Taking le Tiss

By Matt Le Tissier
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Taking le Tiss by Matt Le Tissier is Soccer The fascinating, insightful and at times hilarious memoirs of one of the most gifted and enigmatic British footballers of the last 25 years. Nicknamed "Le God" by the Southampton faithful, Matt Le Tissier was not cast from the same mould as 99% of other professional footballers. A real "one-off" if ever there was one, he was a one-club man in a 16-year career that brought little in the way of trophies but countless plaudits from footballs fans and commentators alike. To the old school brigade he was a "luxury player", someone with a less than ideal work rate and waistline who simply wouldn't conform to the blueprint of a typically hard-working, unsophisticated British player. Terry Venables and Glenn Hoddle found it all too easy to leave him out of their England squads. But to the vast majority Le Tissier was a maverick to be treasured, a flair player who lit up every match he played in and delighted fans with his sumptuous technique and élan for the beautiful game. In fact, the kind of skilful, inventive player and scorer of wonderful goals this country produces all too rarely. Did he simply enjoy the comfort zone of being a big fish in a small pond? Or did he display commendable loyalty in staying with Southampton for his entire career? Did he shun opportunities to move on? Were England managers right not to pick him so many times? Would Fabio Capello pick him for England now? Does the British game discourage his style of play? And how much would he be worth in today's transfer market? Taking Le Tiss is the great man's first chance to answer all these questions and many more. It is also a delightfully self-deprecating and witty story from a player who was more of a Big-Mac-and-fries than a chicken-and-beans man. About the author Guernsey-born Matt Le Tissier is 40 years old and is rated by fans of Southampton FC as their greatest ever player. An attacking midfielder, he is the second-highest ever scorer for the club in a career which spanned 540 matches and 209 goals. He missed just once from the penalty spot in 48 attempts. Le Tissier was the first midfielder to score 100 goals in the Premier League, but despite his phenomenal form at club level he was mysteriously capped just eight times for his country. During the 1993/94 season he scored a remarkable 30 goals from midfield for a team that only just avoided relegation. The following season he won the coveted Match of the Day "Goal of the Season" award for his drifting 40-yard lob against Blackburn Rovers. He has been retired from the game for seven years but is now making a name for himself as one of the most popular pundits on SkySports' much-loved Gillette Soccer Saturday TV programme.

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By: **Dave Thomas**

Mud, Sweat and Shears is the story of Roy Oldfield - groundsman at Burnley FC through the 1970s and 1980s. It tells of how he went from miner to parks and recreation man and eventually became one of football's most-respected turf men. On the pitch he saw more bad times than good, but his offer to 'Av a brew' was gladly accepted by a procession of football greats: from Brian Clough to Bill Shankly, and Denis Law to Kevin Keegan. He faced daily battles with the weather and directors, but single-handedly produced a pitch which received continued praise from players, managers and referees well before the modern immaculate pitches. Roy used his wits, a mower, wheelbarrow, a couple of forks and sand; in an age when most pitches turned to mudbaths at a drop of rain and games were played on snow. This is a unique football book: through a groundsman's eyes, and it tells the story of what typically went on behind the scenes at one club before football became the multi-million-pound industry it is today.

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**サッカー日本代表の少年時代**

By: **Kelvin Barker**

Kelvin Barker was just five years old when he stood on Stamford Bridge’s famous Shed End terrace
for the first time in December 1970. Chelsea beat Newcastle United 1-0 that day, although Kelvin, standing just two foot tall, was able to see precious little of the action. Nevertheless, it heralded the beginning of a love affair which lasts to this very day. By the time the Eighties arrived, Kelvin was a fully paid-up member of the blue army, and had already witnessed more ups and downs than an average adult movie as a result, and it got a whole lot worse before it got better. But it did get better, and in Celery! – Representing Chelsea in the 1980s, Kelvin has gathered together the thoughts and recollections of twelve star performers of the time, to add to his own memories of an incredible decade for the Blues. From his own amusing tales of hugging skipper Colin Pates on the hallowed Stamford Bridge turf and serenading Bob Geldof in the King’s Road, through to the incredible behind-the-scenes stories as told by the players themselves – the mysterious case of Mickey Thomas’ disappearing gold chain, how a kick in the head made Joey Jones a fans’ favourite, the role physio Norman Medhurst’s hair played in David Speedie’s departure from the club, and many more – this book lays bare the facts of representing Chelsea in the 1980s, as recalled by those who were there. Come along, come along, come along and sing this song. We’re the boys in blue in Division Two and we won’t be here for long.

**Une Coupe, un Diable**

By: **Emiliano Bonfigli**


**Eight World Cups**

By: **George Vecsey**

On the eve of the 2014 World Cup, New York Times sports columnist George Vecsey offers a personal perspective on the beautiful game Blending witty travelogue with action on the field—and shady dealings in back rooms—George Vecsey offers an eye-opening, globe-trotting account of the last eight World Cups. He immerses himself in the great national leagues, historic clubs, and devoted fans and provides his up-close impressions of charismatic stars like Sócrates, Maradona, Baggio, and Zidane, while also chronicling the rise of the U.S. men's and women's teams. Vecsey shows how each host nation has made the World Cup its own, from the all-night street parties in Spain in 1982 to the roar of vuvuzelas in South Africa in 2010, as the game in the stadium is backed up by the game in the street. But the joy is sometimes undermined by those who style themselves the game’s protectors. With his characteristic sharp reporting and eye for detail, Vecsey brings this global event to vivid life and has written a perfect companion for the upcoming 2014 World Cup in Brazil.
Developing the Modern Footballer through Futsal

By: Michael Skubala & Seth Burkett

For Pele, futsal was "very important, no doubt". The Brazilian FIFA Player of the Century grew up playing futsal before transitioning to the 11-a-side game. So did many others - from household-name superstars to semi-professionals to Sunday league players. The benefits of futsal have recently entered the mainstream, with initiatives, facilities, and organisations being created, but there are still coaches who are wary of using the sport to develop footballers. In the ever-changing modern game of football, futsal can give players an advantage over others. In Developing the Modern Footballer through Futsal, England futsal coach Michael Skubala, and Seth Burkett, detail the ways in which futsal can be used to develop the technical and tactical skills of players of all abilities. Aimed at coaches of all levels and ages, Developing the Modern Footballer through Futsal is a concise and practical book that provides an easy-to-understand and comprehensive guide to the ways in which futsal can be used as a development tool for football. From defending and attacking to transitional play and goalkeeping, this book provides something for everyone and aims to get you up-and-running fast. Over 50 detailed sessions are provided, with each one related to specific football scenarios and detailing how performance in these scenarios can be improved through futsal. From gegenpressing to innovative creative play under pressure, this book outlines how futsal can be used to develop a wide range of football-specific skills, giving your players the edge.

Johan Cruijff in Barcelona

By: Edwin Winkels

El Salvador, De Verlosser. Dat was zijn bijnaam in Barcelona, dachten wij, maar in werkelijkheid was er niemand die Johan Cruijff zo noemde. Hij was voor hen 'El Flaco', de magere. Later, toen hij trainer werd van Barça, spraken zijn spelers geksherend van 'God', omdat hij alles zag en alles beter wist. Een god die regelmatig van zijn berg in Barcelona is afgedaald om in de wereld zijn wijsheid te verkondigen, zijn vrienden te omarmen, zijn vijanden te vervloeken en de Catalaanse wijs te maken dat 'één duif nog geen zomer' maakt. Bijna altijd was Edwin Winkels daarbij. Hij emigreerde als jonge journalist naar Barcelona in 1988, hetzelfde jaar dat Cruijff er trainer werd. Sindsdien hebben de twee elkaar met grote regelmaat ontmoet. Voor interviews en informele gesprekken, op persconferenties en bij spontane ontmoetingen, op hoge toppen en in diepe dalen. Dit boek is Winkels' persoonlijke relaas over die 28 jaar met Cruijff in Barcelona. Een even bewonderende als kritische beschouwing over de beroemdste Nederlander ooit, gelardeerd met bijzondere anekdotes en onthoezingen. Edwin Winkels (1962) is journalist en sinds 2013 schrijver van romans. Hij debuteerde met Welkom Thuis, waarover Matthijs van Nieuwkerk zei: 'Wat een boek! Het lef dat ook Tommy Wieringa heeft.' In 2014 verscheen Haar laatste vlucht, waarvan in 2016 ook een Spaanse editie werd gelanceerd. In de lente van 2016 verscheen zijn historische roman Het oog van de orkaan.

The Matters of Life, Death, and More

By: Aleksandar Hemon

"The genius of Aleksandar Hemon’s prose is a well-established, universally acknowledged fact. But his ability to read a soccer match—to really, deeply understand it—will strike readers with the force of pure, ecstatic revelation. His essays on the game are the very definition of pleasure." —Franklin Foer, author of How Soccer Explains the World "Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that.” —Bill Shankly, legendary Liverpool F.C. manager As the world’s eyes turn to the World Cup, Aleksandar Hemon reminds us of a sad fact: “an average life seldom contains more than twenty World Cups—our games are tragically numbered.” We need to pay attention, to absorb the joy, the skill, the agony, the triumph, the beauty—everything that soccer is. And soccer is, of course,
everything. In these pages, Hemon revisits memories of his first World Cup (1974), for which his then homeland, Yugoslavia, qualified in dramatic fashion—only to quickly lose their way out of the tournament. He takes us through the World Cups of the eighties, nineties, up to South Africa in 2010 and Brazil in 2014, which was a special one for Hemon, the first time in the country's history that Bosnia and Herzegovina qualified. Played out on the world stage—both in the World Cup and in soccer's international professional leagues—soccer is a high-stakes enterprise full of extreme passion, extreme talent, extreme money, and often extreme politics. But Hemon is also quick to point out that a game of soccer requires only a reasonably flat surface, a sufficiently round object, and someone to show up, and he regales us with stories of the heated games of his youth in Sarajevo’s gravel courtyards, of the frozen pick-up games of his adulthood in Chicago, and now, of his daughter’s slightly less intense soccer practices, replete with cones and shin guards. Hemon has been celebrated far and wide for his fiction and essays, but here he takes on what is truly his lifelong, animating passion: soccer. It’s more than a sport, it’s certainly not “exercise,” and it’s not even enough to say soccer is life (as Shankly pointed out). Soccer is, in fact, the beautiful game—and never more so than in these pages. Even if, despite all of America's best efforts, Hemon still occasionally insists on calling it “football.”
Taking Le Tiss is the great man's first chance to answer all these questions and many more. It is also a delightfully self-deprecating and witty story from a player who was more of a Big-Mac-and-fries than a chicken-and-beans man. Buy the eBook. A wonderful account of the career for one of the few footballing legends ever to grace the English Premier League with his undying loyalty, breathtaking goals and magical skills conjured out of nowhere despite being in a weaker Southampton Football Club. Show more. Search for "Taking Lives" on Amazon.com. Share this Rating. Title: Taking Lives (2004). 6.2/10. Want to share IMDb's rating on your own site? The story of the life of Gia Carangi, a top fashion model from the late 1970s, from her meteoric rise to the forefront of the modeling industry, to her untimely death. Director: Michael Cristofer. Stars: Angelina Jolie, Faye Dunaway, Elizabeth Mitchell.