



FOUNDING FATHERS

The Men Who Made Sunderland AFC

Volume I & Volume II



The book that rewrites the history of Sunderland AFC!

Ryehill Football announces the impending publication of Founding Fathers, The Men Who Made Sunderland AFC.

Meet the men who founded Sunderland and District Teachers Association FC, the club that became Sunderland Association Football Club, as it starts its journey from The Blue House Field in Hendon.

Relive the early days of the club from its founding until the end of the 1889/90 season. Meet the pioneers such as club founder James Allan, the trailblazers, who from humble beginnings where a canary saves the day, work to ensure that the club gains an inevitable election to the Football League in 1890. Read of the matches where players simply walk off the field in disputed games and the rivalry with Sunderland Albion where a battle for the footballing affections of Sunderland takes place!

For the first time ever find out when the club was really formed and the story behind why it has remained a mystery for

nearly 140 years. Read the actual match reports from all of the known games, including Sunderland AFC's very first football match.

Never before has the founding of a football club been told in such comprehensive detail as "Founding Fathers, The Men Who Made Sunderland AFC".

For the first time ever the foundation and early years of Sunderland AFC has been researched and the events recorded in such depth. The startling outcome is that Sunderland AFC was not formed in October 1879 but in September 1880.

Limited to just 500 hardback copies of each volume:

- Volume I of Founding Fathers traces the muddled events surrounding the formation of what was originally known as Sunderland & District Teachers Association and follows the action from the 1880/81 season to the end of 1886/87.

- Volume II, due for publication in early 2017 will end with Sunderland AFC rightfully installed in the Football League, having traced club events for the 1887/88 to 1889/90 period. It includes details of the fractious rivalry between Sunderland AFC and Sunderland Albion.

The first 10 years of Sunderland AFC encapsulated in a combined 500 page narrative.

The accuracy of the events recorded is guaranteed, has been immaculately researched and the facts established through the use of prime source data from the British Newspaper Archive and has been taken direct from periodicals and newspapers of the day.

Match reports for all of the traceable games are included in each publication as well as surrounding narrative and superb original images.

The original artwork for the covers has been produced by the internationally acclaimed football artist; Paine Proffitt.

Volumes I and II are available to advance purchase now through paypal direct from <http://ryehillfootball.co.uk/> as well as two separate listings on e-bay.

It is anticipated that the hardback copies of Volume I will be despatched during October 2016, in time for Xmas with Volume II following in the first quarter of 2017. Reserve your copies now!

The price for each volume is £25.99 plus £4 for postage and packing.

Cheques should be made payable to "Ryehill Football" and should be sent to the following address: Ryehill Football, 3 Holmlands Park, Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 3PJ.

Sales will close once 500 copies of each volume have been sold.