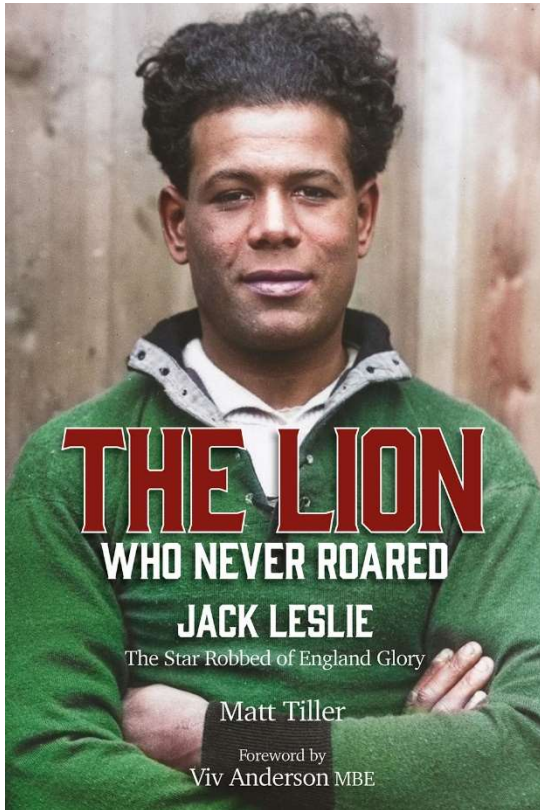




Title information



The Lion Who Never Roared

The Star Robbed of England Glory

By Matt Tiller

Key features

- Incredible life story of a black football pioneer denied the chance to play for England because of his skin colour
- Jack Leslie was famous in the 1920s and 30s, had an illustrious career at Plymouth Argyle, with 137 goals in 400 games, and became the Football League's first black captain
- Written by Matt Tiller, co-founder of The Jack Leslie Campaign, which gained global attention for Jack's statue and the FA award of a posthumous honorary cap
- Contributions from England's first black full international Viv Anderson, Sir Trevor Brooking, who knew Jack, FA chair Debbie Hewitt and Richard Amofa of The Athletic
- Stunning photo section featuring images from the Leslie family archive
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The Lion Who Never Roared: The Star Robbed of England Glory is the incredible story of Jack Leslie, the only black player in the Football League when he was selected for his country in 1925 only to be dropped due to the colour of his skin. Jack had an illustrious career at Plymouth Argyle with 137 goals in 400 games. He became the league's first black captain before an eye injury forced him to retire. In his 60s he joined West Ham United ... to shine the boots of World Cup winners like Bobby Moore. Nearly a century after Jack's heyday, research for this book helped bring recognition at last from the FA, who awarded him an honorary cap in 2023, while a campaign led to a statue that now proudly stands outside Home Park in Plymouth. Drawing on material from the Leslie family archive, Jack's legacy is unfurled in this heart-breaking yet inspiring biography, which includes contributions from Viv Anderson, the first black player to win a full England cap, and Sir Trevor Brooking.

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