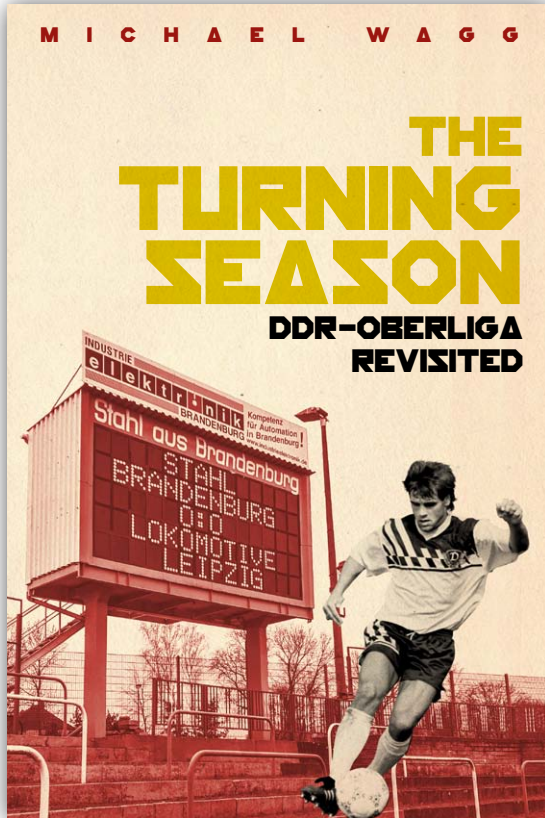




Title information



The Turning Season

DDR-Oberliga Revisited

By Michael Waggon

Key features

- Enthralling personal account of a journey to 14 football clubs from the former DDR in 2019/20, during the 30th anniversary of the Peaceful Revolution of 1989
- Coincides with 30th anniversary of German reunification, and includes exclusive interviews with players and fans, including Joachim Streich, Karl Drössler and Dirk Stahmann
- The project was covered in German media, including in leading football newspaper *FUWO*
- Michael Waggon has co-written a forthcoming complementary fiction title (publishing in January 2021)
- He has written for the *Guardian* and *Observer*, most recently on football in Berlin for the *Observer*
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

In *The Turning Season*, Michael Waggon goes in search of hidden histories and footballing ghosts from before the fall of the Berlin Wall. He revisits the 14 clubs that made up the 1989 DDR-Oberliga, East Germany's top flight. From Aue in the Erzgebirge mountains to Rostock on the Baltic Sea, this quirky account of his whistle-stop tour is for fans who know that football clubs are the beating hearts of the places they play for. There are portraits of the lower levels as well as the big league, stories of then and now that celebrate the characters he met pitch-side. There's Mr Schmidt, who's found a magical fix for the scoreboard at Stahl Brandenburg; Karl Drössler, who captained Lokomotive Leipzig against Eusebio's Benfica; and the heroes of Magdeburg's European triumph, last seen dancing in white bath robes, now pulling in to a dusty car park by the River Elbe. *The Turning Season* turns its gaze on East German football's magnificent peculiarity, with 14 enchanting stories from a lost league in a country that disappeared.

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