# Meet The Hick With The Kick: The True Story of a Football Star Turned Outlaw Biker

Leonard "Len" Bias was a football star who was drafted 2nd overall by the Boston Celtics in the 1986 NBA Draft. But just two days later, Bias was found dead in his dorm room from a cocaine overdose.

The Hick With The Kick is the incredible true story of Bias's life, his struggles with addiction, and the tragic events that led to his death. It is a cautionary tale about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of making good choices.



### The Hick With The Kick by Paul Smith

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# **Bias's Early Life**

Leonard Bias was born in Landover, Maryland, on November 18, 1963. He was the youngest of six children. His father, James, was a construction worker, and his mother, Lonnie, was a homemaker. Bias was a talented

athlete from a young age. He excelled in football, basketball, and track and field.

Bias attended Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. He was a star football player and was named to the All-Met team three times. He also led his team to the state championship game in 1981.

## **Bias's College Career**

Bias attended the University of Maryland from 1982 to 1986. He was a standout football player and was named to the All-American team twice. He also led the Terrapins to the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championship in 1984.

In 1986, Bias was drafted 2nd overall by the Boston Celtics. He was expected to be a major star in the NBA. But just two days after the draft, Bias was found dead in his dorm room from a cocaine overdose.

#### Bias's Death

Bias's death was a tragic loss for the Celtics and for the NBA. He was just 22 years old and had a promising career ahead of him. His death also raised awareness about the dangers of drug abuse.

In the years since Bias's death, there have been many tributes to his life and legacy. A statue of Bias was erected outside of Comcast Center, the home of the Maryland Terrapins football team. The Celtics have also retired Bias's jersey number, 34.

#### The Hick With The Kick

The Hick With The Kick is a new book that tells the story of Bias's life and death. The book is written by David Maraniss, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist.

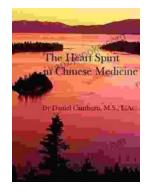
The Hick With The Kick is a powerful and moving story that offers a cautionary tale about the dangers of drug abuse. It is also a tribute to the life and legacy of Leonard Bias.



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