

It began in 1880 when The Wanderers trotted onto Parramatta Common. Thereafter immigrants, locals, miners and workers have combined to shape soccer into what has always been the code's premier state in Australia. Over time the game progressed from paddocks to stadia but the quest for players and patrons, money and media was as difficult as protracted. There were such problems as Depression, war and the rivalry of other codes. There was also a dominant culture so often unmoved by a game it deemed to be foreign. The first 100 years of soccer in NSW is a story previously untold. This book plots and unearths how the 'world game' has fared in antipodean soil.



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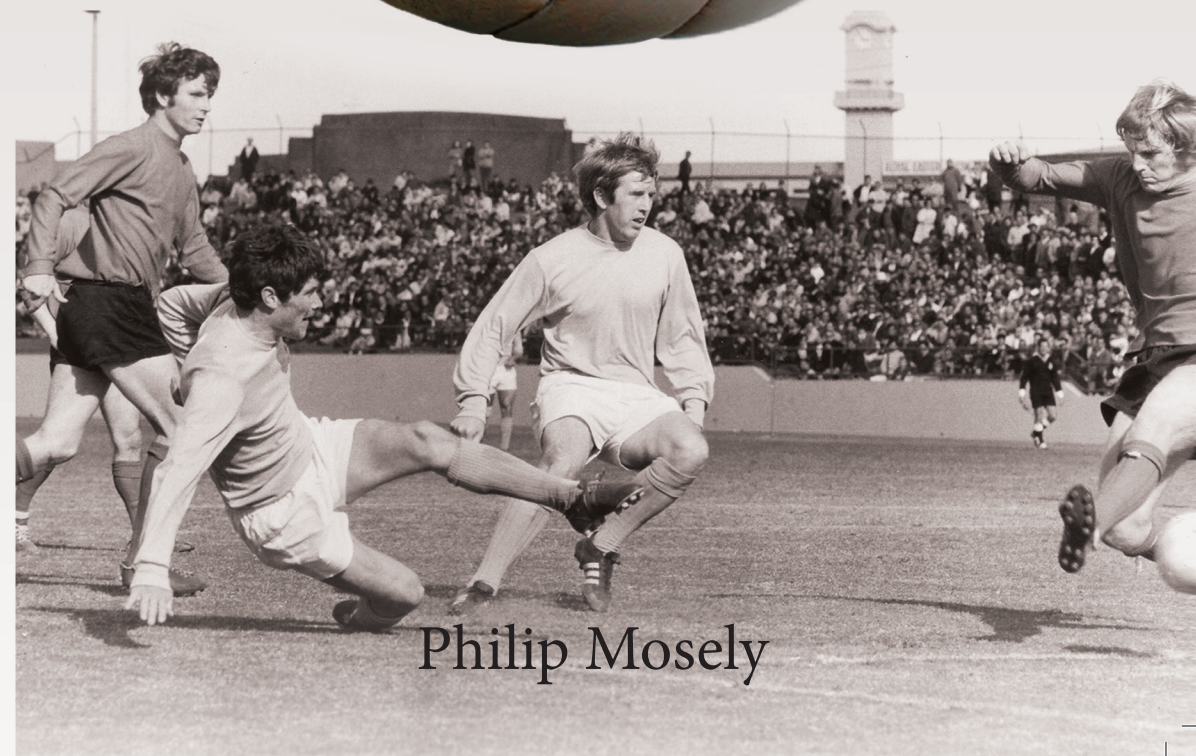
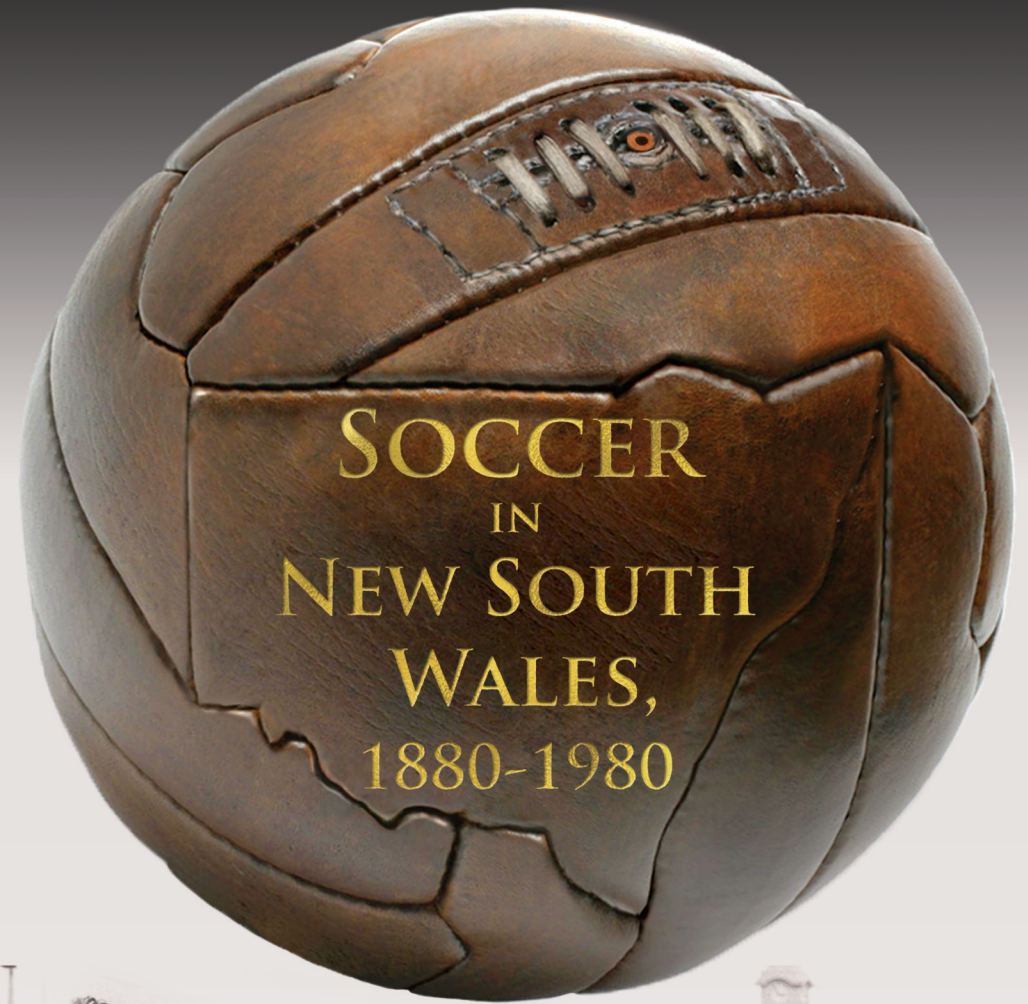
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