

Into the Blue

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Tradition consoles in bad times. It manages to produce authenticity and build identity.

The number of supporters following the soccer team 1.FC Magdeburg is the highest of the whole fourth league. The brand new stadion was built to contain till 25.000 spectators. Which one day, when the league expected ascension would be accomplished, will probably be reached.

Magdeburg used to be the most succesful team in GDR times, and today it survives on the commemoration of the great achievement of 1974 : the win of the European Best Cup against Milan FC.

Since that time, the Wall has fallen, players, money and industries are gone.

Nowadays the city can be proud of some occasional traces of the ancient power and beauty, of being the cradle of Tokyo Hotel and a soccer dream.

The same destiny share many eastern German cities, having suffered of the recent history turning outs.

Soccer is a prodigy of our times which succeeds to create virtual communities sharing intense moments of mutuality.

I am attracted by signs of faith and the universality of emotions such a sport offers, in a region still looking for its identity in the country's divided history.