



## News

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### HUGHES AND ROONEY NOTCH BARCLAYS AWARDS

**- Blackburn boss and Red Devils striker claim Barclays monthly honours -**

All eyes will descend upon Old Trafford this weekend as October's Barclays Manager of the Month plots to halt the recent goal scoring form of the Barclays Player of the Month.

Mark Hughes claimed his maiden Barclays Manager of the Month award after Blackburn Rovers won all of their Barclays Premier League matches in October, while Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney picks up the Barclays Player of the Month gong after scoring four goals in three Barclays Premier League games in the month.

Guided by the former Wales national team coach, Rovers scored eight goals in a month which saw them gain victories over Birmingham City (2-1) and Reading (4-2) at Ewood Park, before triumphing at Tottenham Hotspur (2-1) thanks to an injury-time Christopher Samba effort.

Hughes becomes the first Blackburn Rovers manager since Brian Kidd in December 1998 to win the award, as the Lancashire outfit cemented their position in the top six, maintaining an impressive record which has seen them loose just one Barclays Premier League match this season.

Rooney started October with his first goal of the 2007/08 season during a thumping 4-0 win over Wigan Athletic. He was in instrumental form again, aiding his team with three goals, as United recorded further victories over Aston Villa (4-1) and Middlesbrough (4-1).

The decision was made by the Barclays Awards Panel, which includes representatives from football's governing bodies, the media and fans.



MARK HUGHES: BARCLAYS MANAGER OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER:

- Mark Hughes OBE was born on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1963 in Wrexham, Wales.
- Hughes made his first team debut for Manchester United in 1983. Three years later he was sold to Barcelona for £2 million before returning to Manchester United in May 1988. Hughes later had stints with Chelsea, Southampton, Everton and Blackburn Rovers.
- During a distinguished playing career, Hughes won two league championships, four FA Cups, three League Cups, and two UEFA Cup Winners' Cup medals.
- He was appointed manager of Blackburn Rovers on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2004, taking over from Graeme Souness. Hughes led the team to the semi-finals of the FA Cup in his first season.
- Mark Hughes' Barclays Premier League managerial record reads: Played 119, Won 49, Drawn 29, Lost 41.

WAYNE ROONEY: BARCLAYS PLAYER OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER:

- Wayne Rooney was born on 24<sup>th</sup> October 1985 in Liverpool.
- After coming through the ranks at Everton, scoring 15 goals in 67 appearances, Rooney signed for Manchester United on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2004 for an initial fee of £23million, the highest transfer fee ever paid for a teenager.
- Rooney became the youngest England international of all time after making his debut against Australia in February 2003 at the age of 17 years and 111 days. Seven months later, he became England's youngest goal scorer.
- Rooney currently has 40 international caps for England and has scored 14 goals.
- He has played a total of 157 games for Manchester United, scoring 65 goals.
- This season, Rooney has made 11 Barclays Premier League appearances and scored six goals.

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