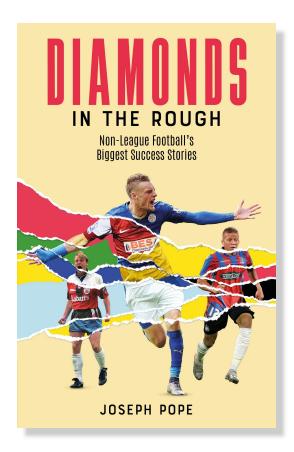


# Title information



## Diamonds in the Rough

Non-League Football's Biggest Success Stories

By Joseph Pope

#### Key features

- A metaphorical 'trip on the Tube' to unearth the best talent out of the London non-league scene
- Chats with managers and coaches who have played a role in the players' rise to fame and unearths the non-league roots of numerous EFL striking greats
- Shines a light on the seldom talked about successes of former non-leaguers at the top table of European and international football
- A look at the 'Non-League Messiah' John Still's striking success
- Getting a handle on the goalkeeping Goliaths who have graced non-league
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

### **Description**

Diamonds in the Rough explores the fairy-tale phenomenon of footballers who rose from the non-league to make their mark at the game's top levels. For all the glitz and glamour of the Premier League and EFL, they are hugely indebted to non-league football for the role it has played – and continues to play – in springboarding so many players to success. Be it Troy Deeney being spotted playing at Sunday League level, or Ethan Pinnock turning to the solace of non-league after being released by an academy only to climb back up, this book relives the rise of 100 players from the humble non-league who made it to the big time of top-level football. Through exclusive interviews with players, managers and coaches, we get the inside track on climbing the football pyramid. Discover where the players' careers started, where they got their big breaks, plus their routes to the top.

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