

Erik Ten Hag sacked as Manchester United Boss after awful start to Premier League season



Manchester United have announced that first team manager Erik Ten Hag has left the club and former club icon Ruud Van Nistelrooy will replace him as interim head coach.

Ten Hag was appointed as the permanent replacement of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer to start the 2022/23 campaign and won both the EFL cup in his debut season and an FA cup the following year.

However, results this year have seen United flounder in 14th place and misery for the Red Devils was compounded by a 2-1 defeat to West Ham United at the London Stadium yesterday.

The teams poor start can be attributed to their lack of goals as they have only hit the back of the net 8 times in the Premier League, that is the same amount as Brentford's electric forward Bryan Mbeumo and less than back to back golden boot winner Erling Haaland's tally of 11 goals.

Beyond league play, the club remain winless in their Europa League campaign after three games and sit in 21st place.

The former Ajax boss had made an abundance of signings of former Ajax players bringing in the likes of Antony, Andre Onana and Lisandro Martinez in the hope to replicate his success in the Dutch Eredivisie.

This summer alone the Dutchman recruited two more former players in Matthijs De Ligt and Noussair Mazraoui from Bayern Munich.

Ten Hag is the fifth Manchester United manager to be relieved of his duties since the departure of Sir Alex Ferguson more than a decade ago and continues the trend of a United gaffer being unable to complete three full campaigns in charge.

In a club statement Manchester United stated the following: "We are grateful to Erik for everything he has done during his time with us and wish him well for the future."

United legend Ruud Van Nistelrooy is deemed the favourite to take over managerial duties on a permanent basis according to Oddschecker.com, with the likes of Xavi Hernandez, Ruben Amorin and Gareth Southgate also considered likely candidates.

The former Dutch striker will be in the hot seat as the club hosts Leicester City at Old Trafford on Wednesday evening where a win would see them qualify for the quarter finals of the Carabao Cup.