

### King Kenny Returns as Hodgson Leaves Liverpool

Roy Hodgson's reign as Liverpool manager has lasted just 29 games, as this morning it had been announced that the 63-year-old had left the Merseyside club by mutual consent.

Liverpool's 3-1 defeat away to Blackburn has become Hodgson's last match in charge, as the Liverpool Board of Directors have moved to change the hierarchy prior to an important FA Cup match against rivals Manchester United on Sunday.

The Club's statement read: *"We are grateful for Roy's efforts over the past six months, but both parties thought it in the best interests of the club that he stand down from his position as team manager. We wish him all the best for the future."*

Club legend Kenny Dalglish has been immediately installed as interim manager until the end of the season, despite his last top flight managerial reign ending in 2000 when he stood in after the sacking of John Barnes as Celtic boss.

Following the FA Cup clash, the Reds have two crucial Premier League matches which must now be considered must-win matches - a tricky away visit to nearby Blackpool, followed by a Merseyside derby at home to Everton. Some bookmakers have pushed Liverpool out as far as 14/1 for a top four finish.

The long term manager betting odds have opened, with Dalglish the current favourite to take the position in the long-term.