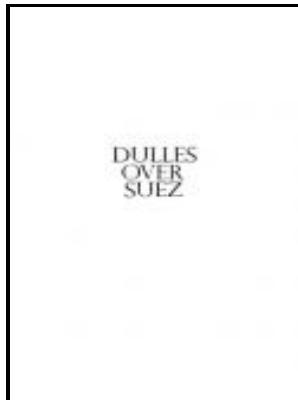


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Football was the first sport exploited in this manner; it was emblematic of the working class, and had since at least 1910 been the most popular sport in Russia.

Alexander Zass

That despite all this The Golden Age is little-known, we can put down to chronological misfortune. This level of ludicrously involved exegesis negates the value of the art form in order that said art can become entirely representative of something else.

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