



Title information



The Forgotten Champions

Everton's Last Title

By Paul McParlan

Key features

- First-hand account of a season that re-established Everton as England's top team
- Relive a rollercoaster campaign that saw Everton defy the odds to lift the title
- Captures the experience of watching football in the 1980s and provides an insight into the managerial genius of Howard Kendall
- Meticulously researched by the author, who offers personal insight into the details of the matches, book will appeal to Everton fans of all ages and football fans in general
- Paul is a regular contributor to *The Blue Room* on Radio City and a senior writer for *These Football Times*
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The Forgotten Champions recounts Everton's remarkable 1986/87 title win – a feat that tested Howard Kendall's managerial skills to the limit. The previous season, the club were runners-up to rivals Liverpool in the league and FA Cup. Top scorer Gary Lineker left for Barcelona with no replacement in sight and the arrival of several inexperienced players worried the fans. An injury crisis deprived Kendall of key stars such as Neville Southall and Peter Reid, forcing him to field a makeshift team at the start of the season. Optimism was in short supply at Goodison as by November the team were in eighth place and struggling to stay in contention. Further injuries to Graeme Sharp and Kevin Sheedy threatened to derail Everton's title bid, but the astute purchase of Wayne Clarke proved crucial as the Toffees strung together a winning sequence. Against all odds, a patchwork, injury-ravaged Everton were crowned league champions, ahead of Liverpool. It was a magnificent achievement. To date, it is the club's last ever title.

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