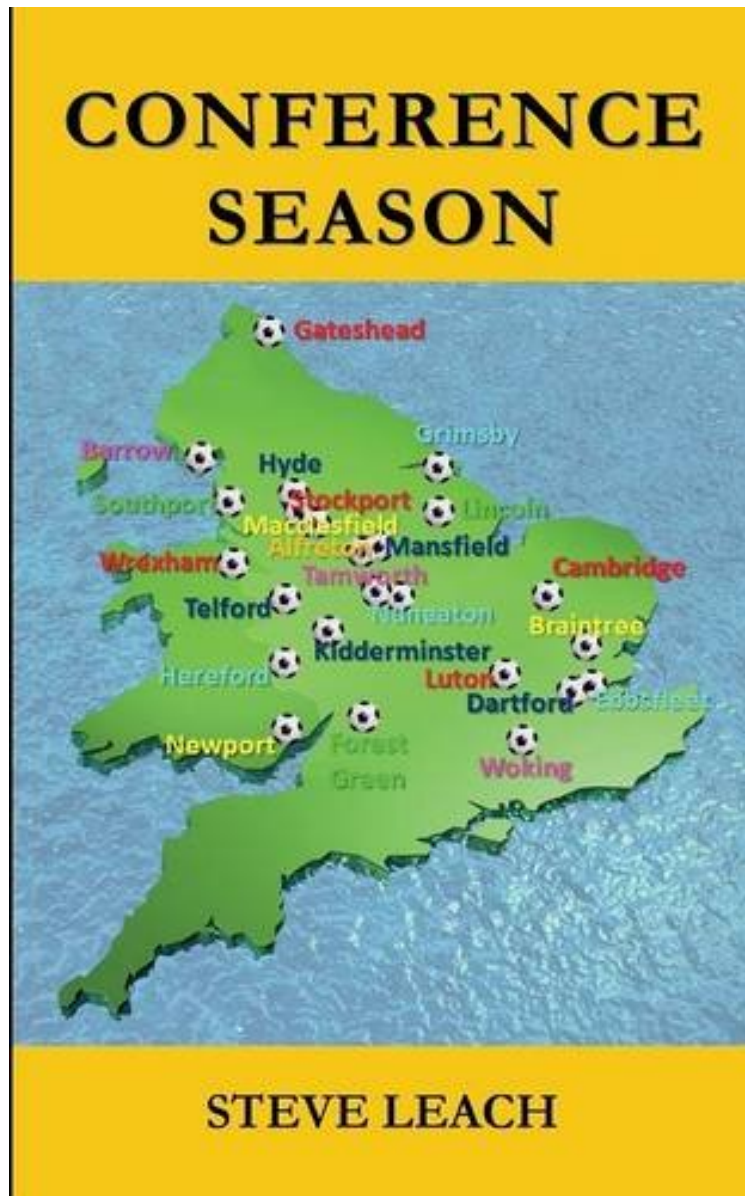


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watched a lot of Conference level footy over the years and it really is of a very high standard but still maintains the magic of being football at a more grass roots level. Steve does a wonderful job here with each chapter covering one of the twenty-odd Conference grounds from the 2012/13 season. There's a little on the background of the town (location, history, local news) and then a short often humorous report on the match itself, ground facilities, etc. You can almost smell the beef-flavored drinks and the hot dogs. Great book! I would recommend it to any football fan but particularly those who follow a non-league team and maybe have aspirations of getting into the mighty Conference Premier Division one day. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. NoneBy John Paul RoweI have read a couple of other books about the non league game in England with a similar format as this one. Its a part of football I personally find quite interesting and wasnt at all disapointed with Conference Season.....A thoroughly enjoyable read and well worth the purchase.

Disillusioned with the corporate ownership, mega-bucks culture, and overpaid prima donnas, of the Premiership, Steve Leach embarked on a journey to rediscover the soul of professional football. His journey, over the 2012/13 season, took him to twenty-four different Football Conference towns and fixtures, visiting venues as diverse as the Impact Arena in Alfreton, Stonebridge Road in Ebbsfleet, and Luton's Kenilworth Road. Encountering dancing bears at Nuneaton, demented screamers at Barrow, and 'badger pasties' at rural Forest Green - Steve unearthed the stories behind the places and people - it was a journey that showed just how football and communities intertwine, and mean something. As the season progressed Steve relished how unfancied teams of part-timers, such as Braintree Town and Dartford, could defeat higher status opponents, and watched 'big name' clubs such as Luton Town and Lincoln City struggle to make an impact. Throughout all this, his anguish grew at the prospect of his beloved Stockport County getting relegated. Conference Season is a warm and discerning celebration of the diversity of towns and clubs which feature in the Conference, and of the supporters who turn up week-after-week to cheer their teams on.