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Magic Hat

Madejski, McGhee and Reading Football Club

By Alan Clements

Key features

- Brings to life the extraordinary and joyful rise of Reading FC under Mark McGhee
- Exclusive insider insight – most of the Reading squad from 1993 to 1995 were interviewed for the book, as were chairman John Madejski, coach Colin Lee and manager Mark McGhee
- Get the inside track on McGhee's time as Reading manager and the players he managed, like Phil Parkinson, Shaka Hislop, Dariusz Wdowczyk, Jimmy Quinn, et al
- Relive every dazzling moment of Jimmy Quinn's astonishing 40-goal season
- Follow Reading's remarkable rise under McGhee and hear both sides of the story around his abrupt departure
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Magic Hat celebrates the stunning revolution in playing style at Reading Football Club in the early 1990s. Relive every joyful moment of the club's extraordinary rise. In late 1990, Reading were in the doldrums. Languishing in the third tier and drowning in debt, the club put their entire squad on the transfer list. But over the next four and a half years, something magical happened. Local businessman John Madejski stepped in to rescue the Royals, hiring Mark McGhee, who took on his first coaching role on the back of a trophy-laden playing career. McGhee set about building a slick passing side on a miniscule budget. Three local lads rose to prominence; a veteran striker had his most prolific season; exotic foreign imports arrived; and journeymen, veterans and kids came together. Phil Parkinson, thundered around the Royals' midfield. *Magic Hat* brings you the inside track on that sensational turnaround through interviews with John Madejski, Mark McGhee and most of the Reading squad. It is a deep and affectionate look back at one of the Royals' most glorious periods.

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