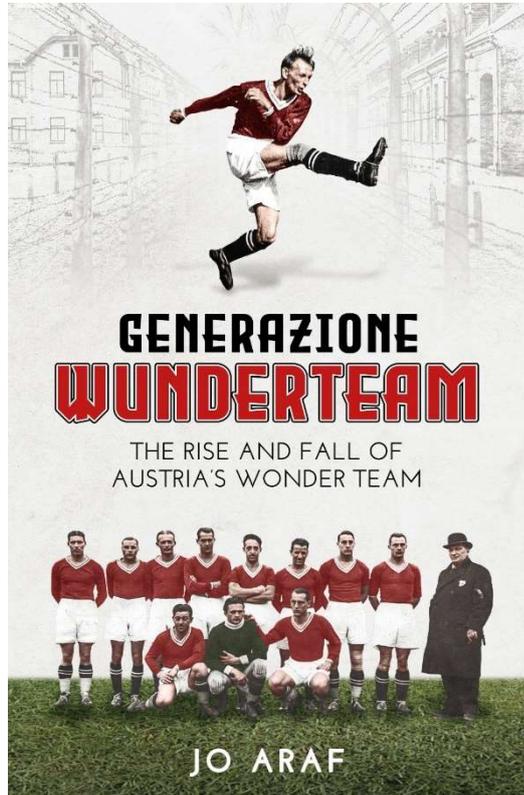




Title information



Generazione Wunderteam

The Rise and Fall of Austria's Wonder Team

By Jo Araf

Key features

- Compelling story of how football boomed in the Austrian capital in the inter-war years and during World War Two thanks to a spectacular national side dubbed the 'Wunderteam'
- First book on the remarkable Wunderteam story – now translated into English
- Brings to life the historical, political, cultural and artistic backdrop of the period
- Tells the individual stories of great European players of the time including Bican, Zischek, Schall, and Sesta
- Essential reading for anyone interested in football history
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Generazione Wunderteam is the enthralling story of the Austrian national football team of the 1930s, an innovative side that dazzled Viennese crowds and sparked a new-found passion for football both at local and international level. Although the Wunderteam was short-lived, this squad led by Hugo Meisl, one of the most prominent figures in European football, proved hugely influential. Vienna quickly became – along with Budapest and Prague – one of the world's football capitals and the birthplace of some of the greatest players of the era, including Matthias Sindelar, a centre-forward whose fame transcended football, and who was often compared to Mozart and other Viennese celebrities. Sindelar died in suspicious circumstances at age 35, after defying the Nazis. The book takes the reader on a journey through that forgotten era, examining the genesis of Hugo Meisl's side, its key figures, the historical vicissitudes of the inter-war years and the most important Viennese teams of the period.

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