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The Story of How Leeds City Became Leeds United

By Gary Edwards

Key features

- Original investigation of the mysterious behaviour behind the scenes at Leeds City and at the FA
- Exclusive personal interviews with relatives and friends of Leeds City and United players, 1900–30
- Written by Gary Edwards, respected Leeds United author, columnist and superfan
- Book launch at Leeds Central Library as part of Leeds United centenary celebrations
- Earmarked as a stage play by the theatrical producers of the author's first book, *Paint it White*
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

Description

A true story of intrigue, mystery, blackmail and skulduggery, which tells how one man was able to bring down an English Football League club. In 1919, Leeds City player Charlie Copeland returned from active service and made a request for a pay rise, which the club steadfastly refused. During the war, guest players for League clubs were supposed to have gone unpaid for their services, though in general this FA law was overlooked as a nod to the war effort. Copeland, however, issued the club with an ultimatum: either meet his wage demand or answer to the FA for making illegal payments. When Copeland carried out his threat and City proved reluctant to produce their books for FA inspection, a complex web of deceit and hypocrisy ensued. Subsequently, Leeds City were disbanded and expelled from the Football League, the only club before or since to receive such harsh punishment. However, out of the ashes of this fallen institution emerged another, brand new club – Leeds United.

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