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The African Cup of Nations

The History of an Underappreciated Tournament

By Ben Jackson

Key features

- Comprehensive look back at the main events in the history of the African Cup of Nations, from the first tournament up to Senegal's victory in 2021
- One of the first books written in English dedicated to the history of the African Cup of Nations
- Brings together the history of African football with the history of African states to examine how events off the pitch impacted those on it
- Ben Jackson has a Master's degree in African politics from SOAS University and has written on African issues for various websites; he is also the founder and host of the Belgian Football Podcast
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The African Cup of Nations explores the vibrant history of one of football's iconic but often overlooked international tournaments. For a long time, the African Cup of Nations has been seen as a nuisance to European clubs and fans. However, the tournament has a rich history and is fast becoming an event that brings together the finest players in the world. Africa's cup has witnessed some tremendous teams, from the great Ghana side of the 1960s, to the Zaire team of the 1970s, right up to the dominant Egypt side of the 2000s. There are many stories of redemption and achievement, such as the return of South Africa in the 1990s following apartheid, and the triumph of Zambia after the tragedy of 1993. The book brings us all the great teams, managers and players who have lit up the tournament. As well as turning the spotlight on African football, it examines the history of African states, looking at how events off the pitch – including apartheid in South Africa and anti-colonial movements – impacted those on it.

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