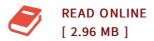




The Oval World: A Global History of Rugby

By Tony Collins

Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, United Kingdom, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 198 x 129 mm. Language: English. Brand New Book. Rugby has always been a sport with as much drama off the field as on it. For every thrilling last-minute Jonny Wilkinson drop-goal to win the World Cup or Jonah Lomu rampage down the touchline for a try, there has been a split, a feud or a controversy. The Oval World is the first full-length history of rugby on a world scale - from its origins in the villagebased football games of medieval times up to the globalised sport of the twenty-first century, now played in over 100 countries. It tells the story of how a game played in an obscure English public school became the winter sport of the British Empire, spreading to France, Argentina, Japan and the rest of the world and commanding a global television audience of over four billion for the last World Cup final. It also explores how American football - and other games such as Australian, Canadian and Gaelic football - emerged from their English cousin. Featuring the great moments in the game s history and its legendary names - David Duckham, Serge Blanco,...



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