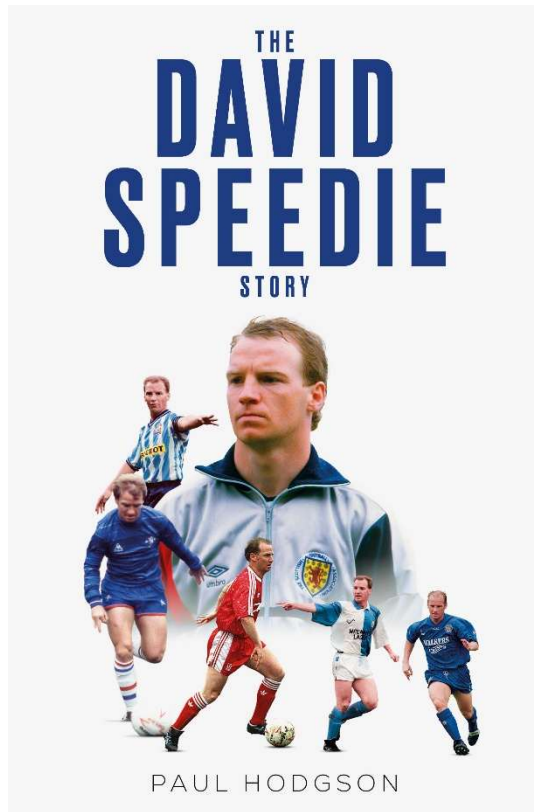




Title information



The David Speedie Story

By David Speedie and Paul Hodgson

Key features

- Charts David Speedie's battle to escape the coal-mining industry and a life spent down the pits to fulfil his dreams of becoming a professional footballer
- The former Scotland international is brutally honest about the people he encountered in football across his long career
- David talks candidly about his battle with depression and how he overcame it
- He speaks of his sadness at the loss of former Scotland manager Jock Stein, and of being left out of the Scotland World Cup squad afterwards
- He pays tribute to former Darlington manager Billy Elliott and his assistant, George Herd, for having the tactical awareness to turn him from a midfielder player into a striker – a change that transformed his career
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

The David Speedie Story is the no-holds-barred autobiography of the former Scotland international and top-flight English Football League striker. Born in Scotland but raised in Yorkshire, David dreamed of swapping his job as a Doncaster coal-miner for a career in professional football. Not only did he achieve this, but he played at the highest level for clubs such as Chelsea, Coventry City, Blackburn Rovers, Liverpool and Leicester City. Whilst at Chelsea, Speedie became the first player since Geoff Hurst to score a hat-trick at Wembley. He also achieved promotion to the top flight with Chelsea, Blackburn, West Ham (while on loan from Southampton) and Leicester City. To put the icing on the cake, he played for Scotland ten times. David is brutally honest about the people he encountered in his long footballing career, and speaks candidly about his battle with depression after retiring from football and how he overcame it. This gripping book is a must-read for anyone interested in the English game in the 1980s or the Scotland national team of that era.

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