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Nas) sie „eine Markierung, die reflexartig unsere Aufmerksamkeit einfordert" Entsprechend ist ein gefüllter Kreis das zentrale Element ihres stark reduzierten | Logo-Systems. Montiert auf Schwarzweißbider von Spielszenen, ersetzt ein |
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| schwarz, rot oder goldgelb leuchtender Kreis den Ball auf dem Foto. Dagegen | scheint bei Ruedi Baurs Entwurf eine hastig hingeworfene Kühlerfigur auf der Kante eines Tischtennisschlägers zu balancieren. Tatsăchlich hat sich sein Büro Intégral gleich eine ganze Serie kleiner Trickanimationen ausgedacht., um die "permanente Veränderung" des Weltmeisterschaftsalltages zu bebil ist klar: Das Spiel ist aus.

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## Dynamik und Schönheit

Vergessen wir nicht den spielerischen Aspekt des Ganzen. Schließlich galt es die schönste Nebensache der Welt auf das Wesentliche zu reduzieren.
Fußball ist ganz einfach, nămlich Dynamik und Schönheit", weiß Paul "von Die Gestalten. Weg also mit dem „akademischen Quatsch", fordert er ."damit sich die deutsche Bevölkerung als Ausrichter des Turniers treffend repràsentiert fühlt". Die Berliner Agentur gehorcht dieser Devise mit einem Motiv, dass an das Plakat-Design der füntriger Jahre angelehnt ist und Zeit-
losigkeits suggerieren soll Mit einer Spielerfigur, die out auch zu einem Tipplosigkeit suggerieren soll. Mit einer Spielerfigur, die gut auch zu einem Tipp-
Kick-set passen würde, kuttivieren sie einen etwas angestaubten Charme, der an die dunkelblauen Trainingsanzüge Sepp Herbergers erinnert. Ob Fons Hickmann diese Art der Denkmalpflege im Sinn hatte, als er „ein Logo, das lebt und schreit" forderte? Sein rein typografischer Vorschlag mit Lupe effekt konnte äberzeugen. Auch Mitinitiator Klaus Hesse lieferte eine Pollocks Action Painting inspirieren ließ - sein Entwurf ist in diesem ElferKreis an Dynamik unübertroffen. Derweil bleibt ungeklärt, ob die Verantwor lichen der FIFA wegen der Konkurrenz bereits das große Zittern kriegen. Auf die Frage, ob der Weltverband seine grinsenden Gesichter nun zurückmanchmal Größe.".

On occasion, or so history tells us, a mastervork is preceded by the humbling of its creator, Sport, for example, thrives on the principle of degradation followed by rehabilitation at the highest level. Young design professor and
soccer fan Fons Hickmann claims to have been exposed to a special form of indignity November last year. And he was, as we all know, not alone. At that time, Hickmann watched the presentation of the official World Cup logo on TV and was astonished. "As if some one had pulled down my shorts in public," is how he felt on seeing the giggling circular heads. No graphic designer or soccer fan with an ounce of pride would accept such dishonor, he
swore, and vowed to put up resistance. From then on he did everything right. (First up, he teamed up with Klaus Hesse. Then the two coaches appointed a further nine players: Stars such as Uwe Loesch and Ruedi Baur took up the glove, along with staffers from agencies such as Cyan or Moniteurs. And the team then took the iiela calng themselves "I Designer" and under the hopeful banner of " "ot hing is lost yet". In the Internet a striking page in lush gree
soon announced what was coming soon: 11 projects designed to repel the official logo and prove just how vibrant the German design league really is. The arts pages of almost all Germany's major dailies rewarded the movement's storm on the established icon by granting it color title pages. In the Internet, the SZ's color supplement actually asked for a vote on the fruits of
the angry designers' effors. The renowned group then presented their work at the grand finale in Berlin's University of the Arts, and true to soccer the event included hamburgers and beer-and a hundred supporters flocked to it in order to examine the products the practiced designers had created. In fact, the critical design scene was so filled with ire by the FIFA-commissioned
logo that the presentation of the alternatives devised by Hickmann Hesse logo that the presentation of the a tuernatives devised by Hickmann, Hesse
and Co. was awaited with great trepidation. And entertaining it certainly was the studios served up their work in easily digested little bits of six minutes
 onclusion. "The scenario did us proud. We have at least opposed the approved

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nce the snow fog had calmed the responses were not so unanimous Net. A whole flood of mails to the 11's home page followed. The verdict ranged from "own of mails to the 11's home page followed. The verdict and great ideas" or encouraged the 11 tor their " "reat cumpaie"" Fiven Uwe Loesch was in for criticism. He had taken the field with the 1 on his back, but got clobbered by his colleagues for his poster design. Loesch had suggested taking Naomi Klein's no-logo notion seriously and "propa gating an internationally comprehensible, new symbolic language In the a tmosphere ofire surround ) fo stan pety HFA logo, many ossified world of the soccer officials, bereft as it is of any touches of iron. The practical requirements that a World Cup soccer logo must fulfill manilestly fell by the wayside in some cases. The Büro Uebele design, for example seems at second or hira sight to oring the in iators idea of rehabilitating wild heap of white letters in the black square is anyone's guess in the printed version. Only once animated does the structure transpire to be quite original: The German 11 takes the field, and the letters dance a waltz to the line "FID Worla Cup Deutschland 2006. II Spain plays, the letters move to tlamenco mectacular is neertheless derived trou an appeang wisis syle. The typ point we realized that in the case of soccer things hardly revolve around the ball," is how Andreas Uebele defends his own proposal.
The Ade Hauser Lacour team certainly sees things differently. The ball vey construe as a " mark that immediately atracts our attention tike a knee vinimalist logos system. Mounted on black-\&-white pictures of scenes from the playing field, a black, red or bright yellow-gold circle replaces the ball in the photo. By contrast, in Ruedi Baur's logo, a hastily sketched car figure head seems to balance on the edge of a table-tennis bat. In a ctual fact, his Integral studio would appear to have dreamed up a whole series of sman trick animations in order to visualize the "pernanent change" in the World
Cup trom one day to the next Once the spindly figure is finally kicked off by the globe it becomes clear: game over.

## Dynamism and Beaut

Not to forget the playyul aspect of it all. Atter all, the intention was to boil it's dynamism and beauty," suggests Paul Roth trom Die Gestalten. So cut the "academic crap", he sugests, "so that the German population as the holders of the tournament can identify with the symbol for them." The Berlin agency Sok this stance with a motif reminiscent of poster designs of the 1950s and a eant to convey timelessness. With their player who could easily come brings old football lore to mind. Was Fons Hickmann thinking of this kind preservation of past monuments when he called for a "logo that lives and vells"? His purely typograp hical proposal with its magnitying effect was
 or Pollock's Action Panting - his design is quite unsurpassed by the other 10 when it comes to dynamism. The only thing one might argue is whether visually less skilled people will be able to recognize that those splashes of ink esemble a soccor-player in motion
their boots gesponsible at the FIFA start quaking ow withdraw their grinning faces, Hesse resporded somewhat enigmatically. Great minds sometimes show greatness."

