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INTRODUCING THE REDS ELITE, THE MEN TASKED WITH DEFENDING UNITED'S LEAGUE CROWN OVER THE NEXT TEN MONTHS. JUST IN CASE YOU FORGOT WHO THEY ARE – OR HOW GOOD THEY ARE. WE BEGIN BETWEEN THE STICKS...

# MISSION

## GOALKEEPERS

### 1. David De Gea

**Born Madrid, Spain Age 22**  
**Appearances 81 Goals 0**

The young Spaniard has had an eventful and increasingly impressive first two years at United – unfairly criticised by the press on his arrival in 2011 and showing his detractors just how wrong they were by earning a place in the PFA Team of the Year for 2013. After a spell of rotation with Anders Lindegaard, he has decisively staked his claim to the first-team gloves and has all the tools to remain between the sticks at OT for years to come. Now bigger, stronger and with a command of his area allied to his natural attributes of lightning reflexes and pinpoint distribution, De Gea has developed into a fine all-round glovesman. This summer, he added a (second) European Under-21 Championship winners' medal to his first Premier League title and is sure to be a cornerstone of the 2013/14 campaign.



**76.4%**

Big Dave's saves-to-shots ratio in the Premier League last season. Only Petr Cech boasted better figures – and only just (76.6%)

### 13. Anders Lindegaard

**Born Dyrup, Denmark Age 29**  
**Appearances 26 Goals 0**

In the motivation stakes, Anders Lindegaard has never been found wanting; he'll relish the chance to impress under a new regime. His experience is invaluable both as an able deputy to De Gea and in developing the Reds' goalkeeping group, giving new coach Chris Woods a genuine depth of resources. He'll keep pushing hard for the no.1 spot – that's a certainty.



**42%**

Anders' clean-sheets-per-game ratio. It's early days in his Reds career, of course, but right now he's up near Gary Bailey (43%) and Peter Schmeichel (45%)