

Liverpool v Manchester United: Pochettinoâ??s first game in charge is at Anfield

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Mauricio Pochettino has had four days to fix Manchester United before his first match in charge, and it is at Anfield. United visit Liverpool on Sunday 22 November at 4.30pm UK time, which is 12.30am on Monday 23 November in Singapore, sitting 18th in the Premier League with eight points from 10 games.



Mauricio Pochettino arrives at Carrington on his first day as Manchester United head coach, 18 November 2026. Photo: Ash Donelon/Manchester United via Getty Images

A new head coach, a short week

United announced Pochettinoâ??s appointment on Friday 13 November, with an agreement that he would start on 18 November once his work with the United States was done. He signed off on Tuesday with a 2-0 win over Haiti in Cincinnati, an 8-0 aggregate win that put the USA into the CONCACAF Nations League semi-finals, then flew straight to Manchester and went directly to Carrington.

He brings a familiar staff with him: Jesus Perez, Miguel Dâ??Agostino, Toni Jimenez, Alec Scott and Sebastiano Pochettino. Michael Carrick has left, along with Travis Binnion, Jonny Evans, Steve Holland, Craig Mawson and Jonathan Woodgate.

â??This message is about being united, like the name Manchester United,â?• Pochettino said in a message to fans on his first day. â??We all need to work together.â?•

What he inherits

Unitedâ??s only league win came on 30 August, 5-2 at home to Ipswich Town. The eight league games since have brought five draws and three defeats. The most recent was a 4-4 with Aston Villa at Old Trafford on 8 November, with Patrick Dorgu scoring the goal that made it 4-4.

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Away from home it is thinner still. United have played five league games on the road, lost at Hull City and Chelsea, drawn at Everton, Fulham and Leeds United, and scored four goals in total. They are a point behind Coventry City and Nottingham Forest, who sit 17th and 16th on nine points.

Liverpoolâ??s Anfield problem

Andoni Iraolaâ??s side are fourth on 18 points, nine behind leaders Arsenal and three behind Manchester City, and their record splits cleanly in two. Away from Anfield they are unbeaten in five, with four wins and 10 goals. At home they have won one of five: a 2-0 against Brighton on 25 October, alongside draws with Nottingham Forest and Fulham and defeats by Manchester City (0-3) and Arsenal (0-1). Four goals in five home games is the number Iraola will want to change.

They come into the weekend on the back of a 3-1 win at Crystal Palace on 8 November, their last game before the international break.

The rest of the weekend, in Singapore time

Most of the round is done before Anfield. Manchester City host Fulham on Saturday 21 November at 8.30pm. At 11pm, Coventry City play Crystal Palace, Chelsea host Leeds United, Tottenham Hotspur host Ipswich Town, Aston Villa host Sunderland and Bournemouth host Nottingham Forest. Leaders Arsenal visit Newcastle United at 1.30am on Sunday.

Hull City host Brighton on Sunday at 10pm, and the round closes with Brentford against Everton at 4am on Tuesday 24 November.

For United, Sunday is not about the table so much as the first look at what Pochettino wants. A win at Anfield would take them to 11 points, level with Hull and Ipswich as the table stands before the weekend.

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