

All With Smiling Faces

How Newcastle Became United, 1881-1910

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New book explores how Newcastle became United, covering the club's first 30 years from 1881-1910:

Newcastle United was formed in 1881, eleven years before the widely-accepted date of 1892.

The club played at four home grounds, in Byker and Heaton, before moving to St James' Park.

Originally named Stanley FC and then East End, there was no merger between East and West End.

The club won several trophies before 1892, plus three League titles and the FA Cup before 1910.

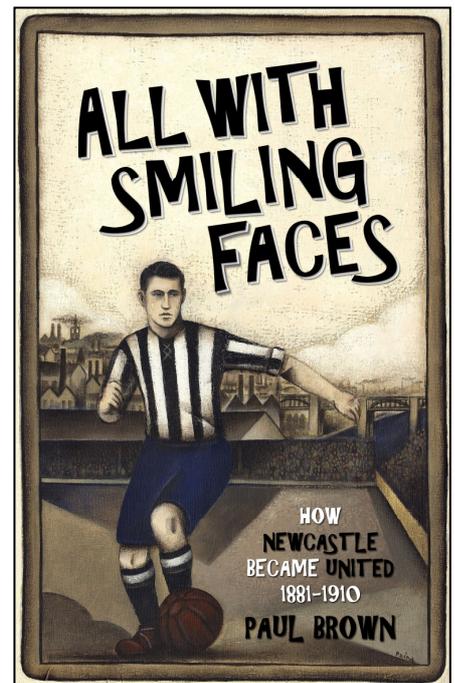
Newcastle's black and white colours are inherited from an ancient Northumberland plaid.

How did Newcastle become United? When was the club formed, and where did it play before moving to St James' Park? Who were the men who built the club, and how did they turn it into the most successful club in the country? What was it like to support Newcastle in the Victorian and Edwardian eras, and why has the bond between the club and its fans remained so strong?

All With Smiling Faces takes a wander through Newcastle's early history to discover how the club came to mean so much to so many. Covering the first 30 years, from its foundation as Stanley FC in 1881 to the triumphant FA Cup win in 1910, the book visits the grounds, meets the players, mingles with the fans, and relives the matches that made Newcastle United.

The title is taken from the lyrics of *Blaydon Races*, the Tyneside music hall song that shares its Victorian heritage with Newcastle United and is still sung at St James' Park today. The cover features an exclusive painting by football artist Paine Proffitt.

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