

Usain Bolt at Manchester United v Fulham

Usain Bolt was the guest of honour at Manchester United's Premier League encounter with Fulham at Old Trafford.

The charismatic six-time Olympic gold medallist is a long-standing United fan and recently suggested he wanted to play for the club. That will never happen in a competitive game. Instead Bolt will have to make do with watching his favourites in action as they look to get their season up and running after Monday's defeat at Everton. The sprint champion was presented to the crowd and greeted by chants of, 'Sign him up, Fergie, Fergie, sign him up.' Robin van Persie also had his moment in the spotlight, handed a first start following his summer move from Arsenal. The man he replaced? Wayne Rooney. Sir Alex Ferguson spent the week praising the Dutchman's decision to join United at a time when so many targets, including Eden Hazard and Samir Nasri, have opted to go elsewhere. 'A lot of players would like to play for Manchester United - as the agents keep telling us - but over the last two or three years I think there has been a trend for players to settle for the cash, and as we all know, Manchester City can beat us all at that,' Ferguson told United Review. 'So I found it very heartening when Robin's motivation was to chase his ambitions to play for us and hopefully win a trophy or two. I really respect players who clearly want to play for us and it has always influenced me when it comes to deciding who we should go for. The reverse is equally true for me because if I hear that a player has fallen out of love with us and is looking elsewhere I invariably help them on their way out.'

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