

# CLUB LEGENDS TURNED MANAGERS

After Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was appointed as Manchester United manager on a permanent basis, we take a look at how other club legends have fared when sat in the managerial hot-seat.

## 1 **KENNY DALGLISH (1985-1991, 2011-2012) LIVERPOOL**

Having already endured a successful eight years as a player at Anfield, Dalglish took over from Joe Fagan where he combined his playing career with managerial duties. In his time in charge he won nine trophies, including the league and cup double in the first season. Following a poor run of form with Roy Hodgson, Dalglish returned as manager in January 2011, but this spell was much less successful than the previous, with the only success being in the League Cup. **Win ratio: 60.9%, 47.3%**

## 2 **JOE ROYLE (1994-1997) EVERTON**

Royle, who scored over 100 goals while playing up front for the Toffee's in the 60's and 70's, became manager of the Goodison Park club 20 years after he left them as a player. Despite only being in charge for three years, he led the club to FA Cup glory which is coincidentally their most recent trophy. **Win ratio: 39.83%**

## 3 **BRYAN GUNN (2009) NORWICH**

Gunn, who endured over a decade as a goalkeeper for the East Anglian side, was tasked with trying to save Norwich from relegation to League One. It was ultimately a short spell in charge, as the club were relegated on the last day of the season, with his final league match being a humiliating 7-1 home defeat to Colchester in the third tier. **Win ratio: 28.6%**

## 4 **ALAN SHEARER (2009) NEWCASTLE**

Shearer, who is both Newcastle's and the Premier League's record goalscorer, was put in temporary charge at the end of the 2008/09 season with the club involved in a relegation battle. Of his eight matches in charge, the former England forward only managed a single victory, which saw the Magpies relegated to the Championship. **Win ratio: 12.5%**

## 5 **OSVALDO ARDILES (1993-1994) TOTTENHAM**

The former Argentina international featured for Spurs between 1978 and 1988, where he amassed over 200 appearances in his role as central midfielder. Having already had a caretaker spell in charge while playing for the club, his permanent appointment was unsuccessful with them finishing 15th in the league. He was sacked in the opening months of the following season as poor results followed, despite high profile acquisitions. **Win ratio: 30.77%**

## 6 **COLIN HARVEY (1987 - 1990) EVERTON**

The midfielder who played for Everton for 11 years took over after Howard Kendall resigned in the aftermath of the Heysel disaster which resulted in English clubs being banned from European competitions. Harvey made over 300 league appearances for the Merseyside club and had a fairly successful three years in charge, which included winning the Charity Shield and three top eight finishes. **Win ratio: 42.01%**

## 7 **PEP GUARDIOLA (2008 - 2012) BARCELONA**

Considered to be one of the best managers in the world, Pep played for Barcelona at various levels from the late 1980's in 2001, and in 2007 he became manager of their B team, guiding them to top spot and thus promotion to the next division. This resulted in him becoming manager of the first team, where he won three trophies including three consecutive La Liga titles, before stepping down in 2012 when he decided he needed a break from management. **Win ratio: 72.5%**

## 8 **RYAN GIGGS (2014) MANCHESTER UNITED**

Following David Moyes' uninspiring spell in charge of the Red Devil's, it was announced that Old Trafford legend Ryan Giggs would oversee the final four games of the season, which were to also be his last matches as a player as well. With nothing but pride to play for, the former Welsh international amassed two wins and a draw, alongside a defeat, and was given an emotional send off in the home victory against Hull, which proved to be his last game in what was an illustrious career. After this, he stayed at the club to work alongside Louis Van Gaal who took over the reigns. **Win ratio: 50%**

## 9 **ZINEDINE ZIDANE (2016-2018, 2019 -) REAL MADRID**

One of the greatest midfielders of all time, Zinedine Zidane, enjoyed a successful spell at the Bernabeu as a player, where he won both La Liga and Champions League. Real Madrid was also the club he retired at, before finally bowing out in the infamous 2006 World Cup Final. After a disappointing period at the helm for Rafa Benitez, the French maestro was announced as the new manager, stepping up from his role as B team manager. In his two and a half years in charge he won three successful Champions League trophies, as well as a singular triumph in La Liga. Despite resigning in May 2018, he returned again less than a year later to try and rescue the club from a disappointing 2018/19 season. **Win ratio: 69.8%, 100%**