

Dutch Defender Alexander Buttner Swaps Manchester United for Dynamo Moscow

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25-year-old Dutch left back Alexander Buttner.

Dynamo Moscow has strengthened its squad ahead of the new football season by confirming the signing of 25-year-old Dutch left back Alexander Buttner from Manchester United on Tuesday.

Dynamo's media office said a few technical details needed to be resolved before the contract could be finalized, without releasing any further information on the transfer.

Buttner has already joined up with his new team and will travel to their training camp in Austria on Tuesday.

"I want to play in the Champions League and win trophies," Buttner said on Dynamo's official website. "Dynamo are building a very strong team and I am sure that we will be good enough to try and win the league title this season."

"This is my first time in Moscow and I will need time to adjust with my family. They flew out with me, so it would be easier to adapt. The training ground also has fantastic facilities. I am happy that I joined Dynamo," he added.

Buttner came through the youth system at Ajax Amsterdam and played for Vitesse Arnhem from 2008 to 2012 before signing a five-year contract at Manchester United.

The Dutchman was unable to nail down a regular a first team spot during his two seasons in England, however, playing only 13 Premier League games during his stay at Manchester United.

Last season, the Red Devils suffered a dismal campaign finishing in seventh place and for the first time in 25 years, missed out on European qualification.

After dismissing David Moyes just 10 months into his first season in charge of the club, Dutch national coach Louis van Gaal was recruited as his replacement and will take over at the conclusion of the World Cup in Brazil.

Dynamo Moscow finished in fourth place last season and qualified for the Europa League.

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