

GOAL THE DREAM BEGINS

This movie rags-to-riches tale of a promising Mexican youngster with nothing in life, apart from incredible footballing skills.

Santiago's father, Hernan Munez, smuggled his penniless Mexican family over the US border to seek a better, albeit modest future in L.A. Santiago Munez snuck across the Mexico-California border as a kid, a treacherous journey that cost him his beloved soccer ball but gave him the freedom to work with his demanding father as a landscaper and pool cleaner for L.A.'s Ritchie Riches. Santiago dreams of more, like native Angelinos, then joining Hernan's gardening firm. His change arrives when a British ex-pro spots him as an exceptional soccer natural and promises he can arrange a real British talent scout to check him out. Although that falls through and dad forbids it, Santiago accepts grandma's savings to try out with English premier league club Newcastle. Despite his asthma, he gets in and befriends the freshly transferred, desperately undisciplined bad boy star scorer, party animal Gavin Harris, who becomes his bothersome house-mate, a recipe for trouble and yet each's salvation

The film is sad and at times funny, and can be enjoyed by the whole family, including people with no interest in football. It's a story of triumph over adversity, and of people pulling together to help someone get ahead in life, by doing what they do best.