

## Brian Moore (1962 - )



Brian Moore is an English former Rugby Union footballer who played as hooker. He later became a Rugby presenter and pundit for BBC Sport, Talksport and Love Sport Radio.

Moore was born to single mother Rina Kirk in Birmingham. Abandoned by his father, his mother gave him up for adoption at 7 months old to Methodist Lay Preachers Ralph and Dorothy Moore, who moved to Illingworth and where Moore went to Whitehill Primary School before attending Crossley & Porter School. It was here that he first played Rugby Union for the Old Crossleyans.

He then went on to study law at the University Of Nottingham, gaining an LLB (Hons) degree in 1984.

Moore played as an amateur senior for Nottingham, the club where he made his name and during his time at Nottingham, he won his first England caps and toured Australia with the British And Irish Lions winning five test caps. In 1990 he moved to London to train as a solicitor and played for Harlequins. In 1991, he was voted Rugby World Player of the Year and ended his club career at Richmond.

Moore represented England, winning a total of 64 England caps between 1987 and 1995, He was also a member of the England side which won Grand Slams in 1991, 1992 and 1995.

Having been a vocal critic of referees for many years, Moore took the Rugby Football Union's Entry Level Referee Award course and qualified as a referee in 2010. The same year in his autobiography "Beware Of The Dog" he revealed that he was sexually abused as a young boy by one of his teachers. The shame he felt at being a victim of abuse made him keep silent about it until he visited the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre in London in 2008. He said the trauma made him ferociously competitive on the rugby field.

Moore attended the funeral of his birth mother in January 2020. He revealed afterwards on Twitter that he had in so doing discovered that he was half Chinese. He, along with Prince Harry, both argued that in response to Black Lives Matter, the song "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", should no longer be sung in a Rugby context. Brian Moore is also a patron of the Piece Hall here in Halifax.

### Further reading

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian\\_Moore\\_\(rugby\\_union\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_Moore_(rugby_union))

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