

FOOTBALL MUTI

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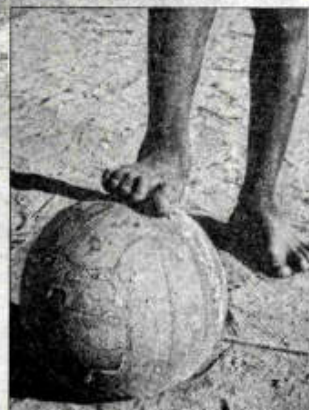
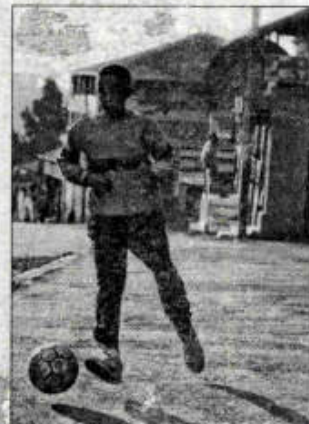
SOME of the most beautiful, uncensored pictures are compiled in this book, which gives a whole new interpretation of what soccer means to Africa.

The book features pictures of children from all over Tanzania, Ethiopia, Zanzibar, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi, Kenya, Madagascar and Mozambique with their tattered footballs, some fabricated from pieces of material that are strapped together to make a ball.

When seeing the pictures of dusty, worn-out feet with cracks that resemble a land desperate for sanitation, one is overwhelmed by the strength of these many young children.

Some pictures of the children looking directly into one's eyes can fill one with emotion that is difficult to manoeuvre, control or comprehend.

Above everything else, the book is able to capture the young passion found behind the international language known as soccer. It fills the yearning of one's spirit to recognise meaning outside itself, that is



foreign and yet familiar.

This is a one-of-a-kind must-have item, a legacy if you will. It embodies the rawness of passion and the regality of humanity. So much is said with so few words, scoring goals with the pictures.

– Tshupo Tshabalala

