

Manchester United 0-4 Brentford: Wilson double hands Pochettino a second four-goal league defeat

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Mauricio Pochettinoâ??s first home game as Manchester United head coach ended in a 0-4 defeat by Brentford at Old Trafford on Saturday 28 November. Callum Wilson scored twice before half-time, Kristoffer Ajer and Kevin Schade added late goals, and United stay 19th in the Premier League with eight points from 12 games.

It is a second straight four-goal league defeat for Pochettino, after the 4-0 loss at Liverpool on 22 November. His only other game so far was the 2-2 Champions League draw at Sporting. United have one league win all season, the 5-2 against Ipswich Town on 30 August, and are now ten league games without a win since.


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Callum Wilson celebrates for Brentford against Manchester United at Old Trafford on 28 November 2026. Photo: Brentford FC

Ouattara opens the door twice

United had the early chances. Patrick Dorgu and Joshua Zirkzee both went close, and BBC Sportâ??s player ratings note an early effort from Harry Maguire against the bar. Brentford struck first instead, in the 19th minute, when Dango Ouattaraâ??s pass found Wilson, who had slipped away from Leny Yoro. Thirteen minutes later Mikkel Damsgaard released Ouattara, who cut inside and set up Wilson for a tap-in, 2-0.

Pochettino replaced Lisandro Martinez and Amad Diallo with Luke Shaw and Bryan Mbeumo at half-time. BBC Sport said Shaw was back after a seven-week absence. United pushed, and Youri Tielemans hit the bar from range while Maguireâ??s header was cleared off the line. Wilson went off early in the second half, and BBC Sport reported that a second-half injury forced him off.

The third goal came on 82 minutes, when Ajer stabbed home from a corner, Ouattaraâ??s third assist of the afternoon. In stoppage time Michael Kayode set up Schade, the substitute who had replaced Wilson, and he chipped Senne Lammens for the fourth.

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What Pochettino said

â??The moment we concede the goal, and we should not concede this goal, the game goes difficult,â?• Pochettino told BBC Match of the Day. â??The intensity. The nerves. This situation, a situation like this, is affecting your confidence. But we need to be united, stay together and keep pushing.â?•

Brentford manager Keith Andrews, quoted by BBC Sport, put the win down to resilience: â??The development of our team is being able to deal with getting punched on the nose, getting up and not let it affect you too badly.â?•

The numbers behind the slump

United have conceded 27 league goals, the most in the division alongside bottom side Crystal Palace, and their goal difference is minus 13. They let in four against Aston Villa (4-4), Liverpool and now Brentford in successive league games.

Brentford, by contrast, have won consecutive league games 4-0, against Everton on 23 November and now United. They are fifth on 20 points, level with Leeds United on points but ahead on goal difference, one point behind fourth-placed Liverpool, who have a game in hand.

What comes next

Palace, on seven points, host Hull City at Selhurst Park on Sunday 29 November at 10.05pm Singapore time. A Palace win would send United to the bottom.

Neither side gets an easy midweek. United travel to Newcastle United and Brentford host leaders Arsenal, both on Wednesday 2 December at 8.15pm UK time, which is 4.15am on Thursday 3 December in Singapore.

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