

DAVID BECKHAM

David Robert Joseph Beckham (born 2 May 1975 in London) is the most famous English football player. He is the son of a hairdresser and a kitchen fitter. His parents were fanatical Manchester United supporters who frequently travelled to Old Trafford from London to attend the team's home matches. David inherited his parents' love of Manchester United, and his main sporting passion was football.



CAREER

He attended one of Bobby Charlton's football schools in Manchester and won the chance to take part in a training session at FC Barcelona, as part of a talent contestants. Tottenham Hotspur was the first club he played for as a young boy. Since the year 2000 (as of 29 April 2013), Beckham has played 420 competitive games for England, AC Milan, LA Galaxy, Manchester United, Real Madrid and Paris Saint-Germain, and received 7 red cards, one every sixty matches on average.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS

- He suffers from obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Everything has to be strictly organized and, if possible, in pairs.
- Beckham, like many celebrities nowadays, is a tattoo fanatic. He has at least 20 tattoos in various places on his body. These include his wife, Victoria's name, written in Hindi, his children's names which are tattooed on his neck.
- Victoria Beckham, as she's now known, was famous in her own right before marrying David. She was "Posh Spice," the thin, glamorous member of the all-girl group that also included Scary, Baby, Sporty and Ginger Spice – the Spice Girls

GLOSSARY

manner [mænə] – the way in which something is done

flaunt [flɔ:nt] – to show or make obvious something you are proud of

neighbourhood [neɪbəhʊd] – the area of a town that surrounds someone's home

certain [sɜ:tən] – particular but not named or described

ash [æʃ] – what is left of something after it has been destroyed by fire

dish [dɪʃ] – food prepared in a particular way as part of a meal

bun [bʌn] – a small, sweet, usually round cake