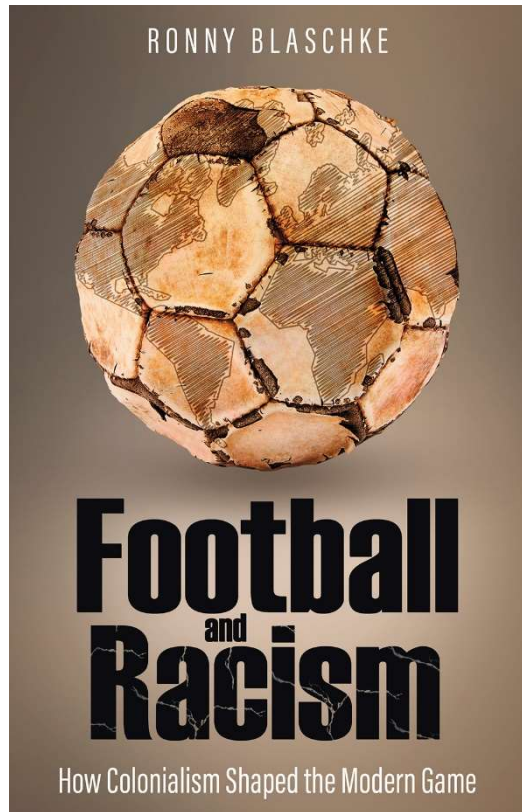




Title information



Football and Racism

How Colonialism Shaped the Modern Game

By Ronny Blaschke

Key features

- Explosive and groundbreaking investigation into overt and covert racism in football
- Ronny Blaschke draws on more than 100 interviews across five continents
- Looks at racism in English football and beyond
- Detailed reports on the situation in Brazil, Namibia and India among other places
- Celebrates players, fans and activists who stand up against discrimination
- Blaschke is one of the most respected sports journalists in Germany and has been analysing racism in sport for 20 years
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Racism in football is reduced to neo-Nazis and monkey chants. But if we want to understand its origins, we have to go back further: colonial powers such as Britain and France wanted to 'civilise' their subjects through sport. Their racial theory has long since been debunked, but a misguided notion of European superiority persists to this day. Journalist Ronny Blaschke has researched the long-term consequences across five continents. And he describes how racist thinking still characterises European football today: black people are often considered powerful athletes, but rarely get the opportunity to become coaches or board members. Blaschke explains colonial thinking in talent scouting, sponsorship and the media. At the centre of this book are people who stand up to racism with courage and grit. In England, black referees are networking to have a stronger voice. In Brazil, reporters are producing a podcast for Afro-Brazilian issues in sport. Above all, the question is: how can racism in football be pushed back?

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