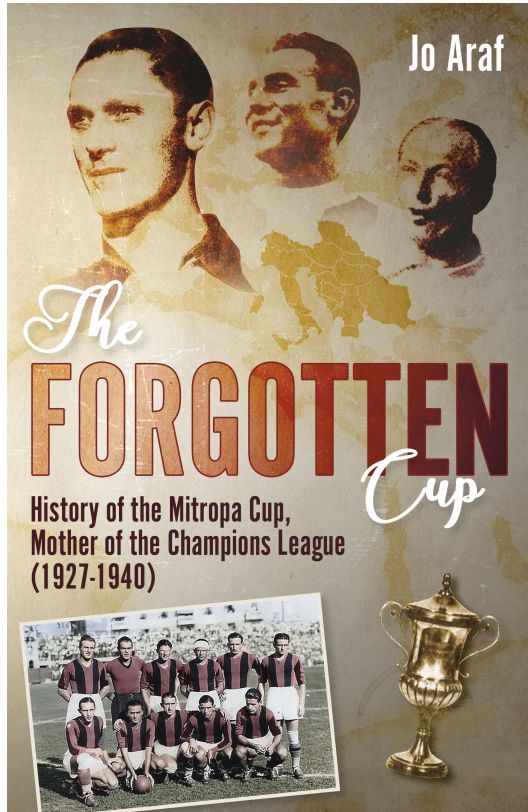




Title information



The Forgotten Cup

History of the Mitropa Cup, Mother of the Champions League (1927–1940)

By Jo Araf

Key features

- First book published about the Mitropa Cup, one of the most important football competitions of the inter-war years
- Story compiled through research via Italian, Hungarian, Austrian and Czechoslovakian online libraries and newspapers of almost 100 years ago
- Examines the socio-political milieu of the era and the main events that impacted Europe (the advent of dictatorships, Hitler's election, the Austrian coup d'état, the *Anschluss*, the outbreak of World War Two and the Holocaust, among others)
- Previously unpublished accounts of footballers and other forgotten personalities
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The Forgotten Cup tells the colourful story of the Mitropa Cup, the inter-war equivalent of today's Champions League. One of the most prestigious football stages of the era – along with the World Cup, which was first played in 1930 – it was a tournament to determine the kings of Europe at the end of a round-robin competition. European football at the highest level was dominated by Italian and Danubian teams – Austrian, Hungarian and Czechoslovakian – and would remain so until the end of the Second World War. The top teams of the time have now fallen into oblivion, and the exploits of Europe's football stars are largely forgotten. Matthias Sindelar, Karel Pešek 'Kád'a, Giuseppe Meazza, György Sárosi and Josef Bican along with a few others were the icons of a sport that had just turned professional, born out of the frictions of a politically heated era with an atmosphere that reverberated on the pitch. *The Forgotten Cup* takes us back to that lost age.

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