

PAUL SCHOLES



Born:	16 Nov 1974
Signed:	08 Jul 1991
Debut:	21 Sep 1994 v Port Vale (A) League Cup
Goals total:	155
Appearances total:	718
Position:	Midfielder

You must have a rare and special football talent to impress the great Sir Bobby Charlton. The United legend summed up Paul Scholes perfectly: "He's always so in control and pinpoint accurate with his passing – a beautiful player to watch."

Part of the new wave of talent that ushered in Beckham, Giggs, Butt and the Neville brothers in the mid-1990s, Salford-born Scholes scored twice on his debut in the League Cup at Port Vale in 1994/95 – and on his first league outing against Ipswich – and never looked back.

A host of golden seasons at Old Trafford include 1995/96's Double-winning campaign, in which he covered admirably during Eric Cantona's suspension, finishing second behind the Frenchman in the scoring charts with 14 goals; he was a cornerstone of 1999's Treble-winners, although suspension ruled him out of the UEFA Champions League final, and in United's Premier League success in 2003, his 20-goal haul was vital.

Neat and compact, a misplaced Scholes pass was one of the rarest sights in football. His superb eye for goal and late runs from midfield also served his country superbly on 66 occasions.

An eye problem kept the midfield magician out of action for a large part of 2005/06, but he burst back onto the scene during the 2006/07 title-winning