

Wayne Rooney

Wayne Rooney is a **professional** football player. If you are a football fan, you have **probably** watched one of his games. You might even have seen him play live! Did you know that he started to play football at a very young age?

Wayne Rooney was born on October 24th 1985. He was born in Croxteth in Liverpool. His full name is Wayne Mark Rooney. His mum is called Jeanette Rooney and his dad is also called Wayne Rooney. Wayne Rooney has two younger brothers called Graham and John. All three brothers **attended** Our Lady and St. Swithin's Primary School in Croxteth.

When he was very young, Wayne Rooney loved to play football. He supported Everton Football Club. Even when he was a young boy, he was a very **talented** football player. At the age of 9, Wayne Rooney joined a local football team and he scored 99 goals in the final season. He was spotted by an Everton **scout** who asked him to join Everton.



1995 football shirt

When he was just 16 years old, Rooney made his first professional **appearance** with

Everton in August 2002.

Two months later, on 19th

October 2002, he became the youngest ever goal scorer in the history of the Premier League.

Then Everton played a football match against Arsenal. Arsenal had won 30 games in a row.

No other team had been able to beat them. But then Wayne Rooney scored a last minute goal and Everton beat Arsenal!



In 2002, Wayne Rooney was **awarded** the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award. Every year, people vote for the sports man or woman who they think has achieved the most that year. This was a very big **achievement** for Rooney.

In 2004, Rooney left Everton and went to play for Manchester United Football Club. This made lots of the Everton fans very cross. When he went back to play a match against Everton, he was booed by lots of the Everton fans who used to support him. He played his first game for Manchester United on 24th September 2004.



2004 football shirt

Two years later, in 2006, Rooney was made Captain of Manchester United Football Club. He was very proud that he had been made Captain of the team and he was also very excited. In 2008, Wayne Rooney was the youngest ever player to play in 200 Premier League games. What a lot of football games!

In 2010, Wayne Rooney got two more very special awards. The first one was the Professional Footballers' Association Players' Player of the Year. This is a very long name for an award so sometimes, it is just called the Player of the Year Award. Every year, this award is given to the player who is judged to be the best player that year in English football. He also won the Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year Award. This is also a very long name for an award so this one is sometimes just called the Footballer of the Year Award. This award is different to the first one because this one is given for the best player of the season.

It is clear to see that Wayne Rooney is a very successful football player. As well as being so good at football, he has also written some books and he does a lot of work for different charities. Even though he is so busy, he still finds time to spend with his wife and children. Wayne Rooney married Coleen McLoughlin (she is now called Coleen Rooney) in 2008. They have three beautiful little boys. Kai Rooney was born in November 2009, Klay Rooney was born in May 2013 and Kit in January 2016.

