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Into the Unknown

The Inside Story of Rochdale AFC's First Season in the National League

By Chris Fitzgerald

Key features

- First-hand account of a debut National League campaign from a lifelong Rochdale supporter, journalist and author
- Exclusive behind-the-scenes access with Rochdale's current head coach Jim McNulty and the book includes a foreword by legendary Rochdale manager Keith Hill
- Interviews with many of the colourful characters attached to the National League
- Exclusive content never before told to the media or any other platforms
- A unique insight into the workings of football clubs in the fifth tier
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Since 1921, Rochdale AFC had always competed in the English Football League. Their continued membership – albeit isolated to the bottom two tiers – was a badge of honour in the face of little on-field success. However, in May 2023, the unthinkable happened and Rochdale AFC were relegated out of the Football League for the first time in the club's history. A nightmare scenario for most football fans, author Chris Fitzgerald decided to embrace Rochdale's new-found non-league status and planned out a season which would see his club compete against the likes of Dorking Wanderers, Ebbsfleet United and Solihull Moors. *Into the Unknown* is the story of a club and its fans finding their feet in the uncharted territory of non-league football ... and the colourful clubs and characters encountered along the way. There is the flat-cap local hero at Oldham; the manager who is best mates with England boss Gareth Southgate; and tales of German efficiency to the Garden of England.

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