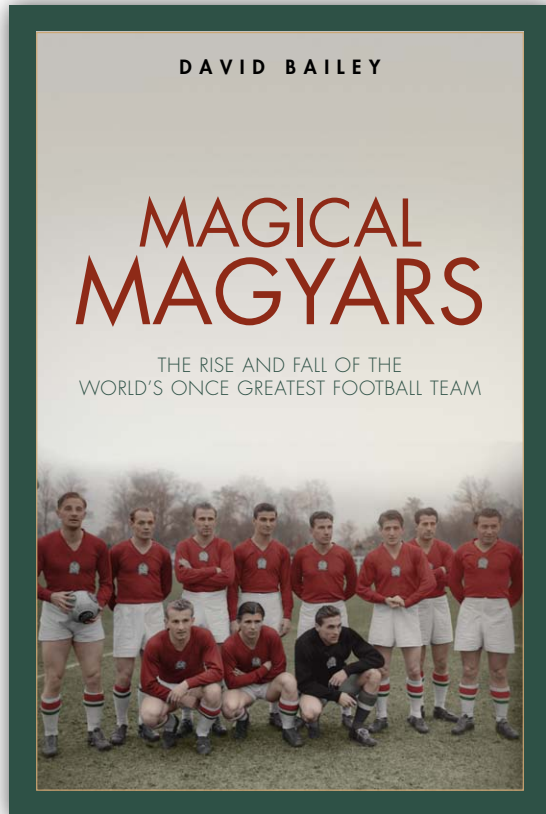## Magical Magyars

The Rise and Fall of the World's Once Greatest Football Team

By David Bailey

Key features

- The first book, in any language, that tells the full story of the Magical Magyars

- Draws together social history, technical aspects of the game, friendship and betrayal, and revolution on and off the field

- The culmination of more than a decade of research by author David Bailey

- Hundreds of books read and hours of interviews completed – including the Magyars' goalkeeper Gyula Grosics

- Colour photo section to tie in with the text

- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

Description

Magical Magyars tells the remarkable story of the legendary Hungarian football team of the 50s, a side whose breathtaking technical skills and passing-and-movement style of play changed the very way the sport was played. Author David Bailey traces the team's origins and details how communist Hungary, a tiny nation impoverished and subjugated by one of the most brutal Stalinist regimes in the Soviet empire, was able to produce a football team that was the envy of the sporting world, and so very nearly world champions. Captained by the genius that was Ferenc Puskás, the Magical Magyars walked a tightrope between being the regime's darlings and providing the beleaguered Hungarian people with a sense of national pride during their darkest days. The team enthralled, dominated and revolutionised world football – until its own demise was brought about by a revolution of a different kind. Weaving in threads of friendship and betrayal, tactics and politics, the quest for glory and upheaval, here is a football story quite unlike any other.

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