

= Manchester United win ; Yellow =
draw ; Red = opponents win .

= = Squad statistics = =

Note : In the following table figures , in brackets are substitution appearances .

= = Transfers = =

United 's first departure of the 1997 ? 98 season was Gareth Macklin , who signed for Newcastle United on a free transfer on 1 July . Five days later , Gary Bickerton , Jamie Byers , Christopher Calderone , and Jonathan Phillips were all released . On 22 July , Jon Macken signed for Preston North End for a fee of £ 250 @, @ 000 , while six days later , Pat McGibbon signed for Wigan Athletic for the same fee . Simon Davies joined Luton Town on 1 August , while a week later , Michael Appleton joined Macken at Preston North End , with Appleton 's fee being double Macken 's . Stephen Newman joined Middlesbrough on 26 September .

Arriving during the summer were Norwegian duo Erik Nevland and Henning Berg , who signed from Viking and Blackburn Rovers respectively . Both players would eventually rejoin their old clubs , with Nevland rejoining Viking in 1999 , and Berg going back to Blackburn in 2000 .

Leaving in the winter were Czech midfielder Karel Poborský , English forward Neil Mustoe , and English defender John O 'Kane . Andy Duncan joined Cambridge United on 1 April , while on 12 June , Grant Brebner joined Reading . Robert Trees departed to Bristol Rovers on 14 June , while on 30 June , Stuart Brightwell , David Brown , Brian McClair , Ross Millard , Gavin Naylor , and Kevin Pilkington left .

On 24 March , Jonathan Greening joined from York City for a fee of £ 750 @, @ 000 .

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