

Was David Beckham the best ever player for Manchester United?



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Manchester United are perhaps one of the most famous football clubs on the planet. Even before the heights reached in the 1990s, United had experienced amazing success and inspired more than one generation. That is why a certain David Beckham grew up dreaming of playing for this team. A dream that he would realise and see him going down as one of the greats.

Today, Beckham is as famous for his life off the pitch as he ever was for his footballing performances, but how good was he really? If you were to place Beckham into a team today would [Premier League betting](#) see punters placing faith in his performance by banking on a Beckham goal or has Beckham been outclassed by players since? Let's take a look.

Achievements at Man Utd

When looking at Beckham, it is clear that he was a footballer with a certain gift. However, there are plenty of critics who will claim that his achievements far outweigh any skill that he actually had. During his time with Utd, Beckham was part of a squad that won 6 Premier League titles, 2 FA Cups, and a Champions League. Was Beckham instrumental to these achievements, or just there for the ride?

With 395 appearances, Beckham found the back of the net 85 times. Perhaps his most famous goal came in the 1996 FA Cup semi-final. With a game finely balanced, Beckham scored a spectacular winner when he found the goal all the way from the halfway line.

The view of George Best

George Best had previously filled the number 7 shirt that Beckham became famous for. Best himself has often been looked at as being one of the most talented and gifted players the world has ever seen, but what did he make of Beckham? Whereas you may have expected Best to hold him with some regard, his comments were remarkably blunt:

“Beckham didn't deserve to be voted best player in the world. When he can do something else apart from cross perhaps he will...He cannot kick with his left foot, he cannot head a ball, he cannot tackle and he doesn't score many goals. Apart from that, he's all right”.

While appearing harsh, the truth is that Best did actually have a point. Beckham made a name for himself with his ability to cross and his stunning free-kicks. Beyond this, what else did he bring to the game?

Beyond Manchester United

However you view Beckham, his skills and his playing style, there is no getting away from the fact that he was part of the Utd glory years. He was an important part of a team that dominated the English Premier League. The form he showed here was something he appeared unable to recapture elsewhere.

Having played for Real Madrid, AC Milan, LA Galaxy, and Paris Saint-Germain, Beckham never really found his previous form. It seemed he had already peaked and was now just going through the motions.

Other Manchester United greats

The problem with clearly stating that Beckham was the greatest [Man Utd](#) player ever is that the club has had so many gifted individuals making up the team. When you are going up against the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo, Eric Cantona, and the legendary Bobby Charlton it is hard to make yourself seen.

There is certainly no questioning the fact that Beckham brought something very special to Man United. Aside from his [famous marriage](#) and celebrity status, he did work magic on the pitch. Does that mean that he is the club's greatest ever player? For us, sorry David, probably not.