

Commemorative Books Coverage List

George Best Edition

Date of Paper	Pages	Event Covered (Daily Mirror unless stated)
15 Sep 1963	Page 34	17 year-old George Best makes his Man Utd league debut v West Brom
29 Dec 1963	Page 30	Denis Law toasts teenage wingers George Best & Willie Anderson after Man Utd beat Burnley 5-1
6 Dec 1964	Page 39	“George Best a law to himself”
21 Feb 1965	Back page	“George Best KO’s Burnley wearing just one boot” – Man Utd 2 Burnley 1
10 Oct 1965	Page 38	Best scores in Man Utd’s 2-0 win over Liverpool
21 Nov 1965	Page 38	“George at his Best” - Man Utd beat Sheff Utd 3-1
12 Dec 1965	Page 38	“Best of the lot, that’s boy Best” – Sunderland 2 Man Utd 3
20 Feb 1966	Page 16	“Teenager with the world at his feet”
6 Mar 1966	Back page	“Englishman, Irishman, Scotsman” – Charlton, Best & Law celebrate a goal v Wolves
10 Mar 1966	Back page	George Best inspires Man Utd to a 5-1 victory at Benfica
12 Mar 1966	Back page	Soccer “Beatle” George Best receives a popstar welcome home as United return to Manchester
13 Mar 1966	Back page	
10 Apr 1966	Page 34	“The Best of Best”
17 Apr 1966	Back page	George Best goes into hospital for a knee operation
21 Aug 1966	Page 30	Best scores in 45 seconds as United beat West Brom 5-3
6 Nov 1966	Back page	“The Best man, the Best win, the Best team” - as United win 3-1 at Chelsea
11 Dec 1966	Back page	“Wee George flattens Big Yeats” – Liverpool’s giant centre-half Ron Yeats is floored by Best in the 2-2 at Old Trafford
22 Oct 1967	Pages 38 & 39	“The goal that Best made” – as the Irish beat Scotland 1-0 in Belfast
19 Nov 1967	Page 37	“Gorgeous George”
30 May 1968	Page 27	Best scores as Man Utd beat Benfica to win the European Cup
2 Mar 1969	Pages 22 & 23	“George Best-the new Pele”

6 Apr 1969	Pages 22 & 23	Best scores as United beat Nottm Forest 3-1
20 Apr 1969	Page 24	George Best collects his European Footballer of the Year award before Man Utd beat Burnley 2-0
24 Aug 1969	Front Page	George Best & Eva Haraldsted to marry
7 Sep 1969	Pages 20 & 21	“Georgie’s dream day” - Best scores in United’s 2-2 draw at Leeds
28 Sep 1969	Page 21	Best scores twice in United’s 5-2 win over West Ham
19 Oct 1969	Page 24	“The Best Ever” – George scores one of his finest goals in the 1-1 draw with Nottm Forest
3 Jan 1970	Back page	George Best is suspended for 4 weeks and fined £100
4 Jan 1970	Page 19	Best plays his last game before his suspension, a 1-0 win at Ipswich
8 Feb 1970	Page 21	Best returns from suspension and scores SIX goals as United beat Northampton 8-2
19 Apr 1970	Page 19	George Best is red carded in the international match v Scotland in Belfast
22 Apr 1970	Back page	Best scores but N.Ireland lose 3-1 to England at Wembley
26 Apr 1970	Page 17	The Irish FA will not punish George Best for his red card v Scotland
13 Sep 1970	Pages 22 & 23	Best scores in Man Utd’s 2-0 win over Coventry
29 Oct 1970	Back page	“The Best way to Goal” – George scores as United beat Chelsea 2-1
15 Nov 1970	Page 17	“George Best in Trouble” – George receives a yellow card in United’s 2-1 win v Nottm Forest
22 Nov 1970	Page 21	“Best – the big problem of being George”
6 Dec 1970	Page 17	George Best scores his 100th league goal for Man Utd in the 2-2 at Spurs
13 Dec 1970	Page 17	Man City’s Glyn Pardoe breaks his leg in a clash with George Best
9 Jan 1971	Front and Pages 26 & 27	George Best is dropped by Man Utd after missing training
12 Jan 1971	Back page	Best returns to Manchester after hiding-out in London
13 Jan 1971	Front Page	Best patches things up with Matt Busby
31 Jan 1971	Pages 20 & 21	“Best back in triumph” – George returns to action as Man Utd win 2-1 at Huddersfield
21 Mar 1971	Pages 24 & 25	Best scores twice as United win 2-1 at Stoke
11 Apr 1971	Page 21	George Best admits “I am the greatest player in the world”

16 May 1971	Page 19	George Best has a goal disallowed v England in Belfast
19 Aug 1971	Page 27	Best is sent off in United's 3-2 win at Chelsea
14 Sep 1971	Back page	"The Great Escape" – George is saved from suspension
19 Sep 1971	Page 21	"The Best Day Ever" – George scores a hat-trick in United's 4-2 win over West Ham
3 Oct 1971	Back, Pages 24 & 25	George Best scores a brilliant goal in United's 2-0 win over Sheff Utd
28 Nov 1971	Pages 24 & 25	George Best scores a hat-trick as United win 5-2 at Southampton
8 Jan 1972	Back page	George Best faces a showdown with United manager Frank O'Farrell after mysteriously missing a week's training
10 Jan 1972	Back, pages 26 & 27	"Best: Victim of the Star System"
11 Jan 1972	Front & Back pages	Best is fined 2 weeks wages and ordered into digs as punishment for missing training
21 May 1972	Front & Back pages	"I Quit" by George Best
6 Dec 1972	Front, 17,30,31 & back pages	George Best is put up for sale by Man Utd, at £300,000
7 Sep 1973	Back page	"Best Back" – George agrees to return to Man Utd
21 Oct 1973	Page 42	Best plays his 1 st league game in 11 months in United's 1-0 win over Birmingham
4 Jan 1974	Back Page	George Best misses training again and faces a fine of 2 weeks wages
14 Jan 1974	Back page	"Best Quits"
22 Feb 1974	Front, Pages 16 & 17	Best is arrested and appears in court accused of stealing from Miss World, Marjorie Wallace
25 Apr 1974	Front Page	Best throws a party to celebrate the collapse of the court case
13 Aug 1976	Page 27	George Best signs a contract with Fulham
25 Aug 1976	Page 26	George has his medical with Fulham
5 Sep 1976	Back page	George scores the only goal on his Fulham debut, 1-0 v Bristol Rovers
8 Sep 1976	Back page	Best scores as Fulham beat Peterborough 2-1
9 Sep 1977	Back page	George Best quits Fulham and returns to the United States, claiming he's owed over £10,000
26 Jan 1978	Pages 14 & 15	George marries model Angela MacDonald James

17 Nov 1979	Page 30	George signs for Hibernian
25 Nov 1979	Back page	George scores on his Hibs debut, but lose 2-1 at St Mirren
18 Feb 1980	Front Page	Best flies back to London after being sacked by Hibs
24 Feb 1980	Back page	“Booze and Me” by George Best
9 Mar 1980 & 16 Mar 1980	Pages 38 & 39 Pages 38 & 39	George Best – “The Real Truth”
7 Feb 1981	Page 5	George’s wife gives birth to a baby boy
29 Aug 1982	Page 3	George & ex Miss World Mary Stavin plan to set up home together
25 Mar 1983	Page 30	George is back in British football, with 3 rd Division Bournemouth
27 Mar 1983	Page 41	George makes his Bournemouth debut, but they lose 1-0 to Newport
9 Oct 1983	Front & Page 2	“Best beats the booze- amazing drink cure”
3 Jun 1984	Pages 10 & 11	“All the Best – the booze cure that saved my life”
18 Dec 1984	Page 3	“Prison nightmare of George Best” – Best is sentenced to 3 months in jail
23 Dec 1984	Page 5	“Making the Best of porridge” – George turns down a cushy life inside
23 Jan 1994	Front & Back pages	George pays tribute to his former boss Matt Busby
18 Aug 1994	Page 3	“George scores again....” – Best’s new girlfriend Alex Pursey
31 Jul 2002	Front & Pages 4 & 5	George “doing fine” after 10-hour liver transplant
1 Aug 2002	Page 7	“Hello” – George speaks after his marathon liver operation
25 Nov 2005	Front, 4 & 5, 78 & 79 Pullout P2-7	George Best “slips away” as doctors say he’ll never recover George Best: The Legend
26 Nov 2005	Pages 8,9, Back Mania p1-3	George finally loses his life George Best: The Immortal
27 Nov 2005	Pages 68 & 69, Premplus p1	Tributes to George Best
28 Nov 2005	Pages 56	Farewell to a Legend: Football’s Goodbye
1 Dec 2005	Pages 78,79 & back	Old Trafford says goodbye to genius George, as Man Utd beat West Brom 3-1
3 Dec 2005	Front Page	“Bestie’s Back” – George’s body returns to the Belfast family home where he was raised

4 Dec 2005	Pages 2,3,6,7 & back	“No.7 in Heaven” – Farewell to Georgie boy
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