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Odd-Shaped Balls: Mischief-Makers, Miscreants And Mad-Hatters Of Rugby (Mainstream Sport)



Synopsis

Odd-Shaped Balls captures the humor, the agony, and the ecstasy of one of the world's most popular sports, rugby. The book is no less than a who's who of the game, with both old and young getting the opportunity to have their say. It looks at players such as Max Boyce, Keith Wood, Sean Fitzpatrick, Austin Healy, and Bill Beaumont and his streaker. All exponents of surrealism, comic genius, and savage wit, they offer a quirky insight into the sporting psyche as well as provide some riotous good laughs. With hundreds of funny stories, Odd-Shaped Balls is a light-hearted romp through decades of rugby tomfoolery that is guaranteed to put a smile on the face of all sports fans.

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"Will bring a smile to the face of any rugby fan who feels the modern game has become too serious' - Irish Examiner" "Easy to read ... a perfect companion' - Rugby Times" "There's something of quality here for everyone' - Rugby World" "Entertaining' - Irish Independent"

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Excellent transaction. Item as described and fast shipping. Thank You.

Fun book for any rugger. Good short stories. Well-written. Totally recommend!

Received as advertised in a timely manner.

A romp through the peculiar pitches of rugby, with goofy tales. Divided by country: "England's Ruck and Rollers," "Flower of Scotland," "Welsh Wit," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "Men in Black," etc., the chapters contain rugby jokes and humorous lore relevant to each rugby team's nationality and beyond. This isn't an instruction manual on rugby union, but a tour de force of robust rugby jocularity for avid fans and players. Catch the story of the Scottish terrier named "Thistle" dancing up on a pub's bar, the harangued Irish bus driver, or the 15 positions tried by Welsh full-back J.P.R. Williams . . .

I bought the book as a gift. It was well received by the recipient. It was a great purchase. I'd recommend it.

I am a recent fan to the game of rugby and I thought this would give me a lot of background and back-stories to fill in some gaps. Some of the stories were very funny, most were droll, dry, English humor. I guess you "had to have been there" for the rest of them. But ... if you are a long-time rugby fan, I think you'll enjoy this book.

Chock full of anecdotes and hilarious stories and jokes involving current and former rugby players from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia. A must read for any rugby fan.

Bought this for my friends Christmas present.. Im not into rugby like her but some of these are quite funny

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