

# BALL CONTROL

## Why women should be into football

### A small book about a big topic

My friend Jan and I are standing next to each other at the bar. *Borussia Dortmund* just won and we already had a few beers and the sheer act of talking already starts to become difficult.

Jan says: "I have been thinking. You really should write something on women and football."

"And why should anyone read anything like this?" I ask him while ordering one last round.

"Because you talk about football like a man!"

Dagrun Hintze tells us about her love for football, about men sleeping in Borussia Dortmund bed sheets, and about those intense minutes between kickoff and the end of each game. She recalls the most memorable football events in the past, from the World Championship 1954 to the European Championship 2016. Hintze is certain: Football has more to do with the Dionysian of the greek's myths than many other cultural events. The only requirement is: you need to know how football is being played, otherwise - especially if you're a woman - you're not going to enjoy the fun. So Hintze is asking her fellow women to start to get into football, perceive it as a cultural event, just like a theater play or a movie - and get a better understanding of what the buzz is all about.

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