

## MICHEAL CARRICK



<b>Born:</b>	28 Jul 1981
<b>Signed:</b>	31 Jul 2006
<b>Debut:</b>	23 Aug 2006 v Charlton (A)
<b>Goals total:</b>	24
<b>Appearances total:</b>	460
<b>Position:</b>	Midfielder

Michael Carrick has been a pivotal cog in the Manchester United machine since joining from Tottenham Hotspur in 2006. The current vice-captain is a lynchpin of the Reds' engine room, dictating play with his considered, refined style.

Although now at the stage of his career where his involvement must be carefully regulated to ensure we get the best from the instrumental midfielder, Carrick still played a key role throughout the 2015/16 season as the second longest-serving current United player completed his medal collection, picking up the FA Cup for the first time.

Understated, and often underrated, it was only from 2012/13 when Carrick truly gained wider acclaim for his performances, earning a spot in the PFA Premier League Team of the Season and being voted Players' Player of the Year by his United team-mates.

His impact on the Reds' squad was evident long before the 20th title-winning campaign, though. During his debut campaign of 2006/07, he carved out a formidable partnership with Paul Scholes and began to mature into one of English football's most sophisticated and classy passing midfielders, quickly bagging the maiden honour of his professional career with the Premier League title.