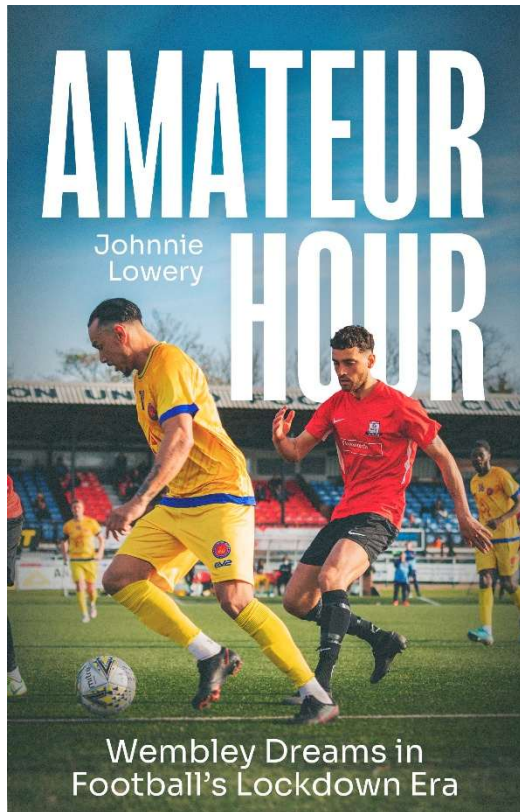




Title information



Amateur Hour

Wembley Dreams in Football's Lockdown Era

By Johnnie Lowery

Key features

- First-person account of Lowery's attempt to attend a game in every round of the 2020/21 FA Vase
- With the UK in and out of lockdown restrictions, the book is set in a unique football season fraught with uncertainty
- From Whitley Bay to Warrington Rylands, Lowery visits an array of non-league clubs, capturing the matchday experience in light-hearted but vivid detail
- Alongside the football, Lowery occasionally opens up about his own mental state to provide a deeper insight into his lockdown experience
- With Lowery's beloved Sutton United looking like they could make history, an interesting and emotional side-plot develops
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Bringing two amateur teams to Wembley to face each other every year, the FA Vase is a competition for the underdogs and the dreamers. Despite its charms, though, the FA Vase generally remains a footnote in the football calendar, escaping the attentions of the average match-going fan. But the 2020/21 season was like no other. With the country in and out of various lockdown restrictions, 'elite' sport was largely played behind closed doors. If you wanted to get your football fix, you had to attend local non-league games. Faced with the dull monotony of a life on hold, Johnnie Lowery set himself the challenge of going to a game in every round of the 2020/21 FA Vase, from the qualifying rounds to the final under the famous arch. Filled with funny and sometimes poignant reflections on life and the grass roots game, *Amateur Hour* captures both the strangeness of the lockdown period and the beauty of lower-league football.

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