

## Commemorative Books Coverage List

### George Best Edition

| Date of Paper | Pages         | Event Covered (Daily Mirror unless stated)  |
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| 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”  |

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

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| 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 <sup>st</sup> 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   |

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| 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 &<br>16 Mar 1980 | Pages 38 & 39<br>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 <sup>rd</sup> 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<br>Pullout P2-7 | George Best “slips away” as doctors say he’ll never recover<br>George Best: The Legend |
| 26 Nov 2005                 | Pages 8,9, Back<br>Mania p1-3         | George finally loses his life<br>George Best: The Immortal                             |
| 27 Nov 2005                 | Pages 68 & 69,<br>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 |

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| <b>4 Dec 2005</b> | <b>Pages 2,3,6,7 &amp; back</b> | <b>“No.7 in Heaven” – Farewell to Georgie boy</b> |
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