

Biography

<http://www.red11.org/mufc/beckfact.htm> (a good professional CV site)

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| <p>Introduction:</p> <p>-who is article about?</p> <p>-date and place of birth</p> | <p>David Beckham http://www.soccer-gallery.net/players.php?player=beckham—pictures</p> <p>2 May 1975, Leytonstone, England</p> |
| <p>Body:</p> <p>-marriages?</p> <p>-children</p> <p>-career?</p> | <p>Married to Victoria Beckham</p> <p>Two sons, Brooklyn and Romeo</p> <p>Played for Manchester United from 1993—2002 Now plays for 'Real Madrid', Spain as a mid-fielder Also plays for England (from 1996) Is now captain</p> |
| <p>Ending:</p> <p>-about person now</p> <p>-future plans?</p> | <p>Now lives and works in Spain</p> <p>He keeps most of his future plans to himself. But he has written a book about himself, that includes his hopes for the future.</p> |
| <p>Other:</p> <p>-what other interests can you find?</p> | <p>Height: 180cm Weight: 71 kg Nickname: 'Becks'</p> |

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Hotspur's school of excellence. Beckham signed for Manchester United as a trainee on 8 July 1991 and was part of United's famous 1992 Youth Cup winning side. Making his League debut at home to Leeds United in April 1995, he fully established himself the next year in United's 1995/96 Double winning season as a right midfielder after the departure of Andrei Kanchelskis.



However, it was that famous goal from the halfway line of the 1996/97 season at Wimbledon that pitched him into the spotlight that has only grown brighter ever since. Following that, he went on a run of amazing performances, scoring a fantastic selection of long-range goals to help United win the Premiership and himself the Young Player of the Year award. He also came second in the Player of the Year voting. This same season saw him earn his first senior cap for England, on 1 September 1996 against Moldova.

In the 1998 World Cup in France, Beckham was included in the England squad. After being left out of the starting line-up for the first two matches, he scored a beautiful free-kick against Columbia and was hailed a national hero. No sooner than that, he became one of the most hated men in his country, when his infamous kick on Diego Simeone resulted in him being sent off. England was knocked out in the second round by Argentina, and Beckham was forced to seek shelter with his then Spice Girl wife Victoria who was touring the United States.

Yet, he fought back and proved all his critics wrong when in the first League game of the 1998/99 season against Leicester City, he curled in one of his trademark free-kicks to prevent defeat. He was an integral part of the Treble winning team and his efforts won him second place behind Rivaldo in the voting for both World and European Player of the Year.

During the 1999-2000 season, his high profile bust-up with Alex Ferguson led to speculations that he may leave the club. However, the midfielder picked up his fourth Premiership winner's medal, and was voted second best player in Europe and the World. Rivaldo of Barcelona and Brazil pipped him to both awards. David also finished runner-up in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year, losing out to boxing champion Lennox Lewis.

It was therefore fitting that Peter Taylor named him as England captain in a friendly against Italy in November 2000. In his first game as manager Sven Goran Eriksson named Beckham as captain of the England team that beat Spain 3-0 at Villa Park in February 2001. Becks retained the captaincy for the World Cup qualifier against Finland at Anfield in March. He scored England's winning goal - his first international goal from open play - as they triumphed 2-1.

The major highlights of David's 2000/01 season were on the international stage, although he again won the Premiership title with United, having scored in three matches in a row early in the campaign.

After an amazing performance for his country as they smashed Germany 5-1 in Munich on September 1 2001, Beckham's star continues to be one of the hottest properties in world football.

RECENT FACTS

24/06/03-The Beckhams are now in Thailand and have been shopping for spirit houses to ward off evil!! The Beckhams loved the houses so much they have ordered six of the miniature houses to be shipped home. The couple weren't due to arrive in Thailand until tomorrow so few fans were there for their arrival as they came early.
I've just added a new picture of the couple in their gallery arriving in Thailand!!

18/06/03-David has been sold to Real Madrid for £25million!!!! Beckham said he saw this as a great opportunity for his career and an exciting experience for his family. Manchester United fans are gutted while Real fans can't wait to have him. He will not take his trademark number 7 as it is already used by Raul. Beckham will now play alongside players such as Zidane, Roberto Carlos and the great Ronaldo!! No news as yet though where they will stay and what will happen about Brooklyn's schooling.
Also a new picture has been added in the couple gallery of them in Japan yesterday.

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After signing for Manchester United as a trainee on 8 July 1991, he helped the club to win the FA Youth Cup in May 1992, scoring in the second leg of the final against Crystal Palace. Several months later, on 23 September 1992, David made his first team debut as a substitute in the Rumbelows Cup tie at Brighton and Hove Albion. However, he then had to wait a further two-and-a-half years to make his League debut.

During this time, he collected a runners-up medal in the 1993 FA Youth Cup (United lost to Leeds in the final) and a reserve team championship medal in 1994. He also played five matches on loan for Preston North End, scoring two goals for the Lancashire club.

David eventually made his Premier League debut at home to Leeds United on 2 April 1995, but it was in the following season, 1995/96, that he really established himself in the first team.

David played predominantly in the right midfield position that had been vacated by Andrei Kanchelskis, and started to show the knack for scoring great goals, including the winner in the FA Cup semi-final against Chelsea. The season ended with United winning their second Double.

David started the next campaign, 1996/97, by scoring his most famous goal - from the half-way line against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park. He went on to earn his first senior cap for England, on 1 September 1996 against Moldova in Kishinev. He had previously been capped at youth and Under-21 level.

David's match-winning performances during 1996/97 helped United to win another Premiership title and reach the semi-final of the UEFA Champions League. On a personal level, he was voted Young Player of the Year and second in the overall Player of the Year poll.

The 1997/98 season was a disappointing one for United as they finished second to Arsenal in the League, lost to Barnsley in the FA Cup and were knocked out of the Champions League quarter-finals by Monaco. There was some consolation for David, though, when he was selected for England's World Cup Finals squad.

The 1998 World Cup Finals provided mixed feelings for David, and were later seen as something of a turning point in his career. After being left out of the starting line-up for the first two matches, he then scored a stunning free-kick for England against Colombia and was hailed a national hero. He was later branded a villain, however, when he was sent off for a foul on Diego Simeone as England were knocked out in the second round by Argentina. It was the first red card of David's career.

Some experts predicted that his World Cup problems could lead to David's exit from English football, but he knuckled down to prove them all wrong. In the first League game of the 1998/99 season against Leicester City, he curled in one of his trademark free-kicks to prevent defeat.

In March 1999 he became a father to Brooklyn, whose name appeared on his boots when United completed the unprecedented Treble of Premiership, FA Cup and European Cup. In July 1999, David married Victoria Adams, better known as 'Posh', a member of the Spice Girls pop group.

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