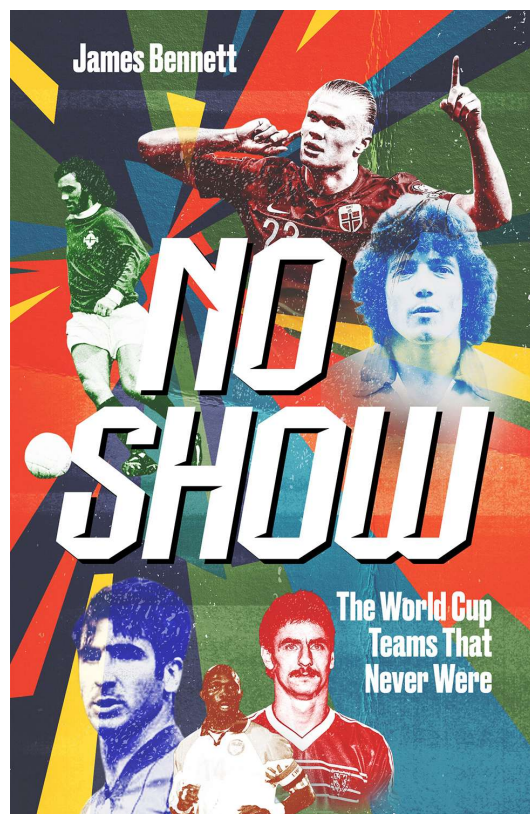




Title information



No Show

The World Cup Teams that Never Were

By James Bennett

Key features

- A treasure trove of famous and forgotten stories from qualification for the World Cup, from the 1950s to the 21st century, told together for the first time
- Author was part of the writing and editorial team at Sandals for Goalposts, one of the leading websites covering African and Asian football
- Captivating tales from around the world, including major powerhouses falling short and outsiders battling the odds
- How some of the greatest players of all time failed to reach the World Cup
- Features stories from across the home nations
- Draws on the author's expert knowledge of the history of African football
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

No Show: The World Cup Teams That Never Were is a fascinating collection of 24 stories of the greatest teams that failed to qualify for the World Cup finals. Ranging from continental giants that became inexplicable absentees to heartbreaking stories of underdogs coming oh-so-close to a place on the world stage, these are stories that stand alone as remarkable accounts of misfortune, whether through refereeing decisions, late goals or even global politics. Discover how some of the greatest players in history never played at the world's biggest tournament, including Alfredo di Stéfano, George Best, Eric Cantona and George Weah. Learn how Johan Cruyff could easily have joined this list, but for a moment of controversy in a deciding qualifier. And relive classic tales of woe for the home nations, including Scotland in 1970, England in 1978 and Wales in 1986. Together, these captivating stories create a patchwork that tells the tale of the trials and tribulations of World Cup qualifying, one of the greatest challenges in world football.

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