

**“Everyone respected, loved and adored Roy at the academy. There was no negativity about Roy, he concentrated on the positives and constructively told us areas he would like us to work on.”**

Alex Iwobi

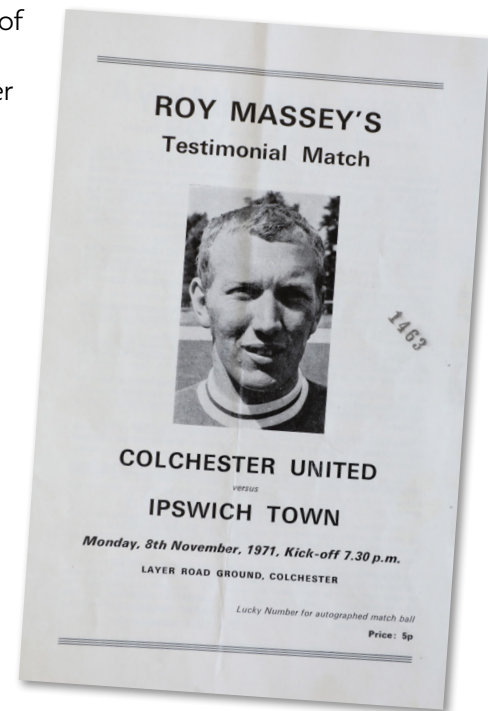
**In this compelling memoir, Roy Massey tells the fascinating story of his 50 years in football as a player, coach and scout, including a long spell at Arsenal during the Wenger glory years.**

As a player, Massey overcame a series of injuries to score goals for Rotherham, Orient and Colchester only for another serious injury to end his career at an early age.

Unperturbed, he became a PE teacher and combined this with behind-the-scenes work to discover and nurture talent at Colchester United and later full-time at Norwich, where he helped the Canaries as they revolutionised their youth programme.

When the FA agreed to allow clubs to attract and train children from eight years upwards, it was Massey whom Gunners legend Liam Brady asked to join him at Arsenal in 1998 as assistant academy manager. Over the next 16 seasons Massey helped build a new academy structure that would unearth and develop a wealth of young talent capable of playing at the top of the football ladder. Massey later scouted for three Premier League clubs.

In his 50 years in the game, he has had a privileged insider's view of the full gamut of the sport's evolutionary changes, which he shares with us in this book.



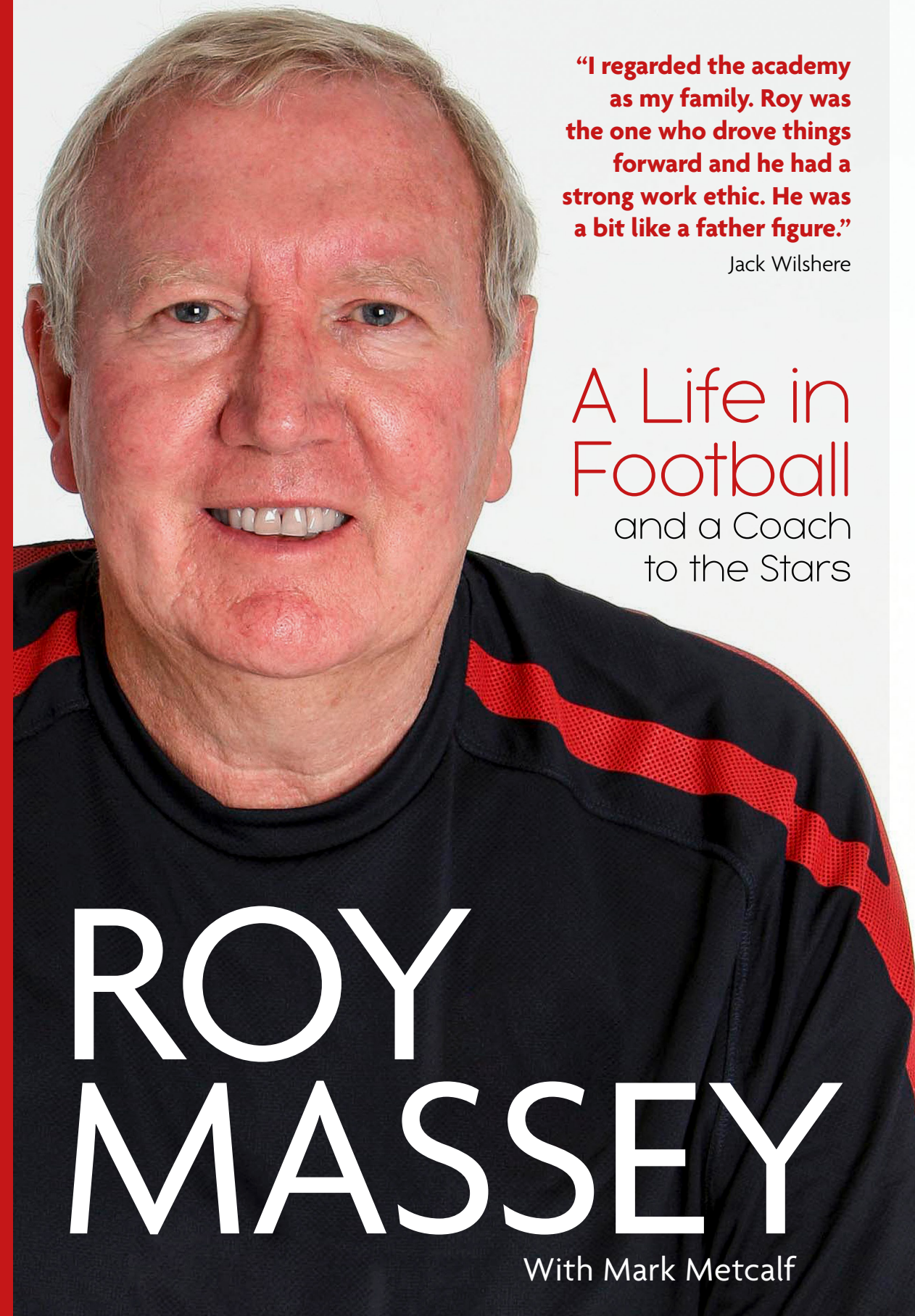
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**“I regarded the academy as my family. Roy was the one who drove things forward and he had a strong work ethic. He was a bit like a father figure.”**

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***A Life in Football and a Coach to the Stars is the fascinating story of Roy Massey's 50 years in football, including 16 years at the Arsenal academy. Read and you will discover:***

Why Roy Massey turned down, among others, Arsenal and Aston Villa to complete his teaching studies, and why this turned out to be the right decision in the long run

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What it was like to play football and score goals in the lower and non-leagues in the 1960s and 70s

How difficult it is to find and coach future stars at all levels of the professional game

The inside track on why some players made it to the top and how Massey helped them

Why future stars can be overlooked and allowed to leave

The sheer pleasure of seeing the players you've helped develop go on to achieve great success

The high opinion of Roy Massey held by top players and coaches

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