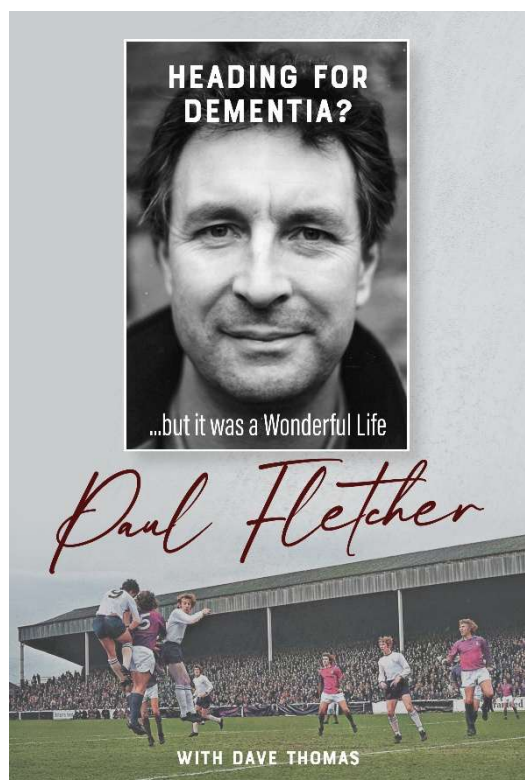




Title information



Heading for Dementia

...but it was a Wonderful Life

By Paul Fletcher, with Dave Thomas

Key features

- Paul Fletcher played as a centre-forward for Bolton, Burnley and Blackpool in the 1970s and now has dementia worries
- Examines the links between heading footballs and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)
- Explores the nature of dementia: vascular, pro-temporal and early onset
- Remembers and honours those footballers with dementia who have passed away
- Highlights the plight of the victims still living but suffering and their stories
- Why are the sport's official bodies reluctant to officially acknowledge the causal link between heading and dementia?
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Heading for Dementia is an unflinchingly honest exploration of dementia and football. In the 1970s, Paul Fletcher headed a ball for a living at Bolton, Burnley and Blackpool. Today, he wonders what the future will hold. Is he experiencing normal age-related memory loss or early dementia? He reflects on his career, his achievements and the things he does not want to forget. He looks at the links between heading footballs and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) and asks, are the football authorities doing enough? The number of footballers who have succumbed to dementia is horrifying. A name appears in the press almost weekly of a player who has been diagnosed or has passed away. Paul's investigation shines a light on the sufferers who have emerged from his main club, Burnley. This book examines the nature of dementia and the perils of heading a football for a living through a deeply personal insider account. It's a must-read for anyone who cares about the beautiful game.

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