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## GREAT AUSTRALIAN SPORTING MOMENTS

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MOMENTS

Edited by Michael Roberts

When John Aloisi's penalty bulged the back of the net to defeat Uruguay and send the Socceroos to the 2006 World Cup, the story of Australian sport had another entry in its ever-growing list of unforgettable moments.

*Great Australian Sporting Moments* covers all sports, and some of our biggest sporting legends—Freeman, Thorpe, Bradman, Whitten, Eales, Laver and many more—as well as others best remembered for a single performance, such as Steven Bradbury or the 1983 America's Cup team.

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**Michael Roberts** is a journalist, author and sports historian. He's written or edited around a dozen books, the most recent being *The Barrackers Are Shouting: Stories of Collingwood From the Grandstand*, and *50 Years of Australian Television*. His favourite sporting moments were watching Collingwood win the 1990 Premiership, cheering on the Socceroos as they beat Japan at the World Cup in Germany and going crazy in Bay 13 over Dennis Lillee's last-ball dismissal of Viv Richards at the 'G in 1981/82.

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