

THE GERMANS PLANNED A SPECTACULAR MATCH -THE PRISONERS PLANNED A SPECTACULAR ESCAPE.

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The Help for Heros Trophy to be presented to the winning team captain by Leading Aircraftsman Leslie Taylor





Their goal was freedom...

t is 1943. For former West Ham and England star John Colby and his fellow POWs, football is a way of whiling away the long hours in Gensdorf Prison. But when Colby and his men are manipulated by Nazi propagandists into a game against a German national side in Paris, their endless kick-abouts take on an entirely different complexion.

The Allies camp commander, Colonel Waldron, although opposed to any kind of collaboration, recognises an opportunity for the entire Allied team to escape on match day. To this end he arranges the escape of Hatch, an American and Colby's trainer, so that he can enlist French Resistance help in realising his scheme. Hatch completes his mission and agrees to be recaptured so that Colby can be briefed in good time. Back in Gensdorf, Colby persuades the Germans to allow Hatch to replace his suddenly injured goalkeeper.

rom the kick-off in the Colombes Stadium, a biased referee and fitter, better organised opponents over-run the Allies before the commandeered, but always sympathetic, French crowd. At half-time, with Colby's men trailing 4-1, the Resistance break through the dressing room door. But the players refuse to desert the match and give the Nazis a 'moral' victory. Instead, they persuade Colby and Hatch to lead them out for the second half of the deadliest game of their lives.

Now is the time for heroes.





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Front row left to right
Gunnar Hilsson (Nor) - (HALLVAR THORESEN)
Carlos Rey (Arg) - (OSSIE ARDILES)
Cptn John COLBY (UK) - (MICHAEL CAINE)
Luis Fernandez (Bra) - (PELE)
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