



## Martin Jol: Tottenham's official statement

We can confirm that the Board has this evening asked Martin Jol, Club Manager and Chris Hughton, First Team Coach to stand down from their positions with immediate effect.

We have not taken these decisions lightly or without recognition of the contribution both Martin and Chris have made to the Club.

Chairman Daniel Levy said: "For me, Martin and Chris' departure is regrettable. Our greatest wish was to see results turn in our favour and for there to be no need for change. We feel honoured that Martin has been manager at our Club, having seen us qualify twice for Europe. Chris has been with us since 1977, bar a three year period, both as player and coach and he has been an excellent ambassador for the Club. They have been professional, popular and respected members of the coaching staff and there will always be a warm welcome for them both at the Lane."

Martin Jol added: "I can understand the position of the Club in light of the results. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. Tottenham Hotspur is a special Club and I want to thank the terrific staff and players. For me the fans were always amazing with their support so I would also like to say thank you – I shall never forget them."

We shall report in due course on new appointments to the coaching staff. In the interim, the First Team will be coached by our current Development Coach, Clive Allen and Alex Inglethorpe, our Youth Team manager.

# Juan hell of a boss



Ramos

## Spurs under Martin Jol

By John Ley

**M**artin Jol was in charge of Tottenham for 112 Premier League games, winning 47 times but, significantly, only once this season.

He spent £77.8 million

Spurs drew 30 games and lost 35 times, giving Jol a final win ratio of 42 per cent, the best of any manager in the club's Premier League history.

Tottenham leaked 143 goals, with his team's worst defensive performance coming in his first match, a 5-4 home defeat by Arsenal.

Spurs scored 166 times, even outscoring the likes of Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool, in 2007.

Tottenham accrued 65 points in the 2005-06 season, the best haul by Spurs in the Premier League era, and despite falling eight points short of that last season they finished fifth for the second year in succession.

### Timeline of events

- June 2004 : Jol arrives as assistant manager from Waalwijk.
- Nov 2004 : Jacques Santini departs. Jol is made caretaker for one game, then head coach.
- Dec 2004 : Named Manager of the Month.
- May 2005 : Spurs finish ninth.
- May 2006 : Spurs go into final game needing a win to finish fourth. But players fall ill, and they are pipped by Arsenal.
- July 2006 : Michael Carrick sold to Manchester United for £18.6m. Dimitar Berbatov arrives for £10.9m.
- April 2007 : Spurs lose to Sevilla – and Juande Ramos – in Uefa Cup quarter-finals.
- May 2007 : Fifth in Premiership. Gareth Bale arrives.
- June 2007 : Spurs sign Darren Bent for £16.5m.
- August 2007: Photographs of Spurs officials meeting Ramos appear in Seville newspaper.

By Anthony Kastrinakis

**T**OTTENHAM have just found themselves Juan hell of a manager.

For Juande Ramos is the man Spurs have been crying out for years.

Think of Arsene Wenger, throw in a bit of Alex Ferguson and mix it up with Jose Mourinho — and you get Ramos.

For the players he is a mentor, a teacher, a man who loves spectacular, attacking football like Wenger.

Go out of form, take your eye of the ball and you are dropped even if you are Beckham or Van Nistelrooy. Work your socks off and you are in the team for good — just like Sir Alex.

If you need your manager to be a leader, a friend, a confidante — just like Mourinho — then Ramos is your man.

Jermain Defoe, things are looking up for you today. You WILL play because Ramos does not care about names, reputations or transfer fees.

And the fans can rejoice because Ramos WILL deliver.

He has never failed, taking teams from oblivion and putting them on the map — and you would struggle to find a player who has a bad word about him.

Ramos led Seville into the Champions League for the first time and won back-to-back UEFA Cups, a Spanish Cup and the European Super Cup.

He guided lowly Malaga to 10th place — their highest La Liga finish. When he left they got relegated. When he was in charge of Rayo Vallecano he got them to the UEFA Cup.

Even though they got a fair-play spot they had still finished ninth.

Next stop was newly-promoted Real Betis and he led them to a UEFA Cup spot in his first season, narrowly missing out on a Champions League place.

His only mishap was at Espanyol when he was sacked eight games into the season after a fall-out with the directors over signings.

A close friend of Ramos said last night: "The word that best defines Juande is justice. He is a just man, a fair man."

Ramos goes out of his way to be a friend to his players. He wins their trust by being fair.

The new Spurs boss will always play the most in-form players. He will drop Dimitar Berbatov if he has to and will not think twice about it.

Last year, Seville paid £5million for striker Ernesto Chevanton, a massive fee for them. But he hardly got a game.

He did not convince Ramos. Like Andriy Shevchenko failed to convince Mourinho — despite a £30m transfer fee.

By contrast, Fredi Kanoute and Louis Fabiano were irreplaceable.

In fact, even youngster Kepa Blanco — who spent the second half of last season on loan to West Ham — played ahead of Chevanton.

Ramos always prefers a rigid 4-4-2 system with two strikers. He only ever changes it to 4-4-1-1, with a second striker behind the targetman, when Seville play away from home

against big clubs like Real Madrid or Barcelona.

He adapts his game to the squad he inherits and, like Wenger, those who have played under his guidance have increased their value.

Players like Joaquin at Betis and Daniel Alves at Seville burst on to the world scene under his guidance. Kanoute left Spurs as a flop and scored 20 Liga goals last season.

Yet Ramos is different to the legendary three Premier League managers in one way — he is always calm, does not remonstrate with referees, does not moan.

He is "serene" as another close pal of his described. Whether that will change in these shores remains to be seen.

Unlike Mourinho, he will never court headlines and although very polite and courteous to the media — he will always give an interview — he does steer clear of controversy.

Barcelona were planning to replace Frank Rijkaard with Ramos if the Dutchman left at the end of the season. Real, too, were always following him closely.

However Ramos has been studying English for some time.

Last year, he won the prestigious "Miguel Munoz" trophy for the best manager in Spain.

In his homeland he is rated among the best two Spanish managers along with Liverpool's Rafa Benitez.

But unlike the under-fire Liverpool boss Ramos loves to play attacking football.