

FOREWORD

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The author of this encyclopaedia has made a most extensive and thorough research over many years to collect the vast information which this unique work contains.

I hope that in view of the forthcoming World Cup to be played in Mexico this year it will stimulate great interest in the game by giving the reader comprehensive and interesting background information about all the participants of the last twelve World Football Championships - players, coaches, referees, officials and members of FIFA.

I know from my own experience as a former international referee, secretary of a national football association and president of FIFA how helpful an encyclopaedia such as this is to those who seek details about this great sports event.

I hope the book will have a world-wide circulation and that it will be specially helpful and useful to football writers and journalists with the accurate figures and facts which it provides.

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