

## Podcast Worksheet - week 12

### David Beckham

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#### Background information

##### Players, teams and leagues

Paul Scholes, Gary and Phil Neville are all players who started at the same time as David Beckham at Manchester United.

Fabio Cappello is the Italian manager of Real Madrid.

Diego Simeone was an Argentinian international footballer.

George Best, Pele and Rodney Marsh are former footballers who played in the NASL, the North American Soccer League, which is the predecessor of the MLS (Major League Soccer).

#### Vocabulary

academy players – young players at a club

nadir – the lowest point

petulant – acting like a child

the double – winning two major trophies in the same season

the treble – winning the two major domestic trophies and the Champions League in the same season

metatarsal – bone in the foot

#### A. Main Point – True / False

*Listen to the first part of Damon's piece and answer true or false to the following statements.*

1. T / F David Beckham has been the world's most famous player for the past ten years.
2. T / F Beckham promoted electrical goods in Japan.
3. T / F Recently Beckham has not been starting games for Real Madrid.
4. T / F Beckham signed a deal worth millions of dollars.
5. T / F He will only focus on football while in Los Angeles.

## B. Main ideas - matching

Listen to the report and match the information about Beckham on the right with the year on the left.

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| 1. 1992 | a. Married Victoria Adams                     |
| 2. 1996 | b. sent off against Argentina                 |
| 3. 1999 | c. signed for Manchester United               |
| 4. 1999 | d. became England captain                     |
| 5. 1998 | e. won the treble with Manchester United      |
| 6. 2000 | f. won the double with Manchester United      |
| 7. 2001 | g. Sven Goran Eriksson became England manager |

## C. Vocabulary

Listen to the final part of the report and fill in the missing words.

He was part of the 5-1 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of Germany on the way to the World Cup and of course scored the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ goal to send England to the World Cup. But since picking up a foot injury and making metatarsal a household word, his career on the pitch flagged. He famously (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with boss Ferguson who kicked a football boot at Beckham after a loss to Arsenal, cutting the player above his eye. It wasn't long before he moved from the team he had played at all his career to sign for Real Madrid. Many people said the move had more to do with (4) \_\_\_\_\_ shirts around the world than with Beckham's footballing ability, but while he didn't set the team (5) \_\_\_\_\_; he did become a favourite with the fans.

Will he still appear in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ after his move to the US? Will we see him in a sarong, with a new hairstyle, or a new tattoo? Perhaps he will provide the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for football, or soccer, in the US that George Best, Pele, and Rodney Marsh couldn't. We shall see.

## Answers

### A. Main Point – True / False

Listen to the first part of Damon's piece and answer true or false to the following statements.

- T / F** David Beckham has been the world's most famous player for the past ten years.  
**the most well know footballer of the last decade.**
- T / F** Beckham promoted electrical goods in Japan.  
**he is in a commercial for cosmetics in Japan**
- T / F** Recently Beckham has not been starting games for Real Madrid.  
**After increasingly finding himself on the bench at Real Madrid**
- T / F** Beckham signed a deal worth millions of dollars.  
**Beckham signed a multi-million super deal with American club LA**
- T / F** He will only focus on football while in Los Angeles.  
**will also combine football with a Hollywood lifestyle,**

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### C. Vocabulary

*Listen to the final part of the report and fill in the missing words.*

He was part of the 5-1 (1) **thrashing** of Germany on the way to the World Cup and of course scored the (2) **crucial** goal to send England to the World Cup. But since picking up a foot injury and making metatarsal a household word, his career on the pitch flagged. He famously (3) **fell out** with boss Ferguson who kicked a football boot at Beckham after a loss to Arsenal, cutting the player above his eye. It wasn't long before he moved from the team he had played at all his career to sign for Real Madrid. Many people said the move had more to do with (4) **selling** shirts around the world than with Beckham's footballing ability, but while he didn't set the team (5) **alight**; he did become a favourite with the fans.

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### Transcript

David Beckham, surely the most well know footballer of the last decade. Whether he is in a commercial for cosmetics in Japan or scoring a last minute free kick on his home ground, Manchester United's Old Trafford, to send England to the World Cup in 2002, he is never far from the headlines and his image is recognizable around the globe. And this week has been no different. After increasingly finding himself on the bench at Real Madrid since the arrival of Fabio Capello, Beckham signed a multi-million super deal with American club LA Galaxy. From *galactico* to the Galaxy shirt, the move will also combine football with a Hollywood lifestyle, and so reflect his career so far.

In 1992, he signed for Manchester United and along with other academy players such as Paul Scholes, and Gary and Phil Neville, he soon found success in the Manchester United shirt. He won the FA Cup and League double with them in 1996, followed by the treble in 1999 - the League, FA Cup and Champions' League. 1999 was also the year he married his celebrity girlfriend, Posh Spice, now Victoria Beckham. She was famous in her own right and the two became instantly favourite news for gossip columnists in the UK and around the world. Back on the football pitch he was also a controversial figure, and the nadir of his career surely came in 1998 in the World Cup quarter final against Argentina, where his petulant kick at Argentinian midfielder Simeone earned him a red card. England

subsequently went out on penalties and many fans and journalists blamed him for the painful defeat. It is a credit to him that he came through the criticism arguably a stronger and more mature player. Indeed, Peter Taylor made him captain in 2000 and he was retained by the Swede, Sven Goran Erikson, when he took the England job in 2001.

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