



## Title information



### The Fox

Harry Hopman and the Greatest Dynasty in Tennis History

By Michael Sexton

### Key features

- Epic biography of a man who taught himself to play barefoot on a dirt court and then guided the greatest players to Wimbledon and Davis Cup glory
- Why a tiny country grew to dominate a global sport and how Harry Hopman influenced players from Rod Laver and Mo Connolly to John McEnroe
- Years of research allowed Michael to gather first-hand accounts from the golden era's biggest names plus draw on the Hopman archive stored at the International Tennis Hall of Fame for the first time
- Appeals to readers of all countries because it charts tennis through its rich history in the 20th century
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### Description

*The Fox: Harry Hopman and the Greatest Dynasty in Tennis History* is the story of how one man drove a tiny nation to dominate a global sport. The Grand Slams, Wimbledon crowns and Davis Cups his players won made Australia famous. They called him simply Mr Hopman but the *New York Times* called him a 'one-man dynasty'. He was revered for his success but reviled for his methods. He had no formal education as a coach or trainer but relentlessly pursued sporting excellence. Hopman's approach was revolutionary to a genteel sport, introducing the grit of gymnasiums and endurance exercises that bordered on sadistic. This book examines the many shades of Harry Hopman: the outsider who willed himself to play for his country and battled the sport's establishment; the schemer who saw America dominate the sport and devised a way to beat them; the unquestioned leader; and eventually the ageing coach who embraced the 'me generation'.

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