Hazard’s New Boss

<br><br>Belgium today appointed ex-Everton boss Roberto Martinez as manager.</b><br><br>The 43-year old Spaniard will take over possibly the best squad in world football right now – but one most noted for massive underachievement under recently-fired <b>Marc Wilmots</b><br><br>His Belgium were favourites in the recent <b>Euro 2016</b> but never reached anything like their potential going out to <b>Wales</b> 3-1 in the last eight.<br><br>Wales manager <b>Chris Coleman</b> was on a three-man shortlist with Martinez for the <b>Hull City</b> vacancy – the other of the three our very own <b>Gianfranco Zola</b>.<br><br>Martinez’ inability to take Everton to the next level was disappointing. But the popular <b>ESPN</b> US football pundit is getting another chance to do just that with a Belgian group whose performances have tended be similar to Everton’s - always ultimately flattering to deceive.<br><br>Coleman, whose Wales squad performed so spectacularly in France, should be a shoo-in for the Hull job – indeed some are surprised the 46-year old Welshman who played a total of 15 years for <b>Swansea, Palace, Blackburn</b> and <b>Fulham</b>, followed by 10 years in club management in <b>England, Greece</b> and <b>Spain</b> before helming Wales, isn't aiming higher.<br><br>Needless to say, Coleman couldn't hold a candle to Zola on the pitch, while the Chelsea maestro’s last managerial post was in the Qatari league.<br><br>All Blues would have loved for The Don or even the owner to find something in their staff for the legendary Zola but it was not to be.<br><br>Martinez’s first game as Belgium manager is in September v. <b>Spain</b>.<br><br>Spensierato<br><br>