

20x24 POLAROIDS



# Caught in time: the United Collection



The stunning images of United players past and present, management and staff were captured using a unique piece of photographic equipment during two specially commissioned photo-shoots, at the Club's Carrngton training ground.

They were taken using a Polaroid 20 x 24 Studio camera – flown in from Prague for the shoots – standing 5ft high and weighing 235lb. It was originally developed to enable the accurate reproduction of works of art such as paintings and tapestries. But seeing the gorgeous, superbly detailed  $20 \times 24$ in ( $50 \times 60$ cm) prints the camera produces, photographers soon started to use it as a creative tool.

The camera uses a continuous roll of film rather than separate sheets; it produces a negative which is destroyed in the process, so each print is a genuine one-off. Just like the very small Polaroid cameras familiar to most people, the negative side of the picture is peeled off very soon after the photograph is taken. The patterning around the edge of the image (produced by the developing chemicals) is similarly unique to each print, while the side edges are created by the rubber 'tyres' on the sides of the rollers which drive the film through and stop the developer leaking out of the sides. The distinctive sepia tinting is the result of deliberately using mismatched components, a quirky film combination that produces some beautiful imagery.

This unique large-format photography was an enormous hit with the squad when we visited Manchester. Once the players saw what this rather strange-looking piece of equipment was capable of producing, their enthusiasm knew no bounds. The result was a series of striking, unforgettable pictures of Sir Alex Ferguson's squad as you've never seen them before, or again.

The sale of the Polaroid company meant producing paper for this iconic camera was no longer commercially viable - Production has stopped for both paper and chemicals required. Attempts to salvage the situation over the past three years have failed.

#### Manchester United Legends — The Polaroid 20×24 Collection

A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity to Own Football History. 28 Legends. 999 Sets. One Chance.

Opus Malta is making these images available in an exclusive, strictly limited-edition series.

#### The Collection

Each boxed set contains all 28, beautifully reproduced as high-quality prints, timeless works of art. Perfect for the most discerning supporter or collector. Single prints also available.

#### **Editions & Pricing**

#### Box Set No. 1 — Auctioned for Charity

A unique collector's piece. Contains all 28 portraits. Proceeds go entirely to charity.

Plus a rare signature sheet signed by Sir Alex Ferguson and Sir Bobby Charlton.

#### Box Sets Nos. 2-100 — 1,250 EUR

Each contains all 28 plus the signature sheet signed by Sir Alex Ferguson and Sir Bobby Charlton.

Sir Alex Ferguson was the club's most successful manager.

Sir Bobby Charlton, a player whose name is synonymous with greatness

This is a piece of history in itself!

#### Box Sets Nos. 101-999 — 700 EUR

All 28 portraits in a numbered presentation box. No signatures, part of the limited-edition series.

#### Loose Prints — 80 EUR each

Individual portraits of your choice, unlimited, perfect for those who want to own a favourite image.

#### **Edition Details**

- Total Numbered Box Sets: 999
- Sizes: Each print faithfully reproduces the original Polaroid 20×24 image in complete detail.
- Packaging: Premium presentation box.

#### **How to Order**

To secure your box set or loose prints, please contact:

- [xx Insert Email]
- **☎** [xx Insert Phone Number]
- (xx Insert Website)

Due to the strictly limited nature of the edition, early reservation is strongly advised.

#### **A Legacy Preserved**

These portraits are moments in time, frozen in extraordinary detail, of the players who have written Manchester United's story. For the true fan, they are a bridge between past and present, between memory and legacy. Own a piece of that legacy today.

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## **SIR ALEX FERGUSON**

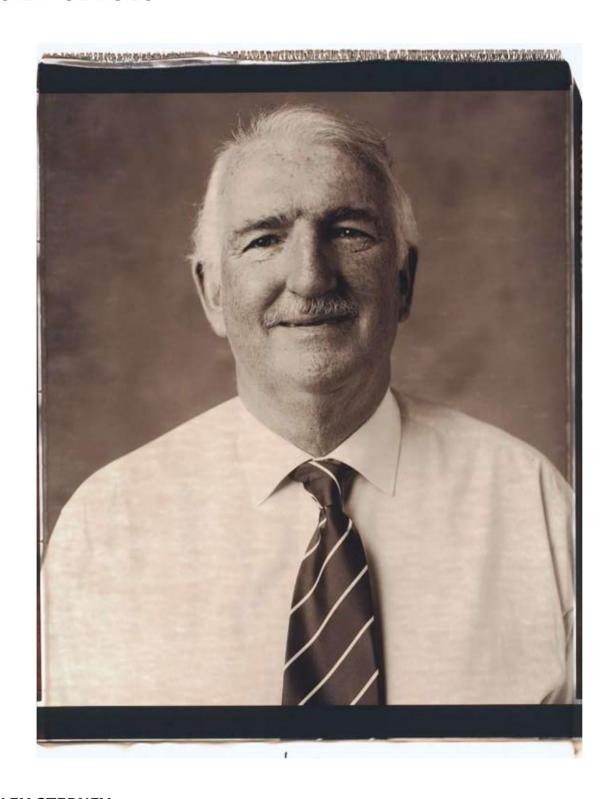
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#### **ALEX STEPNEY**

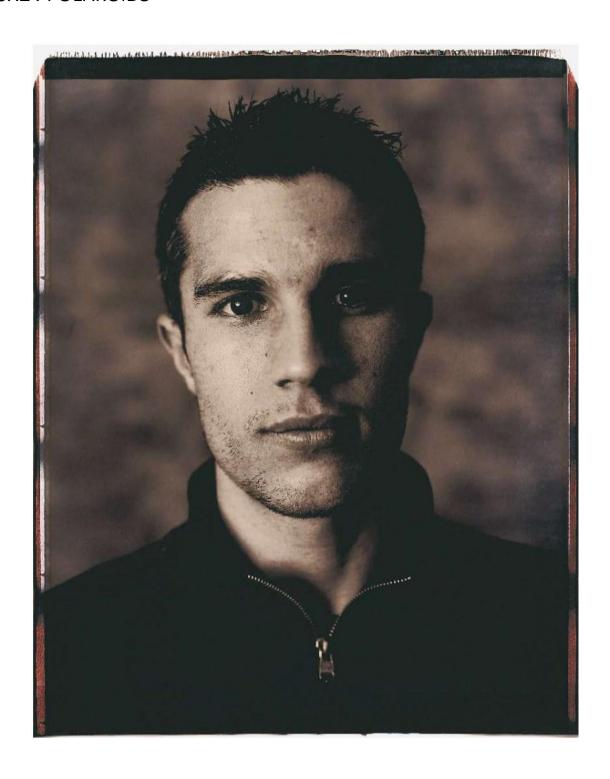
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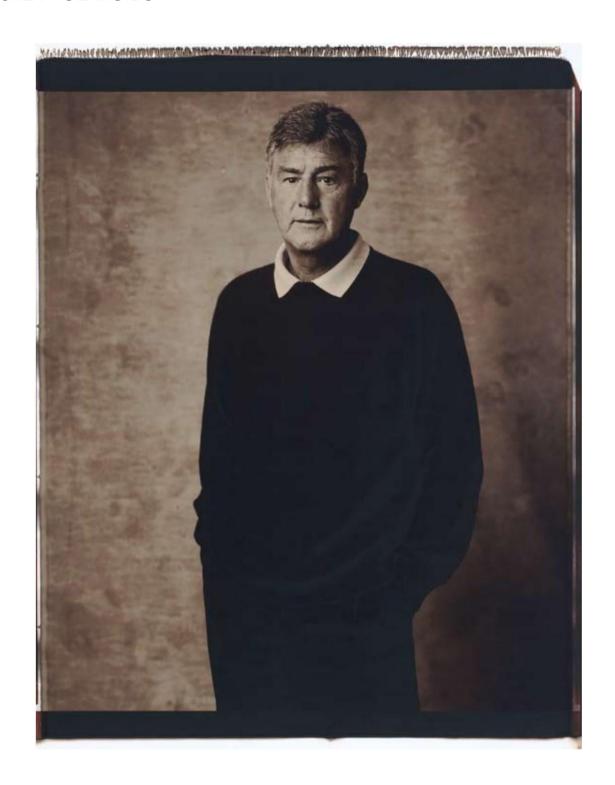
## **ROBIN VAN PERSIE**

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## **BRIAN KIDD**

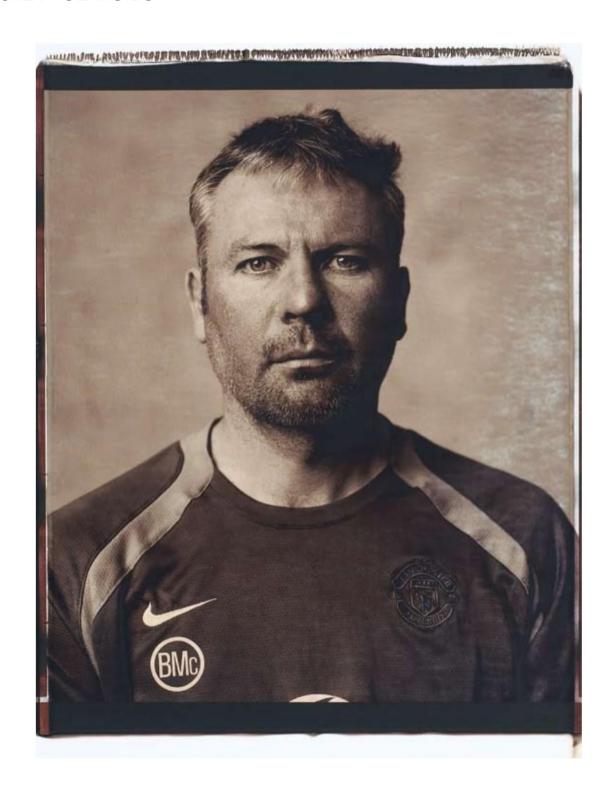
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## **BRIAN MCCLAIR FINAL**

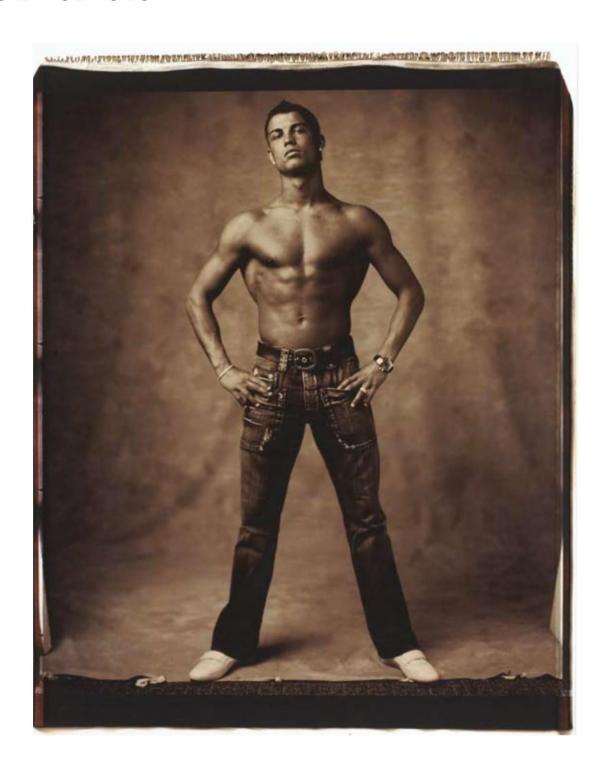
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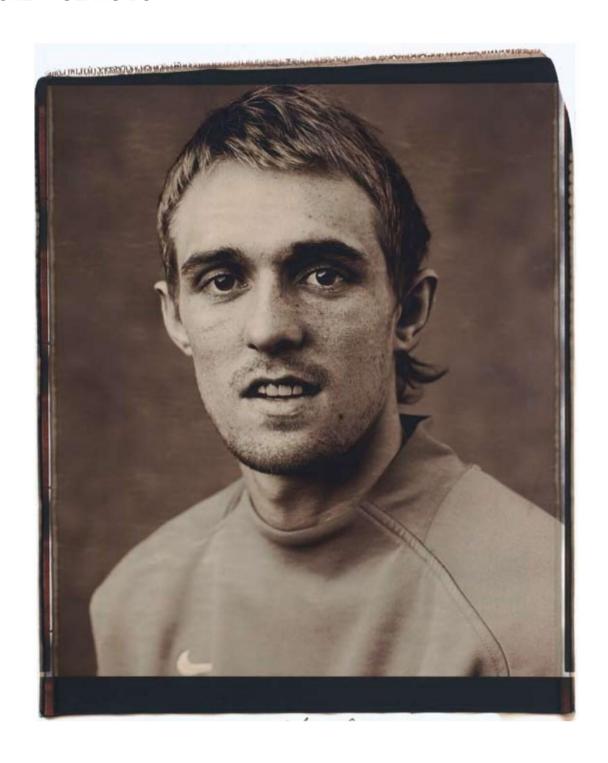
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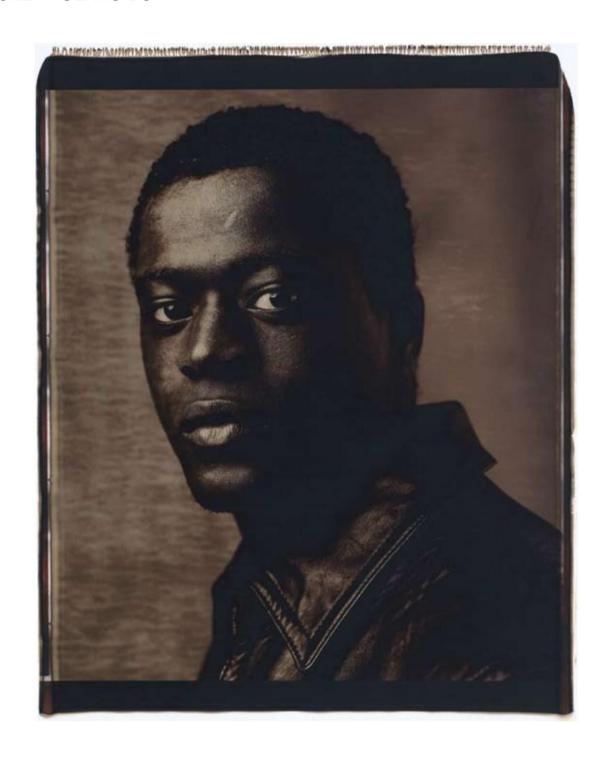
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## **PATRICE EVRA**

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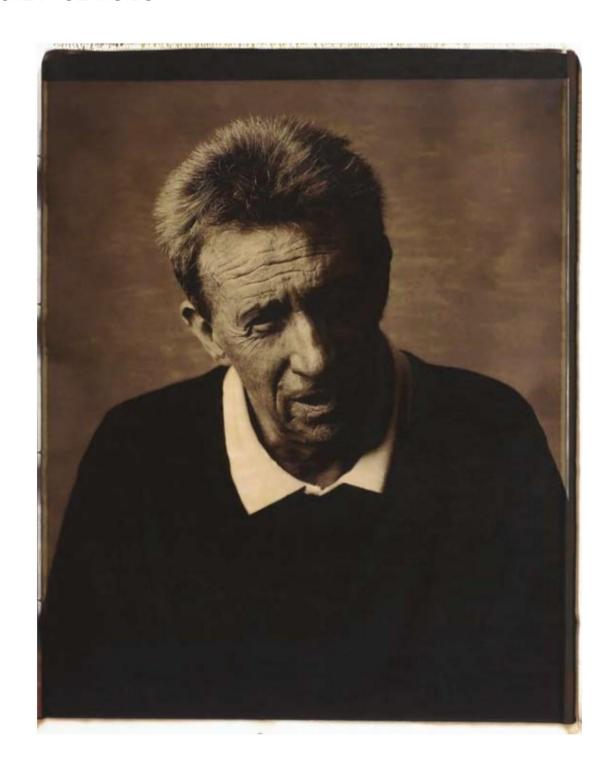
## **GORDON STRACHAN**

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## **DENIS LAW**

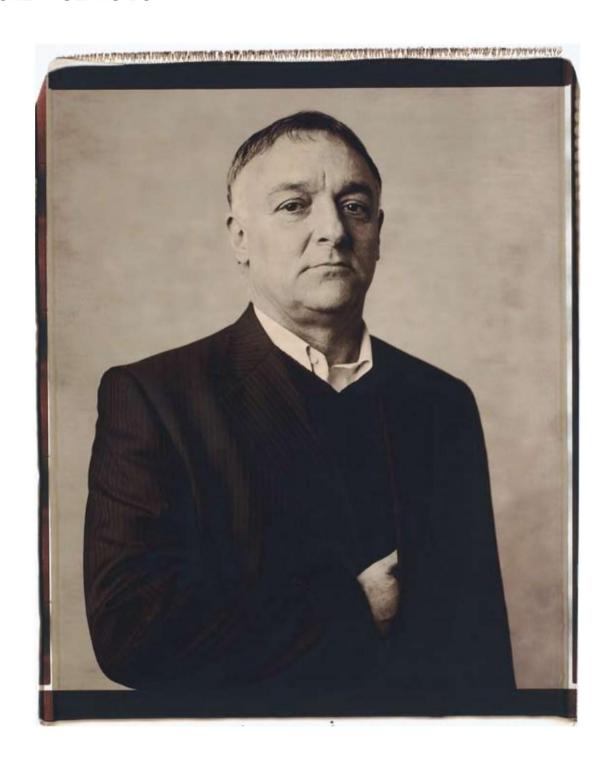
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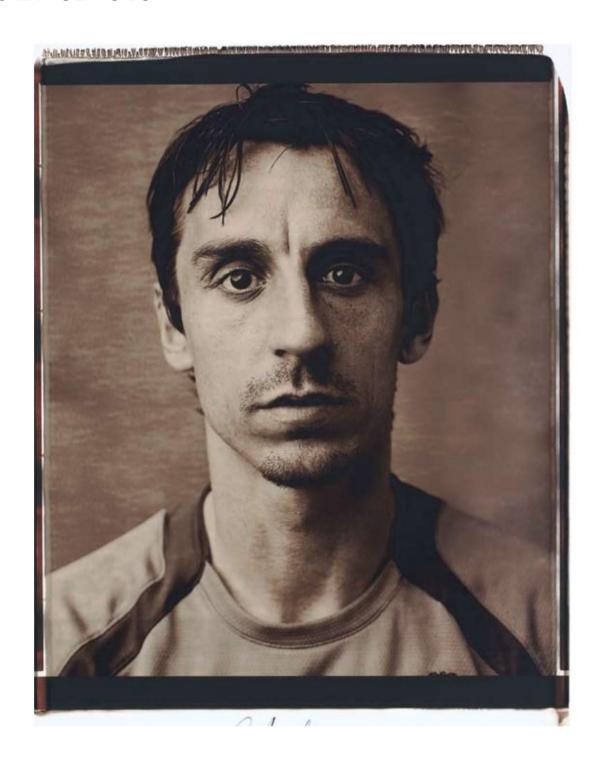
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## **GARY NEVILLE**

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## **OLE GUNNAR SOLSKJÆR**

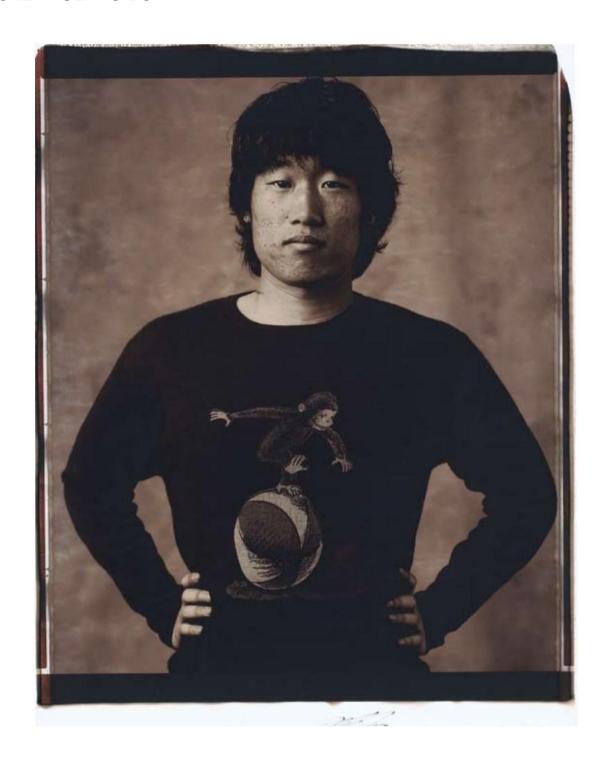
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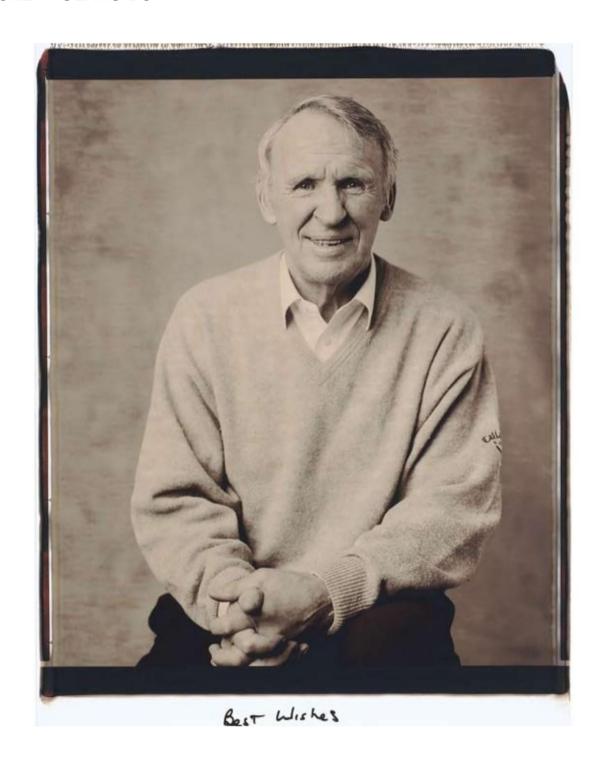
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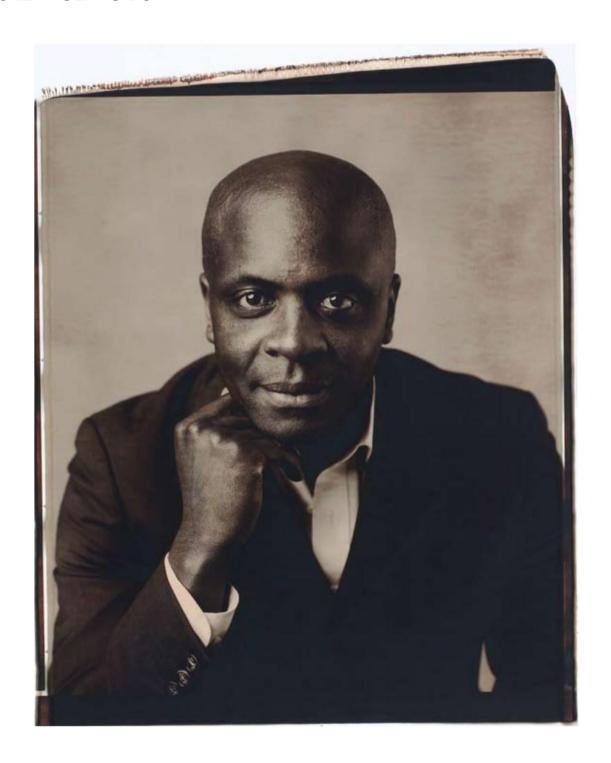
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## **PAUL PARKER**

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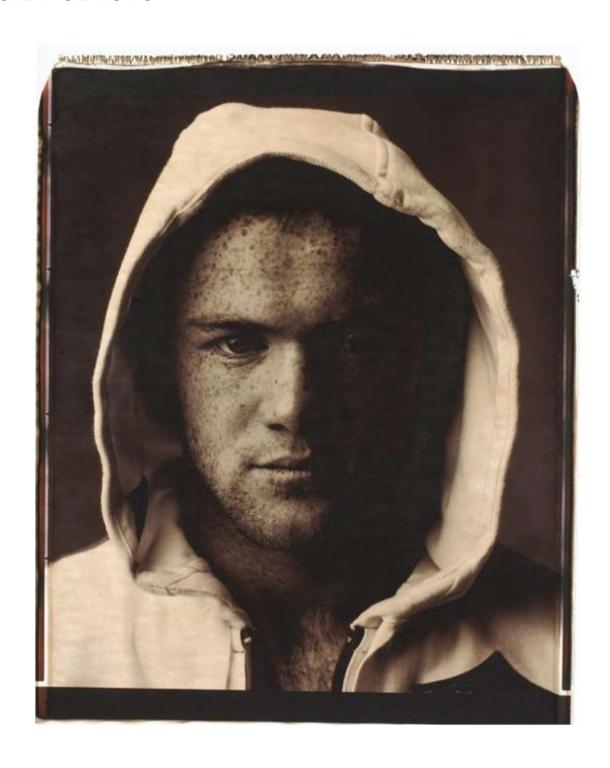
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## **WAYNE ROONEY**

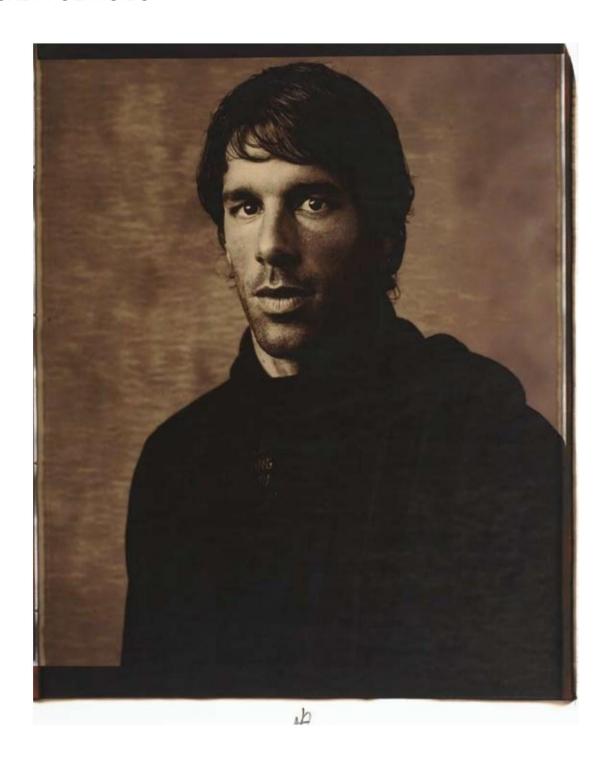
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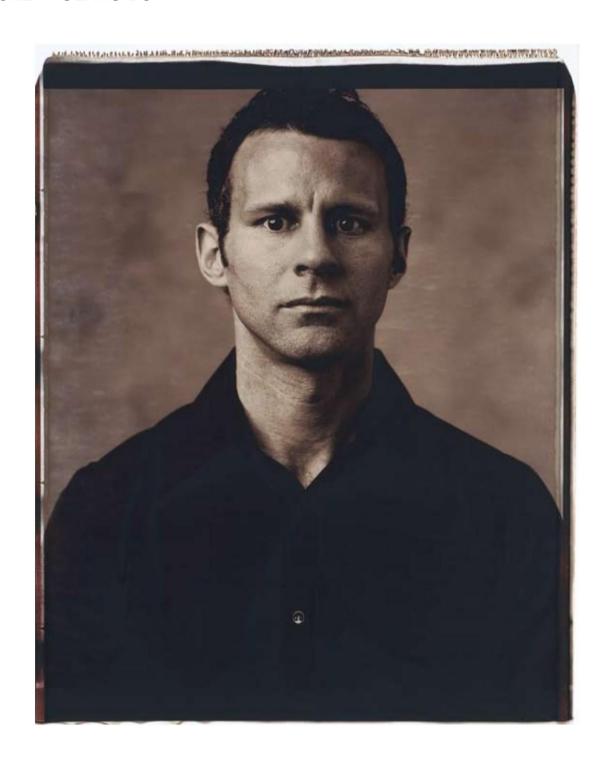
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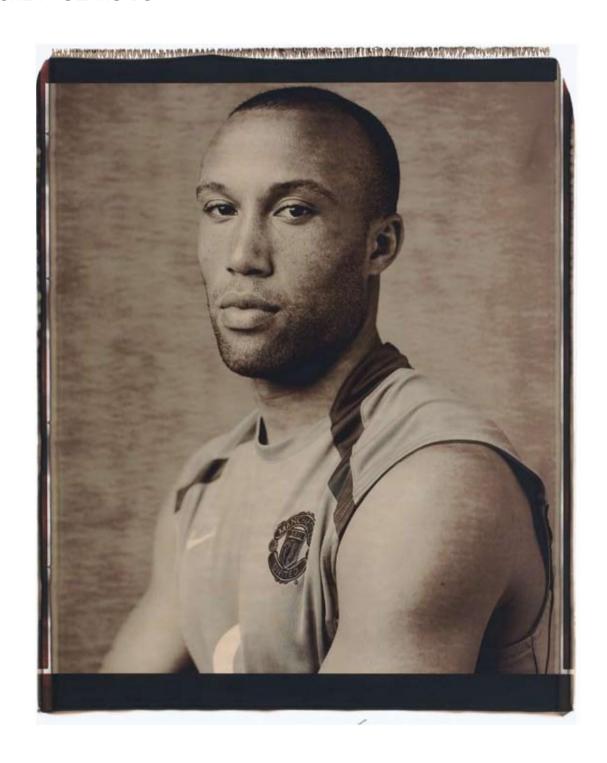
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## **MIKAËL SILVESTRE**

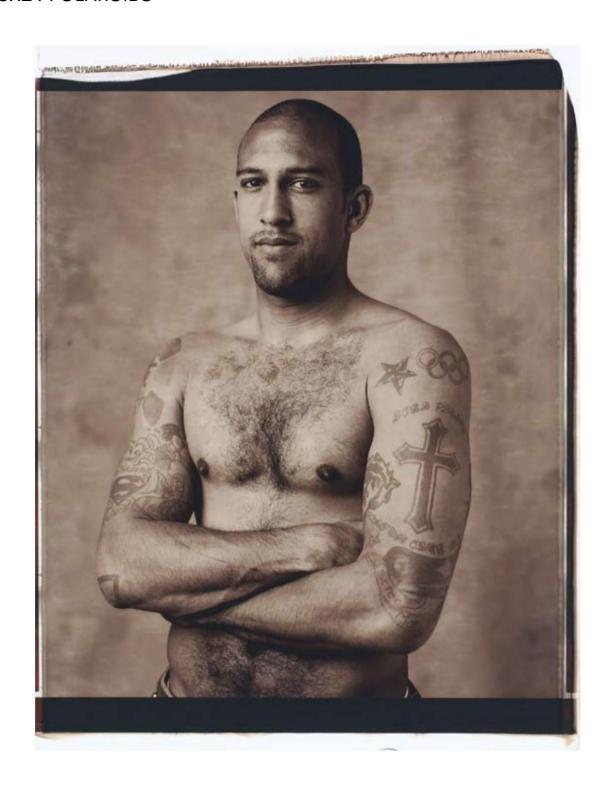
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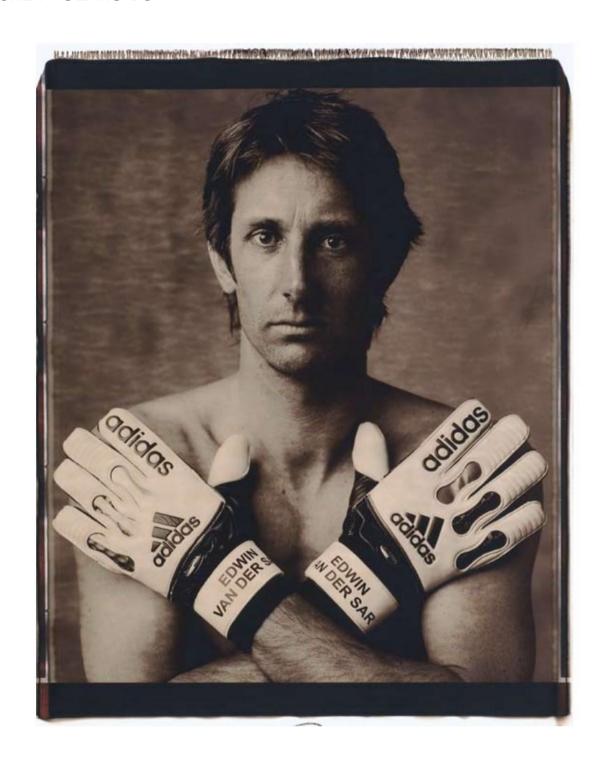
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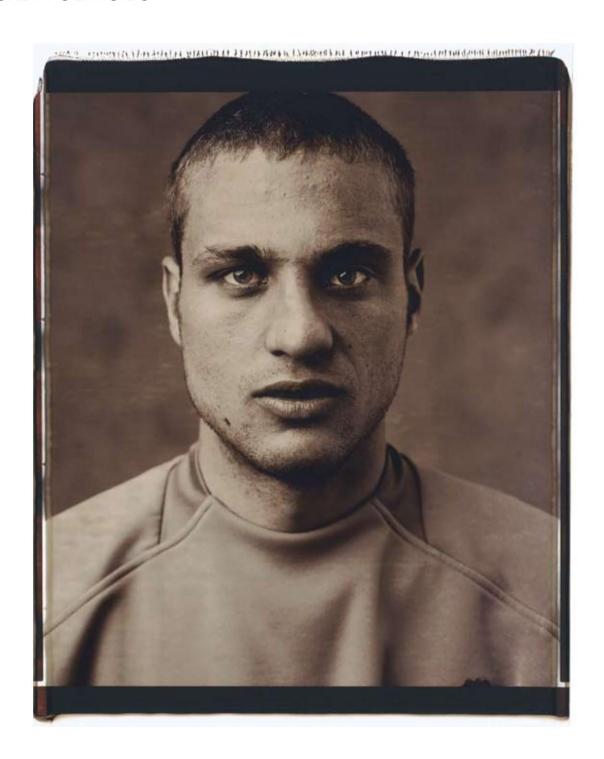
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## **WES BROWN AND RIO FERDINAND**

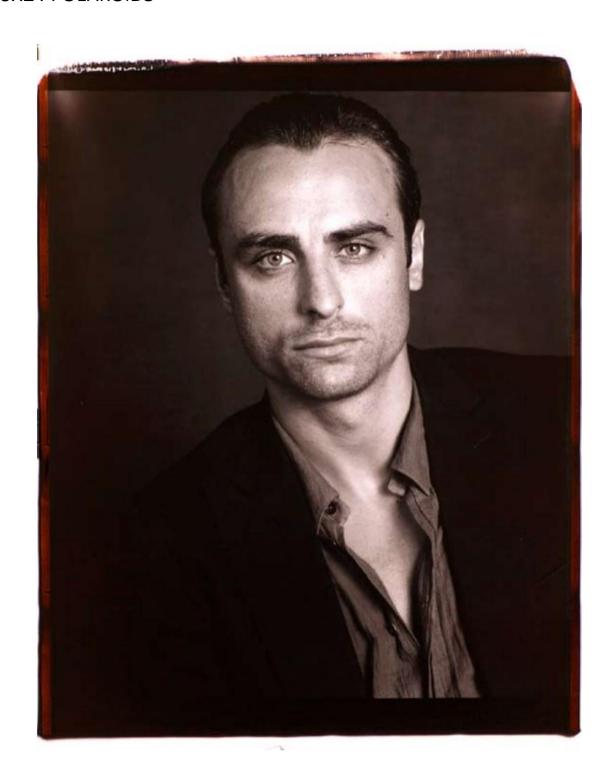
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## **DIMITAR BERBATOV**

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