

# Title information



## **Back in the Big Time**

Sheffield Wednesday's Return to Division One, 1984–86

By John Dyson

### Key features

- Detailed history of how Sheffield Wednesday took on Division One after a long absence
- Fascinating story that will interest Sheffield Wednesday fans and those interested in football, sport and 1980s history
- Features exclusive interviews with key players and management, untold stories from behind the scenes and tales of the highs and lows felt by supporters
- · Offers a glimpse of rarely seen memorabilia
- Written by the acclaimed author of Our Lowest Ebb?: A New History of Sheffield Wednesday's Darkest Times, 1973–76
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### **Description**

Back in the Big Time: Sheffield Wednesday's Return to Division One, 1984–86 tells the story of the Owls' return to the top flight after 14 years in the wilderness. In the 1970s, the club had been a footballing byword for underachievement. After flirting with relegation to Division Four in 1976, it began its slow climb back to the top table under Jack Charlton and then Howard Wilkinson. It was Wilkinson's team that gained promotion to the highest league in 1984. They attacked Division One with gusto – within two years finishing fifth in the league and embarking on cup campaigns that took them heartbreakingly close to Wembley. Drawing on detailed research, John Dyson shines new light on the period, combining exclusive interviews with key players, management and club officials with the perspective of supporters and others to piece together a new history. Here is the unfiltered story of a team that did not give up. This is the Owls back in the big time!

#### **Details**

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