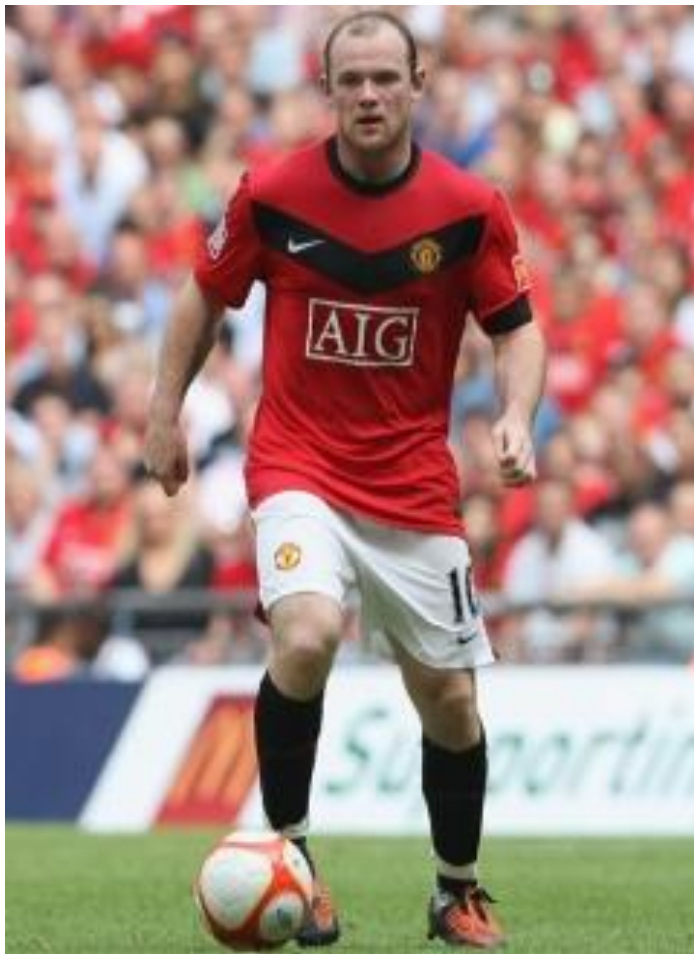


WAYNE ROONEY



Born:	24 Oct 1985
Signed:	31 Aug 2004
Debut:	28 Sept 2004 v Fenerbahce (H)
Goals total:	253
Appearances total:	559
Position:	Striker

Wayne Rooney is Manchester United's all-time leading scorer and the only player to have scored 250 goals for the Reds, a milestone he reached when he broke Sir Bobby Charlton's long-standing record in January 2017.

Rooney's place among the icons of Old Trafford was also secured via his appointment as club captain, an honour afforded to him on the eve of the 2014/15 season.

The striker lifted his first trophy as skipper at the end of his second campaign with the armband, when he grasped the FA Cup in May 2016 following a dramatic extra-time win over Crystal Palace at Wembley Stadium. That piece of silverware was the only one missing from an impressive personal collection that he has gathered throughout his illustrious Reds career.

Of course, it cannot be forgotten that it was as an exciting teenager that he burst onto the Old Trafford stage in September 2004, netting a wonderful hat-trick on his debut in a Champions League tie with Fenerbahce. Perhaps his performance wasn't that surprising, given the enormous pedigree he had amassed since making a lasting impression on former Academy manager Paul McGuinness some years earlier.