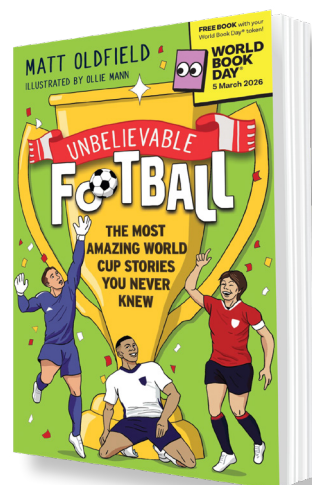


Unbelievable Football: The Most Amazing World Cup Stories You Never Knew Activity Pack

Written by: Matt Oldfield
Illustrated by: Ollie Mann
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About the book:

Think you know everything about football?

Get ready for kick-off and discover incredible stories, facts and stats about some of the most unbelievable World Cup football moments of all time.

From the incredible teams to the most amazing goalscorers, unbeatable matches, last-minute saves, penalty dramas and even the amazing animals that have been involved, too.

Packed full of true footballing stories and amazing action that will keep football-mad readers going from the first minute to the final whistle.

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About the author:

Matt Oldfield is the author of the *Unbelievable Football* series (winner of the 2020 Children's Sports Book of the Year) and the *Johnny Ball: Football Genius* series, as well as the co-author of the bestselling *Ultimate Football Heroes* and *Football GOAT* series. He has also worked with Lioness Beth Mead on her children's book, *Roar*, which won the 2024 Children's Sports Book of the Year award. To date, his books have sold over 3 million copies worldwide.

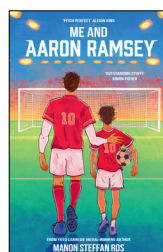


About the illustrator:

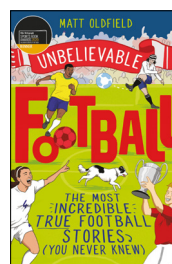
Ollie is a London-based illustrator who loves to draw playful character-led illustrations. He has worked on a variety of projects in publishing and by commission, but his favourite thing is making books for young people.



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Book chat:

1. If you could play for any World Cup team, which one would it be?
2. Have you ever watched a penalty shoot-out? How did it go?
3. What do you think might happen if the World Cup went missing?

A game you could play:

World Cup Stars

See if you can make an alphabet of world cup stars. Your team can have players (surnames) or countries.

So it could look like this:
Argentina – Brazil – Chile – Denmark – England

Or this:
Alvarez – Beckham – Charlton – Deschamps



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Activity 1:

Film your child scoring a goal. You could do this at the park, in the garden or even indoors with a pair of balled up socks for a ball and two cushions for goal posts. Then have fun watching the film together and making up a commentary for the goal.

Activity 2:

Create your own incredible football bedtime story to tell to your child. The more fantastic the better! Maybe you could tell a story about how your family football team won the World Cup, with Granny in goal and Uncle Jim scoring a hat trick against Argentina...

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