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## Leeds United fan's club history book is a winner

Few football fans can have as much to cheer about as Dave Tomlinson.

Not only is his beloved Leeds United back in the top-flight of English football after a 16-year wait, but his latest authoritative book on the club has just reached number one in the charts. Dave was also the voice of the typical Leeds United fan in a recent feature by BBC TV's *Football Focus* on the rivalry between Leeds and Chelsea.

The 60-year-old from Birmingham, who is the founder and editor of the *mightyleeds.co.uk* website, has become an authority of the team he's supported all of his life.

Now the finance director with the NHS has just published his fourth book on the Elland Road club - *Dirty Leeds: The First Title*.

Dave believes the turnaround of the club during the 50s and 60s will never be repeated in the modern-age of the game.

He explained: "*Dirty Leeds: The First Title* is about what happened to Leeds United in the 1950s and 1960s and what Harry Reynolds and Don Revie did to change the shape of football in West Yorkshire for ever.

"They dragged a mediocre club up by its bootstraps and changed it into a northern powerhouse.

"It's a story that will never be repeated of a special time in football and England, about self-made men and their handcrafted football club.

"*Dirty Leeds: The First Title* is also about me growing up and a football family doing the same."

Leeds United celebrated its centenary last year by winning promotion, under charismatic manager Marcelo Bielsa, to the Premier League.

While the journey over the previous decade or so could easily be described as a roller-coaster, it doesn't quite match the drama which unfolded at the Elland Road club on the way to the first top-flight title in 1969.

Dave added: "*Dirty Leeds: The First Title* covers a very special period in the history of Leeds United and the people that shaped it.

"I particularly wanted to explore the relationships between the key players in the story and I think that comes across quite well.

"This is the story from the perspective of chairman Harry Reynolds and the other key characters around Don Revie."

Dave's riveting biography of Leeds United's eventual domination of English football has reached number one in Amazon's pre-Christmas football charts.

*Dirty Leeds: The First Title* has also attracted a string of five-star reviews.



Reviewer Roger Smith stated: “I would definitely recommend this book to any Leeds United fan.”

Dave plans *Dirty Leeds: The First Title* to be the first part of a trilogy with books in the pipeline covering the eras of the club’s second, 1969 to 1982, and third titles, 1982 to 1996. He’s also planning other books about Leeds United’s time under Bielsa and Ken Bates.

For more details, visit Amazon and search for Dave Tomlinson, where the paperback and Kindle formats of *Dirty Leeds: The First Title* are both available.

#### **Notes to the editor**

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