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The Team that Could Have Been

The Rise and Fall of Crystal Palace's Team of the Eighties

By Stephen Brandt

Key features

- First book to cover this extraordinary period of Crystal Palace FC history, it combines extensive research with memories of supporters who remember the period
- Deep fan interest in the subject thanks to a BT Sport film and a series on the official Crystal Palace TV channel
- Delves into topics beyond the football pitch – including racism, hooliganism and UK politics
- Looks at future England boss Terry Venables's first venture into management
- A must-read for every Crystal Palace fan and anyone with an interest in 1970s and 80s football
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The Team that Could Have Been: The Rise and Fall of Crystal Palace's Team of the Eighties looks back on a fascinating period for Palace, with meticulous research and supporter memories bringing the story to life. Under the leadership of Malcolm Allison and assistant Terry Venables, the Croydon side embarked on a project – later dubbed the 'Team of the Eighties' – to transform a mediocre side into one of the most glamorous in the land. As part of the transformation, Allison changed the club nickname from 'The Glaziers' to 'The Eagles', and the club colours from claret and blue to the red and blue vertical stripes we know today, to emulate Barcelona. Set in a troubled area of London against a backdrop of racism, hooliganism, despair and a government working against its citizens, it's a story filled with colourful characters, cup runs and the hopes and dreams of a club punching above its weight for a short period of time. Although the project quickly collapsed, it gave England its first look at Terry Venables as a manager. This is the first-ever book on the extraordinary Team of the Eighties.

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